

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5948

To amend section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for unlawfully bringing in and harboring aliens with prior felony convictions under Federal law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for unlawfully bringing in and harboring aliens with prior felony convictions under Federal law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rodney J. Johnson
5 Community Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY BRING-**
2 **ING IN AND HARBORING ALIENS WITH PRIOR**
3 **FELONY CONVICTIONS UNDER FEDERAL**
4 **LAW.**

5 (a) **PENALTY AMOUNTS.**—Section 274(a)(1)(B) of
6 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
7 1324(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

8 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

9 (2) in clause (iv), by striking the period and in-
10 sserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(v) in the case of a violation de-
13 scribed in clause (i) in which the offense
14 was done for the purpose of commercial
15 advantage or private financial gain and the
16 alien in respect to whom such violation oc-
17 curs was convicted of a felony under Fed-
18 eral law, be fined an amount equal to twice
19 the amount of the fine authorized under
20 such clause, or imprisoned for a term of
21 imprisonment equal to twice the term of
22 imprisonment authorized under such
23 clause, or both.”.

24 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by this
25 Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this

- 1 Act and shall apply to conduct occurring on or after such
- 2 date.

