

Public Law 283

CHAPTER 108

AN ACT

March 20, 1952
[S. 1851]

To assist in preventing aliens from entering or remaining in the United States illegally.

Immigration Act
of 1917, amend-
ment.

Prevention of
illegal entry of
aliens, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Immigration Act of 1917 (39 Stat. 880; 8 U. S. C. 144), is hereby amended to read:

“Sec. 8. (a) Any person, including the owner, operator, pilot, master, commanding officer, agent, or consignee of any means of transportation who—

“(1) brings into or lands in the United States, by any means of transportation or otherwise, or attempts, by himself or through another, to bring into or land in the United States, by any means of transportation or otherwise;

“(2) knowing that he is in the United States in violation of law, and knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe that his last entry into the United States occurred less than three years prior thereto, transports, or moves, or attempts to transport or move, within the United States by means of transportation or otherwise, in furtherance of such violation of law;

“(3) willfully or knowingly conceals, harbors, or shields from detection, or attempts to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection, in any place, including any building or any means or transportation; or

“(4) willfully or knowingly encourages or induces, or attempts to encourage or induce, either directly or indirectly, the entry into the United States of any alien, including an alien seaman, not duly admitted by an immigration officer or not lawfully entitled to enter or reside within the United States under the terms of this Act or any other law relating to the immigration or expulsion of aliens, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or both, for each alien in respect to whom any violation of this subsection occurs: *Provided, however,* That for the purposes of this section, employment (including the usual and normal practices incident to employment) shall not be deemed to constitute harboring.

Penalty.

Authority to
make arrests.

“(b) No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrest for a violation of any provision of this section except officers and employees of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service designated by the Attorney General, either individually or as a member of a class, and all other officers whose duty it is to enforce criminal laws.”

SEC. 2. The last proviso to the paragraph headed “Bureau of Immigration” in title IV of the Act of February 27, 1925 (43 Stat. 1049; 8 U. S. C. 110), as amended by the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 865), is hereby further amended so that clause numbered (2) shall read:

Search of ves-
sels, etc.

“(2) within a reasonable distance from any external boundary of the United States, to board and search for aliens any vessel within the territorial waters of the United States and any railway car, aircraft, conveyance, or vehicle, and within a distance of twenty-five miles from any such external boundary to have access to private lands, but not dwellings, for the purpose of patrolling the border to prevent the illegal entry of aliens into the United States, and”.

Approved March 20, 1952.