

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2826  
OFFERED BY MR. CICILLINE**

Page 4, line 16, strike “Section 207(c)(3)” and insert “(a) LIMITATION ON WAIVER AUTHORITY—Section 207(c)(3)”.

Page 4, after line 20, insert the following:

1       (b) EXCEPTION FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR  
2 TRANSGENDER REFUGEES.—Section 207(c)(3) of the Im-  
3 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(c)(3)), as  
4 amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the  
5 end the following: “Any applicant for refugee status who  
6 fears persecution on account of their sexual orientation or  
7 gender identity may not be found inadmissible under Sec-  
8 tion 212(a)(2) or deportable under Section 237(a)(2) on  
9 account of a criminal offense relating to sodomy, or any  
10 other offense directly resulting from their lesbian, gay, bi-  
11 sexual, or transgender status, or advocacy for lesbian, gay,  
12 bisexual, or transgender rights.”.

