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## **DUE PROCESS: A MATTER OF LIFE AND LIBERTY**

DUE PROCESS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR COUNTRY, BUT ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM LACKS MANY OF THE MOST BASIC DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS. SOME ELEMENTS OF DUE PROCESS AND FAIRNESS WERE STRIPPED FROM OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS IN 1996, RESULTING IN IMMIGRANTS' MANDATORY DETENTION OR DEPORTATION FOR SUCH MINOR OFFENSES AS WRITING BAD CHECKS OR SHOPLIFTING. THE TIME IS NOW, SAYS THE ASSOCIATION, TO RESTORE FAIRNESS AND DUE PROCESS TO OUR SYSTEM AND TO REAFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES THAT FORM THE SOUL OF OUR DEMOCRACY. TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [WWW.AILA.ORG](http://WWW.AILA.ORG).

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DUE PROCESS MUST BE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF IMMIGRATION REFORM, SAYS THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION. DUE TO CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION LAWS RESULTING IN AN EXPANDED DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED FELONY, IMMIGRANTS CHARGED WITH MINOR OFFENSES CAN FACE MANDATORY DETENTION OR REMOVAL FROM THE U.S. WITHOUT A HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE. NOW IS THE TIME TO REFORM THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM TO REAFFIRM THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF DUE PROCESS AND UPHOLD THE TENETS THAT UNDERLIE OUR LEGAL SYSTEM, THE ORGANIZATION SAYS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, VISIT [WWW.AILA.ORG](http://WWW.AILA.ORG).

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