Danish Aliens Act is amendment with updated provisions on expulsion and deportation

The amended act introduces new rules on deportation of foreign nationals, and includes clarifications how criminal convictions lead to expulsion.

Key changes in the act:

- Clarifies that both custodial sentences and other criminal sanctions involving deprivation of liberty can trigger deportation if the offence would otherwise result in a prison sentence.
- Extends mandatory expulsion to cover suspended sentences for foreigners residing less than 5 years.
- Repeals old sections 22 to 24 and replaces them with clearer provisions for cases when expulsion is mandatory.
- Introduces safeguards for EU/EEA citizens on expulsion or refusal of entry, which must be proportionate and only justified serious threats to public order, security, or health along with provisions for previous convictions.
- Adjusts related provisions in the Repatriation Act on return and deportation and election laws to align with new deportation rules.

Effective date: 1 July 2025

The specific act does not apply to the Faroe Islands or Greenland.

Source(s)

- Retsinformation: State online legal information system (20 June, 2025), Lov om ændring af udlændingeloven og forskellige andre love (LOV nr 755 af 20/06/2025) [Act amending the Aliens Act and various other acts (LAW no. 755 of 20/06/2025)], https://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/lta/2025/755#P2

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