

Comprehensive Illegal Immigration and Fraud Safeguards Amendment Summary

- **SECTION 1** – Debars contractors from bidding on public contracts if they are found to violate federal law prohibiting the employment of illegal immigrants.
- **SECTION 2** - Requires all businesses which contract with the state to ascertain and verify the immigration of citizenship status of their employees through available federal mechanisms.
- **SECTION 3 - 7:** Amend M.G.L. c. 90 §2 by requiring businesses or corporations to register motor vehicles under the company's name. Businesses would be required to include the same information as an individual registering a motor vehicle, as well as the federal tax identification number or the social security number if it is a sole proprietorship. This section would also require a driver's license to register a motor vehicle or trailer. It also allows the RMV to keep its records however it chooses. The law currently states they should be kept in a book or on index cards. And finally, increases the penalties for driving without a license. First offense: Fine of \$500. Second offense: Fine between \$500 and \$1000, and/or 10 days in prison. Subsequent offenses: Fine between \$1,000 - \$2,000, and or 30 days in prison.
- **SECTION 8:** Penalizes the use of false identification for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining employment from a business that contracts with the state.

- Violators will be subject a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 years, or in a jail or house of correction for not more than two years.
- **SECTION 9** - Creates new penalties for falsifying a learner's permit, driver's license or state identification card with the intent to distribute the falsified document. Penalties accelerate based on number of documents falsified.
- **SECTION 10:** Requires MassHealth to verify immigration status, through Homeland Security.
- **SECTION 11:** Prevents any legally eligible applicant for public housing from being displaced by an applicant not residing in Massachusetts under color of law.
- **SECTION 12:** Requires the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations relative to workplace verification by using eVerify or similar system.
- **SECTION 13:** Penalizes individuals who knowingly utilize false identification to gain employment by a fine between \$200 - \$500 and/or 1 year in jail.
- **SECTION 14:** Establishes a 24-hour toll free telephone reporting system for confidential reporting of unlawful employment of unauthorized aliens and state fair wage laws.
- **SECTION 15:** Authorizes the Attorney General to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General of the United States to collaborate with regard to enforcement of federal immigration laws, as provided by the federal law (8 U.S.C. 1357 (g))

- **SECTION 16:** Requires the verification of immigration and/or citizenship status of any defendant arraigned in a criminal proceeding before the trial courts of the Commonwealth.
- **SECTIONS 17 - 18:** Prohibits illegal immigrants from receiving in-state tuition benefits at Massachusetts state colleges.
- **SECTION 19:** Requires MassGrant applicants to use Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify both financial and citizenship status.
- **SECTION 20:** Requires MassHealth to use the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system, if savings can be realized.
- **SECTION 21:** Establishes thorough requirements to collect complete financial data and income of applicants applying for state subsidized public housing.