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A BILL

To amend sections 2937.23, 5747.07, and 5747.99 and	1
to enact sections 8.01 to 8.04 of the Revised Code	2
to require employers to register and participate	3
in a status verification system to verify the work	4
eligibility status of all new employees and to	5
affirm their participation on their state income	б
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contracts with private employers who do not	12
participate in a status verification system, to	13
require jail officials to make a reasonable effort	14
to verify the citizenship of confined persons, to	15
collect electronic fingerprints of illegal aliens,	16
and to notify the United States Department of	17
Homeland Security in certain circumstances, to	18
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communication and cooperation with federal	20
officials regarding a person's citizenship status,	21
to require judges and magistrates to consider	22

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2937.23, 5747.07, and 5747.99 be	26
amended and sections 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, and 8.04 of the Revised	27
Code be enacted to read as follows:	28
Sec. 8.01. As used in sections 8.01 to 8.04 of the Revised	29
<u>Code:</u>	30
(A) "Alien" means a person who is not a United States citizen	31
or a United States national.	32
(B) "Illegal alien" means an alien who is deportable if	33
apprehended because of one of the following:	34
(1) The alien entered the United States illegally without the	35
proper authorization and documents.	36
(2) The alien once entered the United States legally and has	37
since violated the terms of the status under which the alien	38
entered the United States, making that alien an "out of status"	39
alien.	40
(3) The alien once entered the United States legally but has	41
overstayed the time limits of the original legal status.	42
(C) "Immigrant" and "legal permanent resident alien" mean an	43
alien who has been granted the right by the United States bureau	44
of citizenship and immigration services to reside permanently in	45
the United States and to work without restrictions in the United	46
<u>States.</u>	47
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<u>citizenship and immigration services to reside temporarily in the</u>	50
<u>United States and the period of that temporary residence has not</u>	51
expired.	52
(E) "Public employer" and "public agency" mean any	53
department, agency, or instrumentality of the state or a political	54
subdivision of the state.	55
(F) "Private employer" means any person who has one or more	56
employees and who is not a public employer.	57
(G) "Status verification system" means any electronic system	58
the federal government operates to assist an employer in verifying	59
the identity and legal working status of new employees.	60
(H) "Subcontractor" means a subcontractor, contract employee,	61
staffing agency, or any contractor regardless of the contractor's	62
<u>tier.</u>	63
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(C) No private employer shall enter into any contract to 79

provide products or services for a public agency unless the	80
private employer registers and participates in a status	81
verification system as described in division (A) of this section	82
to assist in verifying the identity and legal working status of	83
all new employees.	84
(D) A public employer shall cancel any contract with a	85
private employer if that private employer has not participated in	86
a status verification system as this section requires.	87
(E) Divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section apply to	88
contracts entered into on and after July 1, 2009. Every contract	89
entered into on or after July 1, 2009, between a public agency and	90
a private employer shall be deemed to include a provision that	91
authorizes the public agency to cancel the contract if the private	92
employer does not participate in a status verification system as	93
this section requires.	94
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homeland security and shall collect the person's fingerprints in 110

an electronic format. If the official cannot verify the lawful 111 immigration status of the confined person, the official shall 112 notify the United States department of homeland security. 113 (D) "Jail" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the 114 Revised Code. 115 116 Sec. 8.04. (A) No political subdivision of this state, 117 whether acting through its governing body or by an initiative, 118 referendum, or any other process, shall enact an ordinance or 119 policy that limits or prohibits a law enforcement officer or other 120 employee of the political subdivision from communicating or 121 cooperating with federal officials with regard to the immigration 122 status of any individual within this state. 123 (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no public 124 agency or public official may prohibit, or in any way restrict, 125 any public agency or public official from sending to, or receiving 126 from, the United States department of homeland security 127 information regarding the lawful or unlawful citizenship or 128 immigration status of any individual. 129 (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person or 130 public agency may prohibit or in any way restrict an employee of a 131 public agency from doing any of the following with respect to 132 information regarding the lawful or unlawful immigration status of 133 any individual: 134 (1) Sending the information to, or requesting or receiving 135 the information from, the United States department of homeland 136 137 <u>security;</u> (2) Maintaining the information; 138

(3) Exchanging the information with any other federal, state,139or local government entity.140

sec. 2937.23. (A)(1) In a case involving a felony or a 141
violation of section 2903.11, 2903.12, or 2903.13 of the Revised 142
Code when the victim of the offense is a peace officer, the judge 143
or magistrate shall fix the amount of bail. 144

(2) In a case involving a misdemeanor or a violation of a 145 municipal ordinance and not involving a felony or a violation of 146 section 2903.11, 2903.12, or 2903.13 of the Revised Code when the 147 victim of the offense is a peace officer, the judge, magistrate, 148 or clerk of the court may fix the amount of bail and may do so in 149 accordance with a schedule previously fixed by the judge or 150 magistrate. If the judge, magistrate, or clerk of the court is not 151 readily available, the sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy 152 marshal, police officer, or jailer having custody of the person 153 charged may fix the amount of bail in accordance with a schedule 154 previously fixed by the judge or magistrate and shall take the 155 bail only in the county courthouse, the municipal or township 156 building, or the county or municipal jail. 157

(3) In all cases, the bail shall be fixed with consideration
of the seriousness of the offense charged, the previous criminal
record of the defendant, and the probability of the defendant
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appearing at the trial of the case. The following factors shall be
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considered in determining the defendant's probability of appearing
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at the trial of the case:

(a) The length of the defendant's residence in the community; 164

(b) The defendant's employment status and history and the165defendant's ability to give bail;166

(c) The defendant's family ties and relationships; 167

(d) The defendant's character, reputation, habits, and mental 168 condition; 169

(e) The defendant's previous record of not responding to 170

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required court appearances;	171
(f) The source of funds or property to be used to post bail	172
or to pay a premium, insofar as it affects the risk of	173
nonappearance;	174
(g) Whether the defendant is an alien who has not been	175
lawfully admitted to the United States; and	176
(h) Any other factors, including any evidence of instability	177
and a disdain for authority, that may indicate that the defendant	178
may not adhere to the court's authority to bring the defendant to	179
<u>trial.</u>	180
(B) In any case involving an alleged violation of section	181
2903.211 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance that is	182
substantially similar to that section, the court shall determine	183
whether it will order an evaluation of the mental condition of the	184
defendant pursuant to section 2919.271 of the Revised Code and, if	185
it decides to so order, shall issue the order requiring the	186
evaluation before it sets bail for the person charged with the	187
violation. In any case involving an alleged violation of section	188
2919.27 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance that is	189
substantially similar to that section and in which the court finds	190
that either of the following criteria applies, the court shall	191
determine whether it will order an evaluation of the mental	192
condition of the defendant pursuant to section 2919.271 of the	193
Revised Code and, if it decides to so order, shall issue the order	194

requiring that evaluation before it sets bail for the person 195 charged with the violation: 196 (1) Regarding an alleged violation of a protection order 197 issued or consent agreement approved pursuant to section 2919.26 198 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, that the violation allegedly 199

involves conduct by the defendant that caused physical harm to the 200 person or property of a family or household member covered by the 201

order or agreement or conduct by that defendant that caused a 202 family or household member to believe that the defendant would 203 cause physical harm to that member or that member's property; 204

(2) Regarding an alleged violation of a protection order 205 issued pursuant to section 2903.213 or 2903.214 of the Revised 206 Code, or a protection order issued by a court of another state, as 207 defined in section 2919.27 of the Revised Code, that the violation 208 allegedly involves conduct by the defendant that caused physical 209 210 harm to the person or property of the person covered by the order or conduct by that defendant that caused the person covered by the 211 order to believe that the defendant would cause physical harm to 212 that person or that person's property. 213

(C) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the same 214meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code. 215

Sec. 5747.07. (A) As used in this section: 216

(1) "Partial weekly withholding period" means a period during 217 which an employer directly, indirectly, or constructively pays 218 compensation to, or credits compensation to the benefit of, an 219 employee, and that consists of a consecutive Saturday, Sunday, 220 Monday, and Tuesday or a consecutive Wednesday, Thursday, and 221 Friday. There are two partial weekly withholding periods each 222 week, except that a partial weekly withholding period cannot 223 extend from one calendar year into the next calendar year; if the 224 first day of January falls on a day other than Saturday or 225 Wednesday, the partial weekly withholding period ends on the 226 thirty-first day of December and there are three partial weekly 227 withholding periods during that week. 228

(2) "Undeposited taxes" means the taxes an employer is
required to deduct and withhold from an employee's compensation
pursuant to section 5747.06 of the Revised Code that have not been
remitted to the tax commissioner pursuant to this section or to
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the treasurer of state pursuant to section 5747.072 of the Revised	233
Code.	234
(3) A "week" begins on Saturday and concludes at the end of	235
the following Friday.	236

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (D) of this
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section and in division (A) of section 5747.072 of the Revised
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Code, every employer required to deduct and withhold any amount
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under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code shall file a return and
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shall pay the amount required by law as follows:
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242 (1) An employer who accumulates or is required to accumulate undeposited taxes of one hundred thousand dollars or more during a 243 partial weekly withholding period shall make the payment of the 244 undeposited taxes by the close of the first banking day after the 245 day on which the accumulation reaches one hundred thousand 246 dollars. If required under division (I) of this section, the 247 payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer under section 248 5747.072 of the Revised Code. 249

(2)(a) Except as required by division (B)(1) of this section, 250 an employer described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section shall 251 make the payment of undeposited taxes within three banking days 252 after the close of a partial weekly withholding period during 253 which the employer was required to deduct and withhold any amount 254 under this chapter. If required under division (I) of this 255 section, the payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer 256 under section 5747.072 of the Revised Code. 257

(b) For amounts required to be deducted and withheld during
1994, an employer described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section
is one whose actual or required payments under this section
exceeded one hundred eighty thousand dollars during the
twelve-month period ending June 30, 1993. For amounts required to
be deducted and withheld during 1995 and each year thereafter, an

employer described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section is one 264
whose actual or required payments under this section were at least 265
eighty-four thousand dollars during the twelve-month period ending 266
on the thirtieth day of June of the preceding calendar year. 267

(3) Except as required by divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 268 section, if an employer's actual or required payments were more 269 than two thousand dollars during the twelve-month period ending on 270 the thirtieth day of June of the preceding calendar year, the 271 employer shall make the payment of undeposited taxes for each 272 month during which they were required to be withheld no later than 273 fifteen days following the last day of that month. The employer 274 shall file the return prescribed by the tax commissioner with the 275 payment. 276

(4) Except as required by divisions (B)(1), (2), and (3) of 277 this section, an employer shall make the payment of undeposited 278 taxes for each calendar quarter during which they were required to 279 be withheld no later than the last day of the month following the 280 last day of March, June, September, and December each year. The 281 employer shall file the return prescribed by the tax commissioner 282 with the payment. 283

(C) The return and payment schedules prescribed by divisions 284
(B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to the return and 285
payment of undeposited school district income taxes arising from 286
taxes levied pursuant to Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code. 287
Undeposited school district income taxes shall be returned and 288
paid pursuant to divisions (B)(3) and (4) of this section, as 289
applicable. 290

(D)(1) The requirements of division (B) of this section are 291 met if the amount paid is not less than ninety-five per cent of 292 the actual tax withheld or required to be withheld for the prior 293 quarterly, monthly, or partial weekly withholding period, and the 294 underpayment is not due to willful neglect. Any underpayment of 295

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withheld tax shall be paid within thirty days of the date on which 296 the withheld tax was due without regard to division (D)(1) of this 297 section. An employer described in division (B)(1) or (2) of this 298 section shall make the payment by electronic funds transfer under 299 section 5747.072 of the Revised Code. 300

(2) If the tax commissioner believes that quarterly or 301 monthly payments would result in a delay that might jeopardize the 302 remittance of withholding payments, the commissioner may order 303 that the payments be made weekly, or more frequently if necessary, 304 and the payments shall be made no later than three banking days 305 following the close of the period for which the jeopardy order is 306 made. An order requiring weekly or more frequent payments shall be 307 delivered to the employer personally or by certified mail and 308 remains in effect until the commissioner notifies the employer to 309 the contrary. 310

(3) If compelling circumstances exist concerning the 311 remittance of undeposited taxes, the commissioner may order the 312 employer to make payments under any of the payment schedules under 313 division (B) of this section. The order shall be delivered to the 314 employer personally or by certified mail and shall remain in 315 effect until the commissioner notifies the employer to the 316 contrary. For purposes of division (D)(3) of this section, 317 "compelling circumstances" exist if either or both of the 318 following are true: 319

(a) Based upon annualization of payments made or required to
 be made during the preceding calendar year and during the current
 calendar year, the employer would be required for the next
 calendar year to make payments under division (B)(2) of this
 section.

(b) Based upon annualization of payments made or required to
 be made during the current calendar year, the employer would be
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 required for the next calendar year to make payments under
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division (B)(2) of this section.

(E)(1) An employer described in division (B)(1) or (2) of 329 this section shall file, not later than the last day of the month 330 following the end of each calendar quarter, a return covering, but 331 not limited to, both the actual amount deducted and withheld and 332 the amount required to be deducted and withheld for the tax 333 imposed under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code during each 334 partial weekly withholding period or portion of a partial weekly 335 withholding period during that quarter. The employer shall file 336 the quarterly return even if the aggregate amount required to be 337 deducted and withheld for the quarter is zero dollars. At the time 338 of filing the return, the employer shall pay any amounts of 339 undeposited taxes for the quarter, whether actually deducted and 340 withheld or required to be deducted and withheld, that have not 341 been previously paid. If required under division (I) of this 342 section, the payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer. 343 The tax commissioner shall prescribe the form and other 344 requirements of the quarterly return. 345

(2) In addition to other returns required to be filed and 346 payments required to be made under this section, every employer 347 required to deduct and withhold taxes shall file, not later than 348 the thirty-first day of January of each year, an annual return 349 covering, but not limited to, both the aggregate amount deducted 350 and withheld and the aggregate amount required to be deducted and 351 withheld during the entire preceding year for the tax imposed 352 under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code and for each tax imposed 353 under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code. At the time of filing 354 that return, the employer shall pay over any amounts of 355 undeposited taxes for the preceding year, whether actually 356 deducted and withheld or required to be deducted and withheld, 357 that have not been previously paid. The employer shall make the 358 annual report, to each employee and to the tax commissioner, of 359

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the compensation paid and each tax withheld, as the commissioner 360 by rule may prescribe. 361 (3) Each return required to be filed under this section shall 362 contain an affirmation by the employer that it has complied with 363 section 8.02 of the Revised Code. 364 (4) Each employer required to deduct and withhold any tax is 365 liable for the payment of that amount required to be deducted and 366 withheld, whether or not the tax has in fact been withheld, unless 367 the failure to withhold was based upon the employer's good faith 368 in reliance upon the statement of the employee as to liability, 369 and the amount shall be deemed to be a special fund in trust for 370 the general revenue fund. 371 (F) Each employer shall file with the employer's annual 372 return the following items of information on employees for whom 373 withholding is required under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code: 374 (1) The full name of each employee, the employee's address, 375 the employee's school district of residence, and in the case of a 376 nonresident employee, the employee's principal county of 377 employment; 378 (2) The social security number of each employee; 379

(3) The total amount of compensation paid before any 380 deductions to each employee for the period for which the annual 381 return is made; 382

(4) The amount of the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the 383 Revised Code and the amount of each tax imposed under Chapter 384 5748. of the Revised Code withheld from the compensation of the 385 employee for the period for which the annual return is made. The 386 commissioner may extend upon good cause the period for filing any 387 notice or return required to be filed under this section and may 388 adopt rules relating to extensions of time. If the extension 389 results in an extension of time for the payment of the amounts 390

withheld with respect to which the return is filed, the employer
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shall pay, at the time the amount withheld is paid, an amount of
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interest computed at the rate per annum prescribed by section
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5703.47 of the Revised Code on that amount withheld, from the day
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that amount was originally required to be paid to the day of
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actual payment or to the day an assessment is issued under section
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5747.13 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first.

(5) In addition to all other interest charges and penalties 398 imposed, all amounts of taxes withheld or required to be withheld 399 and remaining unpaid after the day the amounts are required to be 400 paid shall bear interest from the date prescribed for payment at 401 the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised 402 Code on the amount unpaid, in addition to the amount withheld, 403 until paid or until the day an assessment is issued under section 404 5747.13 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first. 405

(G) An employee of a corporation, limited liability company, 406 or business trust having control or supervision of or charged with 407 the responsibility of filing the report and making payment, or an 408 officer, member, manager, or trustee of a corporation, limited 409 liability company, or business trust who is responsible for the 410 execution of the corporation's, limited liability company's, or 411 business trust's fiscal responsibilities, shall be personally 412 liable for failure to file the report or pay the tax due as 413 required by this section. The dissolution, termination, or 414 bankruptcy of a corporation, limited liability company, or 415 business trust does not discharge a responsible officer's, 416 member's, manager's, employee's, or trustee's liability for a 417 failure of the corporation, limited liability company, or business 418 trust to file returns or pay tax due. 419

(H) If an employer required to deduct and withhold income tax
from compensation and to pay that tax to the state under sections
5747.06 and 5747.07 of the Revised Code sells the employer's
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business or stock of merchandise or quits the employer's business, 423 the taxes required to be deducted and withheld and paid to the 424 state pursuant to those sections prior to that time, together with 425 any interest and penalties imposed on those taxes, become due and 426 payable immediately, and that person shall make a final return 427 within fifteen days after the date of selling or quitting 428 business. The employer's successor shall withhold a sufficient 429 amount of the purchase money to cover the amount of the taxes, 430 interest, and penalties due and unpaid, until the former owner 431 produces a receipt from the tax commissioner showing that the 432 taxes, interest, and penalties have been paid or a certificate 433 indicating that no such taxes are due. If the purchaser of the 434 business or stock of merchandise fails to withhold purchase money, 435 the purchaser shall be personally liable for the payment of the 436 taxes, interest, and penalties accrued and unpaid during the 437 operation of the business by the former owner. If the amount of 438 taxes, interest, and penalties outstanding at the time of the 439 purchase exceeds the total purchase money, the tax commissioner in 440 the commissioner's discretion may adjust the liability of the 441 seller or the responsibility of the purchaser to pay that 442 liability to maximize the collection of withholding tax revenue. 443

(I)(1) An employer described in division (I)(2) of this
section shall make all payments required by this section for the
year by electronic funds transfer under section 5747.072 of the
Revised Code.

(2)(a) For 1994, an employer described in division (I)(2) of
this section is one whose actual or required payments under this
section exceeded five hundred thousand dollars during the
twelve-month period ending June 30, 1993.

(b) For 1995, an employer described in division (I)(2) of
this section is one whose actual or required payments under this
section exceeded five hundred thousand dollars during the
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twelve-month period ending June 30, 1994.

(c) For 1996, an employer described in division (I)(2) of
this section is one whose actual or required payments under this
section exceeded three hundred thousand dollars during the
twelve-month period ending June 30, 1995.

(d) For 1997 through 2000, an employer described in division
(I)(2) of this section is one whose actual or required payments
under this section exceeded one hundred eighty thousand dollars
during the twelve-month period ending on the thirtieth day of June
of the preceding calendar year.

(e) For 2001 and thereafter, an employer described in
division (I)(2) of this section is one whose actual or required
payments under this section exceeded eighty-four thousand dollars
during the twelve-month period ending on the thirtieth day of June
of the preceding calendar year.

Sec. 5747.99. (A) Whoever violates section 5747.19 of the 470 Revised Code, or whoever violates section 5747.06 or 5747.07 of 471 the Revised Code by failing to remit state income taxes withheld 472 from an employee, is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 473

(B) Whoever violates any provision of sections 5747.01 to
5747.19 of the Revised Code, or any lawful rule promulgated by the
475 tax commissioner under authority of any provision of those
476 sections, for the violation of which no other penalty is provided
477 in this section, shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more
478 than five thousand dollars.

(C) Whoever violates section 5747.49 of the Revised Code
shall be fined not more than five dollars for each day that
elapses between the date specified by law for performance and the
date when the duty is actually performed.

(D) An organization or public servant that fails to comply 484

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with division (E)(3) of section 5747.07 of the Revised Code	485
commits falsification under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code or	486
dereliction of duty under section 2921.44 of the Revised Code.	487

Section 2. That existing sections 2937.23, 5747.07, and4885747.99 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.489

Section 3. Section 2937.23 of the Revised Code is presented 490 in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. 491 H.B. 202 and Am. S.B. 142 of the 123rd General Assembly. The 492 General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 493 section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 494 harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 495 that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 496 497 effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act. 498

Section 4. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act shall take effect 499 on July 1, 2009. 500

Section 5. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 501 measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 502 peace, health, and safety. The reason for the necessity is because 503 illegal immigration causes economic hardship and lawlessness in 504 this state and immediate action is required to curb illegal 505 immigration in this state by encouraging all agencies within this 506 state to fully cooperate with federal immigration authorities in 507 the enforcement of federal immigration laws, by encouraging all 508 employers to verify the immigration status of new employees, and 509 by taking steps to identify illegal aliens in this state. 510 Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 511