

## THE ARIZONA LAW, SB 1070

This act declares that it is a crime to reside in Arizona as an illegal immigrant/alien, and that law enforcement has the right to demand proof of legal residence of those suspected of having illegal immigrant/alien status. It was signed by the governor on April 23, 2010.

The act makes it a state misdemeanor crime for an alien to be in Arizona without carrying registration documents required by federal law, authorizes state and local law enforcement of federal immigration laws, and targets those sheltering, hiring, and transporting illegal aliens. It obligates police to make an attempt, when practicable during a “lawful stop, detention or arrest made by a law enforcement official,” to determine the immigration status, if there is reasonable suspicion that the person is an illegal alien. Police may arrest a person, if there is probable cause that the person is an alien not in possession of required registration documents. A person arrested cannot win release without confirmation of legal immigration status by the federal government. SB 1070 required a *minimum* fine of \$500 for a first violation, and for a second violation a minimum \$1,000 fine and a maximum jail sentence of 6 months. A person is “presumed to not be an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States” if he or she presents any of the following 4 forms of identifications: (a) a valid Arizona driver license; (b) a valid Arizona non operating identification license; (c) a valid tribal enrollment card or other tribal identification; or (d) any valid federal, state, or local government-issued identification, if the issuer requires proof of legal presence in the United States as a condition of issuance.

The law also prohibits state, county, or local officials from limiting or restricting “the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law” and provides that Arizona citizens can sue such agencies or officials to compel such full enforcement. A private citizen who prevails in such lawsuit may become entitled to reimbursement of reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

In addition, the law makes it a crime for anyone, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to hire or to be hired from a vehicle which “blocks or impedes the normal movement of traffic.” Vehicles used in such a manner are subject to mandatory impounding. Moreover, “encouraging or inducing” illegal immigration, giving shelter to illegal immigrants, and transporting or attempting to transport an illegal alien, either knowingly or while “recklessly” disregarding the individual’s immigration-status, is a Class 1 criminal misdemeanor, if fewer than 10 illegal aliens are involved, and a Class 6 felony, if 10 or more are involved. Offenders are subject to a fine of at least \$1,000 for each illegal alien thus transported or sheltered.

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### Instructions:

1. Circulators do not have to be registered voters, but should be residents of the State of Minnesota.
  2. Circulators should explain petition content to potential signatories before they sign the petition.
  3. Petition signers do not have to be registered voters but must be residents of the State of Minnesota.
  4. Petition signers may write or print their names, addresses, etc.
  5. Return petitions to Minnesotans Seeking Immigration Reform, Box 87 Hanska, Mn 56041. We will forward petitions to each State House member before the beginning of the 2011 session.
  6. To obtain additional petitions, e-mail [minnsir@yahoo.com](mailto:minnsir@yahoo.com)
  7. To participate or for further information please e-mail [minnsir@yahoo.com](mailto:minnsir@yahoo.com)
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