
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits any contractor engaged in a contract for goods or services with a public entity from hiring illegal aliens.

Proposed law provides definitions for "contractor", "employ or employed", and "illegal alien".

Proposed law prohibits any contractor who submits a bid or enters into a contract with any state department, institution, or agency, or any political subdivision of the state, from employing illegal aliens. Proposed law further requires the contractor to verify the work authorization status of every person in his employ.

Proposed law provides immunity for a contractor who uses E-Verify to verify the work authorization status of an employee and the employee is not a person authorized to work in the United States.

Proposed law provides that the attorney general may institute a suit against a contractor for hiring illegal aliens upon his own initiative or upon information he receives from the commissioner of administration or an private citizen of a violation.

Proposed law provides that the contract will be void if a contractor is found to have employed illegal aliens. The other penalties are as follows:

- (1) Upon a first offense, the contractor shall be prohibited from submitting a bid to or entering into a public contract for one year from the date the violation was discovered and pay a fine of \$50,000.
- (2) Upon a second offense, the contractor shall have his license to do business in the state revoked for a period of five years and pay a fine of \$50,000 for each illegal alien in his employ.
- (3) Upon a third offense, the contractor shall have his license to do business in the state revoked permanently and shall pay a fine of \$50,000 for each illegal alien in his employ.

Proposed law provides that the method for license revocation is that the attorney general sends the judgment ordering the revocation to the licensing authority, who shall revoke the license pursuant to the court order.

(Adds R.S. 39:2301-2304)