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SENATE BILL NO. 380—SENATORS GUSTAVSON; CEGAVSKE,  
HALSETH, MCGINNESS AND SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing aliens unlawfully present in the United States. (BDR 14-80)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~fornitted-material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to immigration; providing under certain circumstances for the verification of the immigration status of persons who are arrested and booked; requiring certain applicants for the issuance or renewal of a state business license to submit with the application a copy of certain tax forms; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to negotiate and implement a cooperative law enforcement agreement with the Attorney General of the United States regarding the enforcement of federal immigration laws by certain state and local employees; requiring public employers to use E-Verify to verify eligibility for employment for current and prospective employees; requiring contractors and subcontractors on a public work to use E-Verify to verify eligibility for employment for workers on the public work; prohibiting the misclassification of unauthorized aliens as legal aliens; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires a law enforcement agency, upon the arrest and  
2 booking of a person, to: (1) verify the immigration status of the person with federal  
3 immigration authorities; and (2) if the person is verified as being an unauthorized  
4 alien, detain the person or transfer the person into federal custody, at the discretion  
5 of the federal immigration authorities, unless the person provides identification that  
6 would not have been issued to him or her absent proof of legal presence in the  
7 United States.

8 Existing law provides that an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a state  
9 business license must submit an application to the Secretary of State. (NRS 76.100,  
10 76.130) **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill require that if an applicant for the issuance or  
11 renewal of a state business license employs five or more employees, the application  
12 for issuance or renewal, as applicable, must be accompanied by a copy of each  
13 Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 that the business was required to file in the  
14 preceding calendar year.

15 Federal law authorizes the Attorney General of the United States to enter into  
16 written agreements with states under which certain officers or employees of the  
17 state or a political subdivision of the state who are determined by the Attorney  
18 General of the United States to be qualified to perform a function of an immigration  
19 officer regarding the investigation, apprehension or detention of aliens in the  
20 United States may carry out such a function, at the expense of the state or political  
21 subdivision, and to the extent such function is consistent with state and local law. (8  
22 U.S.C. § 1357(g)) **Section 4** of this bill requires the Attorney General of this State  
23 to negotiate and implement such an agreement.

24 Existing federal law establishes the federal "E-Verify system" as an electronic  
25 program through which employers verify the employment eligibility of their  
26 employees. (8 U.S.C. § 1324a) **Section 5** of this bill requires each public employer to  
27 register and participate in the E-Verify system to verify the employment  
28 eligibility of current and prospective employees.

29 Under existing law, a contractor or subcontractor on a public work must  
30 comply with certain requirements, such as making employment decisions without  
31 discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or  
32 age. (NRS 338.125) **Section 6** of this bill requires a contractor or subcontractor on  
33 a public work to register and participate in the E-Verify system to verify the  
34 employment eligibility of all workers on the public work.

35 **Section 8** of this bill provides that any person, firm or corporation which  
36 knowingly misclassifies an unauthorized alien as a legal alien is subject to a fine of  
37 \$50 per misclassified worker, up to a maximum of \$50,000, to be recovered in a  
38 suit brought by the Attorney General.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 171 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a person is*  
4 *arrested and booked into a jail or correctional facility, the law*  
5 *enforcement agency having custody of the person shall ensure*  
6 *that a request for verification of the immigration status of the*  
7 *arrested person is submitted promptly to federal immigration*  
8 *authorities pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373. The law enforcement*



1 *agency that has custody of a person verified to be an unauthorized*  
2 *alien shall, at the discretion of the federal immigration*  
3 *authorities:*

4 (a) *Detain the person; or*

5 (b) *Transfer the person into federal custody.*

6 2. *A person whose immigration status is subject to*  
7 *verification pursuant to this section is presumed not to be an*  
8 *unauthorized alien, and his or her immigration status need not be*  
9 *verified with federal immigration authorities, if the person*  
10 *provides to the law enforcement agency any of the following:*

11 (a) *A valid driver's license issued by the Department of Motor*  
12 *Vehicles;*

13 (b) *A valid identification card issued by the Department of*  
14 *Motor Vehicles; or*

15 (c) *Any valid document of identification issued by a federal,*  
16 *state or local government, if:*

17 (1) *The document bears a photographic image of the*  
18 *holder; and*

19 (2) *The entity that issued the document requires proof of*  
20 *legal presence in the United States as a condition of issuance.*

21 3. *As used in this section, "unauthorized alien" has the*  
22 *meaning ascribed to it in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(h)(3).*

23 **Sec. 2.** NRS 76.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 76.100 1. A person shall not conduct a business in this State  
25 unless and until the person obtains a state business license issued by  
26 the Secretary of State. If the person is:

27 (a) An entity required to file an initial or annual list with the  
28 Secretary of State pursuant to this title, the person must obtain the  
29 state business license at the time of filing the initial or annual list.

30 (b) Not an entity required to file an initial or annual list with the  
31 Secretary of State pursuant to this title, the person must obtain the  
32 state business license before conducting a business in this State.

33 2. An application for a state business license must:

34 (a) Be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of State;

35 (b) Set forth the name under which the applicant transacts or  
36 intends to transact business, or if the applicant is an entity organized  
37 pursuant to this title and on file with the Secretary of State, the exact  
38 name on file with the Secretary of State, the entity number as  
39 assigned by the Secretary of State, if known, and the location in this  
40 State of the place or places of business;

41 (c) *If the applicant employs five or more employees, be*  
42 *accompanied by a copy of each Internal Revenue Service Form*  
43 *1099 that the business was required to file in the preceding*  
44 *calendar year;*

45 (d) Be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$100; and



1 ~~(d)~~ (e) Include any other information that the Secretary of  
2 State deems necessary.

3 ➔ If the applicant is an entity organized pursuant to this title and on  
4 file with the Secretary of State and the applicant has no location in  
5 this State of its place of business, the address of its registered agent  
6 shall be deemed to be the location in this State of its place of  
7 business.

8 3. The application must be signed pursuant to NRS 239.330 by:

9 (a) The owner of a business that is owned by a natural person.

10 (b) A member or partner of an association or partnership.

11 (c) A general partner of a limited partnership.

12 (d) A managing partner of a limited-liability partnership.

13 (e) A manager or managing member of a limited-liability  
14 company.

15 (f) An officer of a corporation or some other person specifically  
16 authorized by the corporation to sign the application.

17 4. If the application for a state business license is defective in  
18 any respect or the fee required by this section is not paid, the  
19 Secretary of State may return the application for correction or  
20 payment.

21 5. The state business license required to be obtained pursuant  
22 to this section is in addition to any license to conduct business that  
23 must be obtained from the local jurisdiction in which the business is  
24 being conducted.

25 6. For the purposes of this chapter, a person shall be deemed to  
26 conduct a business in this State if a business for which the person is  
27 responsible:

28 (a) Is organized pursuant to this title, other than a business  
29 organized pursuant to chapter 82 or 84 of NRS;

30 (b) Has an office or other base of operations in this State;

31 (c) Has a registered agent in this State; or

32 (d) Pays wages or other remuneration to a natural person who  
33 performs in this State any of the duties for which he or she is paid.

34 7. As used in this section, "registered agent" has the meaning  
35 ascribed to it in NRS 77.230.

36 **Sec. 3.** NRS 76.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 76.130 1. A person who applies for renewal of a state  
38 business license shall submit a fee in the amount of \$100 to the  
39 Secretary of State:

40 (a) If the person is an entity required to file an annual list with  
41 the Secretary of State pursuant to this title, at the time the person  
42 submits the annual list to the Secretary of State, unless the person  
43 submits a certificate or other form evidencing the dissolution of the  
44 entity; or



1 (b) If the person is not an entity required to file an annual list  
2 with the Secretary of State pursuant to this title, on the last day of  
3 the month in which the anniversary date of issuance of the state  
4 business license occurs in each year, unless the person submits a  
5 written statement to the Secretary of State, at least 10 days before  
6 that date, indicating that the person will not be conducting a  
7 business in this State after that date.

8 ***↳ If the applicant employs five or more employees, the application***  
9 ***for renewal must be accompanied by a copy of each Internal***  
10 ***Revenue Service Form 1099 that the business was required to file***  
11 ***in the preceding calendar year.***

12 2. The Secretary of State shall, 90 days before the last day for  
13 filing an application for renewal of the state business license of a  
14 person who holds a state business license, provide to the person a  
15 notice of the state business license fee due pursuant to this section  
16 and a reminder to file the application for renewal required pursuant  
17 to this section. Failure of any person to receive a notice does not  
18 excuse the person from the penalty imposed by law.

19 3. If a person fails to submit the annual state business license  
20 fee required pursuant to this section in a timely manner and the  
21 person is:

22 (a) An entity required to file an annual list with the Secretary of  
23 State pursuant to this title, the person:

24 (1) Shall pay a penalty of \$100 in addition to the annual state  
25 business license fee;

26 (2) Shall be deemed to have not complied with the  
27 requirement to file an annual list with the Secretary of State; and

28 (3) Is subject to all applicable provisions relating to the  
29 failure to file an annual list, including, without limitation, the  
30 provisions governing default and revocation of its charter or right to  
31 transact business in this State, except that the person is required to  
32 pay the penalty set forth in subparagraph (1).

33 (b) Not an entity required to file an annual list with the Secretary  
34 of State, the person shall pay a penalty in the amount of \$100 in  
35 addition to the annual state business license fee. The Secretary of  
36 State shall provide to the person a written notice that:

37 (1) Must include a statement indicating the amount of the  
38 fees and penalties required pursuant to this section and the costs  
39 remaining unpaid.

40 (2) May be provided electronically, if the person has  
41 requested to receive communications by electronic transmission, by  
42 electronic mail or other electronic communication.



1       **Sec. 4.** Chapter 228 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *The Attorney General of this State shall negotiate and*  
4 *enter into a written agreement with the Attorney General of the*  
5 *United States providing for the designation of certain investigative*  
6 *or law enforcement officers as qualified to perform certain*  
7 *functions of an immigration officer in relation to the investigation,*  
8 *apprehension or detention of any alien in this State.*

9       2. *An agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

10      (a) *Meet the requirements of 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g).*

11      (b) *Be signed on behalf of the State by the Attorney General*  
12 *and the Governor.*

13      3. *This section shall not be construed to require the existence*  
14 *of an agreement pursuant to subsection 1 for any investigative or*  
15 *law enforcement officer of this State or a political subdivision*  
16 *thereof to communicate with the Federal Government regarding*  
17 *the immigration status of any person, or otherwise to cooperate*  
18 *with the Federal Government in the identification, apprehension,*  
19 *detention or removal of any alien not lawfully present in the*  
20 *United States, to the full extent permitted by law.*

21      4. *As used in this section:*

22      (a) *“Alien” has the meaning ascribed to it in 8 U.S.C. § 1101.*

23      (b) *“Immigration officer” has the meaning ascribed to it in 8*  
24 *U.S.C. § 1101.*

25      (c) *“Investigative or law enforcement officer” has the meaning*  
26 *ascribed to it in NRS 179.435.*

27       **Sec. 5.** Chapter 281 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
28 thereto a new section to read as follows:

29      1. *Each public employer shall register and participate in the*  
30 *E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of:*

31      (a) *Each prospective employee of the public employer; and*

32      (b) *Each person employed by the public employer.*

33      2. *As used in this section, “E-Verify system” means an*  
34 *electronic program through which employers verify the*  
35 *employment eligibility of their employees administered through*  
36 *the United States Department of Homeland Security and*  
37 *established pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1324a.*

38       **Sec. 6.** Chapter 338 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
39 thereto a new section to read as follows:

40      1. *Each contractor and subcontractor on a public work shall*  
41 *register and participate in the E-Verify system to verify the*  
42 *employment eligibility of all workers on the public work.*

43      2. *As used in this section, “E-Verify system” means an*  
44 *electronic program through which employers verify the*  
45 *employment eligibility of their employees administered through*



1 *the United States Department of Homeland Security and*  
2 *established pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1324a.*

3 **Sec. 7.** NRS 338.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 338.015 1. The Labor Commissioner shall enforce the  
5 provisions of NRS 338.010 to 338.130, inclusive ~~[-]~~, *and section 6*  
6 *of this act.*

7 2. In addition to any other remedy or penalty provided in this  
8 chapter, if any person, including, without limitation, a public body,  
9 violates any provision of NRS 338.010 to 338.130, inclusive, *and*  
10 *section 6 of this act* or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, the  
11 Labor Commissioner may, after providing the person with notice  
12 and an opportunity for a hearing, impose against the person an  
13 administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each such  
14 violation.

15 3. The Labor Commissioner may, by regulation, establish a  
16 sliding scale based on the severity of the violation to determine the  
17 amount of the administrative penalty to be imposed against the  
18 person pursuant to this section.

19 4. The Labor Commissioner shall report the violation to the  
20 Attorney General, and the Attorney General may prosecute the  
21 person in accordance with law.

22 **Sec. 8.** Chapter 613 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
23 thereto a new section to read as follows:

24 *1. Any person, firm or corporation that knowingly*  
25 *misclassifies an unauthorized alien as a legal alien shall be*  
26 *punished by a fine of \$50 per day per misclassified worker, up to a*  
27 *maximum of \$50,000.*

28 *2. The penalty must be recovered in a suit brought for that*  
29 *purpose by the Attorney General in the name of and for the benefit*  
30 *of the State of Nevada, but the prosecution must not be*  
31 *commenced later than 3 months after the commission of the*  
32 *offense.*

33 *3. If a penalty is imposed pursuant to this section, the costs of*  
34 *the proceeding, including investigative costs and attorney's fees,*  
35 *may be recovered by the Attorney General.*

36 4. As used in this section:

37 (a) *“Legal alien” means an individual lawfully present and*  
38 *authorized to work in the United States.*

39 (b) *“Unauthorized alien” has the meaning ascribed to it in 8*  
40 *U.S.C. § 1324a(h)(3).*



