

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2774

By: Pfeiffer and Boles of the
House

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4 Bullard of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to immigration; amending 57 O.S.
8 2011, Section 16a, which relates to the retention of
9 United States prisoners by county sheriffs; directing
10 law enforcement personnel to comply with immigration
11 detainer requests issued by certain federal agency;
12 requiring certain notification to persons held
13 pursuant to immigration detainer; providing exemption
14 to certain duty upon proof of citizenship; defining
15 terms; providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 16a, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 16a. A. All sheriffs, jailers, prison keepers, and
21 their deputies, within this state, to whom any persons shall be sent
22 or committed, by virtue of legal process, issued by or under the
23 authority of the United States, shall receive such persons into
24 custody, and keep them safely until discharged by due course of the
laws of the United States; and all such sheriffs, jailers, prison
keepers and their deputies, offending in the premises, shall be

1 liable to the same pains and penalties, and the parties aggrieved
2 shall be entitled to the same remedies against them, or any of them,
3 as if such prisoners had been committed to their custody by virtue
4 of legal process issued under the authority of this state.

5 B. All sheriffs, jailers, prison keepers and their deputies who
6 have custody of a person who is subject to an immigration detainer
7 request issued by the United States Immigration and Customs
8 Enforcement shall:

9 1. Comply with, honor and fulfill any request made in the
10 immigration detainer request provided by the United States
11 Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

12 2. Inform the person identified in the immigration detainer
13 request that the person is being held pursuant to an immigration
14 detainer issued by the United States Immigration and Customs
15 Enforcement.

16 C. A sheriff, jailer, prison keeper or deputy shall not be
17 required to perform a duty imposed by subsection B of this section
18 with respect to a person who has provided proof that he or she is a
19 citizen of the United States. Such proof may include:

20 1. An Oklahoma driver license or identification card issued by
21 the Department of Public Safety on or after November 1, 2007; or

22 2. State- or federal government-issued identification.

23 D. All sheriffs, jailers, prison keepers, and their deputies,
24 within this state, shall allow reasonable access to their detention

1 facilities to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
2 for the purpose of identifying inmates.

3 E. As used in this section, "immigration detainer request"
4 means a federal government request to a local entity to maintain
5 temporary custody of an alien, including a United States Department
6 of Homeland Security Form I-247 document or a similar successor
7 form.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 171.3 of Title 22, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. A law enforcement agency that has custody of a person who is
12 subject to an immigration detainer request issued by the United
13 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall:

14 1. Comply with, honor and fulfill any request made in the
15 immigration detainer request provided by the United States
16 Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

17 2. Inform the person identified in the immigration detainer
18 request that he or she is being held pursuant to an immigration
19 detainer request issued by the United States Immigration and Customs
20 Enforcement.

21 B. A law enforcement agency shall not be required to perform a
22 duty imposed by subsection A of this section with respect to a
23 person who has provided proof that the person is a citizen of the
24 United States. Such proof may include:

1 1. An Oklahoma driver license or identification card issued by
2 the Department of Public Safety on or after November 1, 2007; or

3 2. State- or federal government-issued identification.

4 C. As used in this section:

5 1. "Immigration detainer request" means a federal government
6 request to a local entity to maintain temporary custody of an alien,
7 including a United States Department of Homeland Security Form I-247
8 document or a similar successor form; and

9 2. "Law enforcement agency" means any state, county or
10 municipal agency or department which maintains custody of persons
11 accused of, charged with or convicted of any criminal offense. This
12 term includes, but shall not be limited to, peace officers,
13 sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, jailers, correctional officers, agents,
14 employees or contractors of a law enforcement agency.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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