## <sup>111TH CONGRESS</sup> **H. R. 4627**

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose new penalties for the knowing unlawful employment of aliens, and for other purposes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Mr. KRATOVIL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

- To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose new penalties for the knowing unlawful employment of aliens, and for other purposes.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

## **3** SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Criminal Penalties for
- 5 Unauthorized Employment Act of 2010".

6 SEC. 2. NEW PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF 7 ALIENS.

- 8 Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act
- 9 (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended as follows:

(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR INDIVIDUALS 1 2 WITH HIRING AUTHORITY.—In subsection (f)(1), to read as follows: 3 "(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.— 4 "(A) Any individual with hiring authority 5 who violates subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2)6 shall, for each unauthorized alien with respect 7 to whom a violation of either such subsection 8 9 occurred, be punished as follows:

"in the case of a first of- fense.	imprisoned for not more than 1 year or fined \$2,500, or both
in the case of a person previously convicted of one offense under this paragraph.	imprisoned for not more than 2 years or fined \$5,000, or both
in the case of a person previously convicted of more than one offense under this paragraph.	imprisoned for not more than 5 years or fined \$10,000, or both

10	"(B) For purposes of this section, the term
11	'hiring authority' means direct authority to
12	make a decision to hire or to recruit or refer for
13	a fee, an individual for employment.".
14	(2) Adjustment to civil penalty.—
15	(A) In clause (i) of subsection $(e)(4)(A)$ —
16	(i) by striking "\$250" and inserting
17	"\$1,000"; and
18	(ii) by striking "\$1,000" and insert-
19	ing ''\$5,000''.

1	(B) In clause (ii) of such subsection—
2	(i) by striking "\$2,000" and inserting
3	"\$5,000"; and
4	(ii) by striking "\$5,000" and insert-
5	ing ''\$10,000''.
6	(C) In clause (iii) of such subsection—
7	(i) by striking "\$3,000" and inserting
8	"\$10,000"; and
9	(ii) by striking "\$10,000" and insert-
10	ing ''\$20,000''.

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