

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9473

To authorize private enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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 “Sanctuary City Ac-
5 countability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

7 Title I of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 107. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who is a national
3 of the United States may bring a civil action in an appro-
4 priate district court of the United States against a sanc-
5 tuary jurisdiction in which an alien was located if that
6 alien commits a crime against that individual, or an imme-
7 diate family member of that individual, in the sanctuary
8 jurisdiction, or in any other jurisdiction to which the alien
9 later relocates, for such injunctive relief or compensatory
10 damages as may be appropriate.

11 “(b) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—A unit of local gov-
12 ernment may not be held liable under this section for en-
13 forcing or implementing a law, ordinance, regulation, reso-
14 lution, policy, or other practice imposed by the State in
15 which the unit of local government is located.

16 “(c) SANCTUARY JURISDICTION DEFINED.—In this
17 section, the term ‘sanctuary jurisdiction’ means any State
18 or unit of local government that has laws, ordinances, reg-
19 ulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that ob-
20 struct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from
21 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including
22 by—

23 “(1) refusing to or prohibiting agencies from
24 complying with U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
25 forcement detainers;

1 “(2) imposing unreasonable conditions on U.S.
2 Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer
3 compliance;

4 “(3) denying U.S. Immigration and Customs
5 Enforcement access to interview incarcerated aliens;
6 or

7 “(4) otherwise impeding communication or in-
8 formation exchanges between the jurisdiction’s per-
9 sonnel and Federal immigration officers.”.

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