

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7846

To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal penalty
for obstructing immigration enforcement activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

Mr. RULLI (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr.
FINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary

A BILL

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penalty for obstructing immigration enforcement ac-
tivities.

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 “Halo Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTING IMMIGRA-**
6 **TION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 73 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“§ 1522. Obstructing immigration enforcement activi-**
2 **ties**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT
5 OFFICER.—The term ‘Federal immigration enforce-
6 ment officer’ means any officer, agent, or employee
7 of the United States authorized by law or by a gov-
8 ernment agency to engage in or supervise the pre-
9 vention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of
10 any violation of Federal immigration law.

11 “(2) HARASS.—The term ‘harass’ means to
12 knowingly engage in a course of conduct directed at
13 a Federal immigration enforcement officer that in-
14 tentiously causes substantial emotional distress in
15 that Federal immigration enforcement officer and
16 serves no legitimate purpose.

17 “(b) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful for a person,
18 after receiving a verbal warning not to approach from an
19 individual whom the person knows or reasonably should
20 know is a Federal immigration enforcement officer, and
21 who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty,
22 to knowingly violate the warning and approach or remain
23 within 25 feet of the Federal immigration enforcement of-
24 ficer with the intent to—

1 “(1) impede or interfere with the ability of the
2 Federal immigration enforcement officer to perform
3 that legal duty;

4 “(2) threaten the Federal immigration enforce-
5 ment officer with physical harm; or

6 “(3) harass the Federal immigration enforce-
7 ment officer.

8 “(c) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
9 (b) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more
10 than 5 years, or both.”.

11 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
12 The table of sections for chapter 73 of title 18, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

“1522. Obstructing immigration enforcement activities.”.

