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# S. 3179

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for obstructing immigration enforcement activities.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Mrs. MOODY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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.”.

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