

entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.

**(b) Additional authority of government entities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal, State, or local law, no person or agency may prohibit, or in any way restrict, a Federal, State, or local government entity from doing any of the following with respect to information regarding the immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual:

- (1) Sending such information to, or requesting or receiving such information from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- (2) Maintaining such information.
- (3) Exchanging such information with any other Federal, State, or local government entity.

**(c) Obligation to respond to inquiries**

The Immigration and Naturalization Service shall respond to an inquiry by a Federal, State, or local government agency, seeking to verify or ascertain the citizenship or immigration status of any individual within the jurisdiction of the agency for any purpose authorized by law, by providing the requested verification or status information.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. C, title VI, §642, Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-707.)

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**§ 1374. Information regarding female genital mutilation**

**(a) Provision of information regarding female genital mutilation**

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (in cooperation with the Department of State) shall make available for all aliens who are issued immigrant or nonimmigrant visas, prior to or at the time of entry into the United States, the following information:

- (1) Information on the severe harm to physical and psychological health caused by female genital mutilation which is compiled and presented in a manner which is limited to the practice itself and respectful to the cultural values of the societies in which such practice takes place.
- (2) Information concerning potential legal consequences in the United States for (A) performing female genital mutilation, or (B) al-

lowing a child under his or her care to be subjected to female genital mutilation, under criminal or child protection statutes or as a form of child abuse.

**(b) Limitation**

In consultation with the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization shall identify those countries in which female genital mutilation is commonly practiced and, to the extent practicable, limit the provision of information under subsection (a) to aliens from such countries.

**(c) “Female genital mutilation” defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “female genital mutilation” means the removal or infibulation (or both) of the whole or part of the clitoris, the labia minora, or labia majora.

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**§ 1375. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-162, title VIII, § 833(g), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3077**

Section, Pub. L. 104-208, div. C, title VI, §652, Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-712, related to mail-order bride business.

**§ 1375a. Domestic violence information and resources for immigrants and regulation of international marriage brokers**

**(a) Information for K nonimmigrants on legal rights and resources for immigrant victims of domestic violence**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, shall develop an information pamphlet, as described in paragraph (2), on legal rights and resources for immigrant victims of domestic violence and distribute and make such pamphlet available as described in paragraph (5). In preparing such materials, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with nongovernmental organizations with expertise on the legal rights of immigrant victims of battery, extreme cruelty, sexual assault, and other crimes.

**(2) Information pamphlet**

The information pamphlet developed under paragraph (1) shall include information on the following:

- (A) The K nonimmigrant visa application process and the marriage-based immigration