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To enhance penalties for the unauthorized use and sale of Immigration and Customs Enforcement apparel and insignia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Mr. CORREA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Preventing Fraudulent
5 ICE Impersonation Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Unauthorized individuals have impersonated
9 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
10 officers, causing fear and distrust in communities.

1 (2) The unauthorized use of ICE insignia and
2 apparel poses a significant risk to public safety, un-
3 dermines trust in law enforcement, and facilitates
4 fraudulent activities.

5 (3) Strengthening penalties and restricting the
6 sale of ICE-branded apparel and insignia is nec-
7 essary to protect communities from fraud and abuse.

8 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ICE AP-**
9 **PAREL AND INSIGNIA.**

10 (a) UNLAWFUL IMPERSONATION OF AN ICE OFFI-
11 CER.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any
13 individual who is not an officer or employee of the
14 Department of Homeland Security, acting within the
15 scope of their official duties, to wear, display, or pos-
16 sess apparel, badges, insignia, or other items bearing
17 the words “ICE” or “Immigration and Customs En-
18 forcement” in a manner that could reasonably be in-
19 terpreted as an attempt to impersonate a Federal
20 law enforcement officer.

21 (2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates this
22 subsection shall be fined under title 18, United
23 States Code, imprisoned for not more than 7 years,
24 or both.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON SALE OF ICE APPAREL AND IN-
2 SIGNIA.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any
4 individual or entity to manufacture, sell, offer for
5 sale, or distribute any apparel, badge, or insignia
6 bearing the official marks, logos, or designations of
7 the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
8 without express authorization from the Department
9 of Homeland Security.

10 (2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any person or entity who
11 violates this subsection shall be subject to a civil
12 penalty of not more than \$100,000 per violation.

13 **SEC. 4. SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.**

14 (a) SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.—Any unauthorized
15 ICE apparel or insignia manufactured, sold, distributed,
16 or possessed in violation of this Act shall be subject to
17 seizure and forfeiture in accordance with chapter 46 of
18 title 18, United States Code.

19 (b) SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT.—The United
20 States Sentencing Commission shall take such actions as
21 may be necessary to provide that impersonation of an im-
22 migration official shall result in an enhancement of any
23 term of imprisonment of no less than 6 months.

1 **SEC. 5. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND REPORTING MECHANISM.**

2 (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall estab-
3 lish a public awareness campaign to inform communities
4 about the dangers of individuals impersonating ICE offi-
5 cers and provide resources for reporting such activities.

6 (b) The Secretary shall also establish a national re-
7 porting mechanism, including a dedicated hotline and on-
8 line portal, to facilitate the reporting of individuals imper-
9 sonating ICE officers.

10 (c) Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act and every 180 days thereafter, the Comp-
12 troller General of the United States shall conduct a study
13 on the impersonation of immigration officials and the un-
14 derlying factors that should be considered for any poten-
15 tial solution to the issue, and submit thereon a report to
16 Congress.

17 **SEC. 6. RULEMAKING.**

18 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue regu-
19 lations necessary to carry out this Act not later than 180
20 days after the date of enactment.

21 **SEC. 7. DEFINITION.**

22 In this Act—

23 (1) the term “ICE” means U.S. Immigration
24 and Customs Enforcement; and

25 (2) the term “official” means—

1 (A) a public official, as such term is de-
2 fined in section 201(a)(1) of title 18, United
3 States Code; and

4 (B) a person who has been selected to be
5 a public official, as such term is defined in sec-
6 tion 201(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

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