



## Legislation Summary:

### An Act relative to enforcing federal law

Initial bill number: [H3033](#) (Bill numbers will change as legislation proceeds.)

Sponsor: Rep. Antonio Cabral

The bill would prohibit any state (or other non-federal) money from being used to implement what is known as a 287(g) agreement (codified in 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)) with Immigration and Customs and Enforcement to train local law enforcement or correction officers in immigration law.

In general, with some exceptions, the bill specifies:

- Sheriffs and their employees may only perform functions pursuant to an agreement described in 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) if the costs of such performance, including employee compensation, are borne solely by the Federal government.
- Any employee of the department of corrections, jail, houses of corrections, or other correctional institutions of the Commonwealth may only perform functions pursuant to an agreement described in 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) if the costs of such performance, including employee compensation, are borne solely by the Federal government.

Below is a summary of the federal laws that this bill would address:

8 C.F.R. Section 287(g) authorizes the Federal Government to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, permitting designated officers to perform immigration law enforcement functions, pursuant to a memorandum of agreement, provided that the local law enforcement officers receive appropriate training and function under the supervision of sworn U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. Under 287(g), with federal approval and training, ICE provides state and local law enforcement officers with the training and authorization to identify, process, and--when appropriate--detain immigration offenders they encounter during their regular, daily law-enforcement activity.

### League position:

LWVUS "League Statement on Immigration" press release (January 31, 2017)

*Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters president, Chris Carson, issued the following statement in response to President Trump's immigration ban:*

*"The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants.*

*The League supports cities, towns, counties and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants. Moreover, the Trump Administration's orders are of dubious legality.*

*It is simply wrong, and a perversion of the American system of justice, for the Executive Branch to refuse to obey federal court orders.*

*The LWV is opposed to discrimination, including discrimination in immigration, based on religion. The Trump Administration's orders appear to be targeted at Muslims and immigrants from majority-Muslim nations."*

The League position on immigration states:

***Unauthorized Immigrants Already in the United States***

In achieving overall policy goals, the League supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship, by paying taxes, learning English, studying civics and meeting other relevant criteria. While policy reforms, including a path to legal status, remain unachieved, the League does not support deporting unauthorized immigrants who have no history of criminal activity.