

# MASSACHUSETTS SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT

Protecting our Immigrant Neighbors



## THE BILLS

The Safe Communities Act refers to [S.1401](#) (sponsored by Sen. Jamie Eldridge) and [H.3573](#) (sponsored by Reps. Ruth Balser and Liz Miranda).

## PURPOSE

The Safe Communities Act aims to protect immigrant communities in Massachusetts through limiting local law enforcement cooperation with the federal immigration system.



## KEY COMPONENTS

1. Stops police from inquiring about immigration status when not required by law.
2. Protects due process and basic rights, like a "Miranda" warning.
3. Prohibits registries based on nationality, religion, and other protected characteristics.
4. Limits personnel in the legal system from notifying ICE before cases are fully adjudicated.
5. Prohibits 287(g) agreements that allow local law enforcement to act as ICE agents.
6. Requires training and accountability for law enforcement.

## THE SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT DOES NOT:



- Stop police from investigating crimes.
- Stop police from collaborating with federal agencies, including ICE, on criminal investigations.
- Prevent ICE from conducting investigations, raids, or arrests in MA.
- Jeopardize communities' federal funding.

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