

Legislative Information for Casa Allies

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Recent actions on Beacon Hill are aimed to protect immigrants in response to what has been happening in Massachusetts and Minnesota over the past year. Please ask your legislators to support both the Governor's legislation for Actions Against ICE and the PROTECT Act. The Governor's Executive Order is already in effect and is included here for completeness.

Sample Ask: I (we) urge you to strongly support the Governor's legislation to restore protections that were federal policy until the Trump administration eliminated them on its first day in office and the PROTECT Act (HD 5608) designed to strengthen due process and reduce harmful entanglement between Massachusetts systems and federal civil immigration enforcement.

Governor Healey's Actions Against ICE

Governor Maura Healey announced sweeping legislation and executive action to protect immigrant communities from federal immigration enforcement overreach.

Governor Healey's actions include both immediate executive measures and proposed legislation to restore protections that were federal policy until the Trump administration eliminated them on its first day in office.

Here are the key provisions:

Executive Order (In effect now):

- Prohibits ICE from making civil arrests in nonpublic spaces of state buildings
- Prohibits the use of state property for staging immigration enforcement activities
- Bans state agencies from entering into any new 287(g) agreements (which empower state or local law enforcement to act as immigration officers) unless there is a clear and limited public safety need

Proposed Legislation (Proposed as part of the supplemental budget):

- Bans warrantless civil arrests by ICE in Massachusetts courthouses
- Restricts ICE activities in churches, schools, daycares, hospitals, and health clinics—designated as “sensitive locations” where people should feel safe
- Makes it unlawful for another state to deploy its National Guard in Massachusetts without the Governor's permission
- Allows parents to pre-arrange guardianship for their children in case they are detained or deported

For full information visit the source:

<https://miracoalition.org/news/enough-is-enough-governor-healeys-response-to-ice-violence-and-how-you-can-take-action/>

The PROTECT Act (H.D. 5608) — A Broad Legislative Package

The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (BLLC) unveiled the PROTECT Act ([HD. 5608](#)). The bill represents a year-long effort to build consensus around a set of immigration proposals derived from bills introduced earlier this session.

At its core, the PROTECT Act is designed to strengthen due process and reduce harmful entanglement between Massachusetts systems and federal civil immigration enforcement. **Key provisions:**

- Create important protections for immigrants detained in federal immigration custody at the Plymouth House of Correction.
- Largely prohibit any new 287(g) agreements.
- Prohibit civil immigration arrests in and around, and to and from, courthouses, major loci of immigration arrests.
- Introduce reforms to make it easier and faster for survivors of serious harm to access immigration protections and benefits.

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<https://miracoalition.org/news/beacon-hill-is-moving-on-immigration-heres-whats-on-the-table/>