

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2420

Introduced by Assembly Member Huff

February 21, 2008

An act to add Section 834.5 to the Penal Code, relating to arrests.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2420, as introduced, Huff. Arrests: policy: immigration.

Existing law generally regulates the powers of arrest.

This bill would provide that it would be the policy of this state that no law enforcement entity or any local governing body may adopt an ordinance, rule, regulation, or order, or otherwise implement a policy, that prohibits law enforcement officers from initiating action to discover a person's alien status or that prohibits a law enforcement officer from arresting or booking a person for entering the United States of America illegally.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 834.5 is added to the Penal Code, to read:
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3 entity or any local governing body may adopt an ordinance, rule,
4 or order, or otherwise implement a policy, that prohibits law
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6 alien status or that prohibits a law enforcement officer from

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