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H. R. 9174

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. BUDD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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for other purposes.

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 “State Immigration En-
5 forcement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

7 States, or political subdivisions of States, may enact,
8 implement and enforce criminal penalties that penalize the
9 same conduct that is prohibited in the criminal provisions
10 of immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of

1 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
2 1101(a)(17))), as long as the criminal penalties do not ex-
3 ceed the relevant Federal criminal penalties (without re-
4 gard to ancillary issues such as the availability of proba-
5 tion or pardon). States, or political subdivisions of States,
6 may enact, implement and enforce civil penalties that pe-
7 nalize the same conduct that is prohibited in the civil pro-
8 visions of immigration laws (as defined in such section
9 101(a)(17)), as long as the civil penalties do not exceed
10 the relevant Federal civil penalties.

11 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

12 Section 274A(h) of the Immigration and Nationality
13 Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)) is amended by striking para-
14 graph (2).

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