

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 534

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DENYING CERTAIN STATE SERVICES TO ILLEGAL ALIENS."

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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8 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Certain state services denied to illegal aliens.** (1) To the extent allowed
9 by federal law and the Montana constitution and notwithstanding any other state law, a state agency may not
10 provide a state service to an illegal alien.

11 (2) For the purpose of determining whether an applicant for a state services is an illegal alien, the agency
12 may not conduct an investigation except as provided in this section.

13 (3) To determine whether an applicant for a state service is an illegal alien, the agency may use only the
14 systematic alien verification for entitlements program provided by the United States department of homeland
15 security or its successor.

16 (4) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

17 (a) "Agency" means a department, board, commission, committee, authority, or office of the legislative
18 or executive branches of state government, including a unit of the Montana university system.

19 (b) "Illegal alien" means an individual who is not a citizen of the United States and who has entered or
20 remains unlawfully in the United States.

21 (c) "State service" means a payment of money, the grant of a state license or permit, or the provision
22 of another valuable item or service under any of the following programs and provisions of law:

23 (i) employment with a state agency;

24 (ii) admission of a minor to school for the purposes of secondary education, as provided in 20-5-101;

25 (iii) qualification as a student in the university system for the purposes of a public education, as provided
26 in 20-25-502;

27 (iv) student financial assistance, as provided in Title 20, chapter 26;

28 (v) issuance of a state license or permit to practice a trade or profession, as provided in Title 37;

29 (vi) unemployment insurance benefits, as provided in Title 39, chapter 51;

30 (vii) workers' compensation benefits, as provided in Title 39, chapter 71;

- 1 (viii) children's services, as provided for in Title 52, chapter 2, and Title 53, chapter 4;
2 (ix) adult services, as provided for in Title 52, chapter 3;
3 (x) health care services, as provided in Title 53, chapter 6;
4 (xi) vocational rehabilitation, as provided in Title 53, chapter 7;
5 (xii) services for victims of crime, as provided in Title 53, chapter 9;
6 (xiii) services for the physically disabled, as provided in Title 53, chapter 19;
7 (xiv) services to persons with developmental disabilities, as provided in Title 53, chapter 20;
8 (xv) services to the mentally ill, as provided in Title 53, chapter 21;
9 (xvi) a license or permit for the purposes of hunting, fishing, or trapping, as provided in Title 87, chapter
10 2; and
11 (xvii) a grant, as provided in Title 90.

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured,
14 penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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16 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable
17 from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part
18 remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

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20 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
21 integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 4, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 4, apply to [section 1].

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