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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1789

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO RESTRICT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO RESTRICT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Arkansas is not a sanctuary state;
- (2) Across the country municipal identification card programs have been considered a component of a sanctuary city policy when the program allows a local government to provide an official form of government identification to illegal aliens; and
- (3) The State of Arkansas issues state identification cards to eligible Arkansas residents for identification purposes.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-1-111. Funding for identification cards – Restrictions – Definitions.



(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Identification card" means an identification card administered and distributed by a local government that:

(A) Provides residents with access to:

- (i) Local services;
- (ii) Cultural events; or
- (iii) Business activities; or

(B) Helps residents identify themselves to:

- (i) Law enforcement;
- (ii) Schools;
- (iii) Banks;
- (iv) Health centers; or
- (v) Local government departments; and

(2) "Local government" means:

- (A) A county;
- (B) A city of the first class;
- (C) A city of the second class; or
- (D) An incorporated town.

(b) A local government shall not:

(1) Issue an identification card to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States; or

(2) Provide funds to a person, entity, or organization for the purpose of issuing an identification card to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.

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