H. R. 4627

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 22, 2010

Mr. Kratovil introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 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 "Criminal Penalties for
- 5 Unauthorized Employment Act of 2010".
- 6 SEC. 2. NEW PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF
- 7 ALIENS.
- 8 Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act
- 9 (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended as follows:

1	(1) Criminal penalties for individuals		
2	WITH HIRING AUTHORITY.—In subsection (f)(1), to		
3	read as follows:		
4	"(1) Criminal penalties.—		
5	"(A) Any individual with hiring authority		
6	who violates subsection $(a)(1)(A)$ or $(a)(2)$		
7	shall, for each unauthorized alien with respect		
8	to whom a violation of either such subsection		
9	occurred, be punished as follows:		

"in the case of a first of- fense.	imprisoned for not more than 1 year or fined \$2,500, or both
in the case of a person previously convicted of one offense under this paragraph.	imprisoned for not more than 2 years or fined \$5,000, or both
in the case of a person previously convicted of more than one offense under this paragraph.	imprisoned for not more than 5 years or fined \$10,000, or both

10 "(B) For purposes of this section, the term 'hiring authority' means direct authority to 11 12 make a decision to hire or to recruit or refer for 13 a fee, an individual for employment.". 14 (2) Adjustment to civil penalty.— (A) In clause (i) of subsection (e)(4)(A)— 15 (i) by striking "\$250" and inserting 16 "\$1,000"; and 17 18 (ii) by striking "\$1,000" and inserting "\$5,000". 19

1	(B) In clause (ii) of such subsection—
2	(i) by striking "\$2,000" and inserting
3	"\$5,000"; and
4	(ii) by striking "\$5,000" and insert-
5	ing "\$10,000".
6	(C) In clause (iii) of such subsection—
7	(i) by striking "\$3,000" and inserting
8	"\$10,000"; and
9	(ii) by striking "\$10,000" and insert-
10	ing "\$20,000".