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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5774

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Respect for Local  
5       Laws Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS**  
2 **RELATED TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CHAL-**  
3 **LENCE OF STATE IMMIGRATION LAW.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all attor-  
5 neys' fees and associated court costs incurred by a State  
6 or unit of local government in the course of defending a  
7 constitutional challenge to a State law or a municipal ordi-  
8 nance regarding immigration that is brought by the Fed-  
9 eral Government in any Federal court shall be paid by the  
10 Federal Government if the court upholds, in whole or in  
11 part, the challenged State law or municipal ordinance.

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