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To amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require all immigration enforcement officers to display visible identification during public-facing immigration enforcement actions and to promote transparency and accountability.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas (for himself, Ms. CHU, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. ESCOBAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Visible Identification
3 Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement Act
4 of 2025” or the “VISIBLE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds that—

7 (1) transparency and accountability in public
8 immigration enforcement are essential to maintain-
9 ing public trust and upholding constitutional govern-
10 ance; and

11 (2) immigration enforcement officers should be
12 visibly identifiable during any civil immigration en-
13 forcement activity at which members of the public
14 may be directly engaged or present, including ac-
15 tions involving civil and criminal authority, unless
16 the activity is truly covert and not observable by the
17 public.

18 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR VISIBLE IDENTIFICATION DUR-**
19 **ING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.**

20 Section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
21 (8 U.S.C. 1357) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(i)(1) In this subsection:

24 “(A) The term ‘covered immigration officer’
25 means any individual who is—

1 “(i) authorized to perform immigration en-
2 forcement functions; and

3 “(ii)(I) an officer or employee of U.S. Cus-
4 toms and Border Protection;

5 “(II) an officer or employee of U.S. Immi-
6 gration and Customs Enforcement; or

7 “(III) an individual authorized, deputized,
8 or designated under Federal law, regulation, or
9 agreement to perform immigration enforcement
10 functions, including pursuant to section 287(g)
11 or any other delegation or agreement with the
12 Department of Homeland Security.

13 “(B) The term ‘public immigration enforcement
14 function’—

15 “(i) means any activity that involves the
16 direct exercise of Federal immigration authority
17 through public-facing actions, including a pa-
18 trol, a stop, an arrest, a search, an interview to
19 determine immigration status, a raid, a check-
20 point inspection, or the service of a judicial or
21 administrative warrant; and

22 “(ii) does not include covert, non-public op-
23 erations or non-enforcement activities.

24 “(C) The term ‘visible identification’ means a
25 display of an immigration officer’s agency and name

1 or badge number in a size and format that complies
2 with the requirements under paragraph (3).

3 “(2) Each covered immigration officer who directly
4 engages in a public immigration enforcement function
5 within the United States shall, at all times during such
6 engagement, wear visible identification, which shall in-
7 clude—

8 “(A) the full name or widely recognized initials
9 of the officer’s employing agency; and

10 “(B)(i) the officer’s last name; or

11 “(ii) the officer’s unique badge or identification
12 number.

13 “(3) The identifying information described in this
14 paragraph shall be—

15 “(A) for the immigration officer’s agency, dis-
16 played in a size and format that is clearly legible
17 from a distance of not less than 25 feet, using mate-
18 rials or markings suitable for visibility in both day-
19 light and low-light conditions, under normal oper-
20 ation conditions;

21 “(B) for the officer’s name or badge number,
22 displayed in a manner that is clearly visible and
23 readable during direct engagement with the public;
24 and

1 “(C) displayed on the outermost garment or
2 gear and not obscured by tactical equipment, body
3 armor, or accessories.

4 “(4) Covered immigration officers may not wear non-
5 medical face coverings, including masks or balaclavas, that
6 impair the visibility of the identifying information required
7 under this subsection or obscure the officer’s face unless
8 such face coverings are operationally necessary—

9 “(A) to protect the integrity of a covert, non-
10 public operation; or

11 “(B) to guard against hazardous environmental
12 conditions.”.

13 **SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING.**

14 (a) INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—The Secretary of
15 Homeland Security shall ensure that any covered immi-
16 gration officer who fails to comply with the requirements
17 under section 287(i) of the Immigration and Nationality
18 Act, as added by section 3, receive appropriate administra-
19 tive discipline, including written reprimand, suspension, or
20 other personnel actions, consistent with agency policy and
21 any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

22 (b) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
24 annually thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security
25 shall submit a report to the Office for Civil Rights and

1 Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security,
2 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Com-
3 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
4 of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the
5 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Home-
6 land Security of the House of Representatives that in-
7 cludes—

8 (1) the total number of public immigration en-
9 forcement functions conducted during the reporting
10 period;

11 (2) the number of documented instances of non-
12 compliance with section 287(i) of the Immigration
13 and Nationality Act, as added by section 3; and

14 (3) a summary of disciplinary or remedial ac-
15 tions taken against those responsible for such in-
16 stances of noncompliance.

17 **SEC. 5. ROLE OF THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL**
18 **LIBERTIES.**

19 The Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the
20 Department of Homeland Security shall—

21 (1) receive and investigate complaints from the
22 public concerning violations of section 287(i) of the
23 Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by sec-
24 tion 3;

1 (2) issue recommendations to relevant Depart-
2 ment of Homeland Security components concerning
3 compliance and corrective actions that should be
4 taken;

5 (3) include findings and actions taken pursuant
6 to this Act, including information contained in the
7 report received pursuant to section 4(b), in its an-
8 nual public report submitted pursuant to section
9 705(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
10 U.S.C. 345(b)); and

11 (4) carry out the responsibilities under this sec-
12 tion in accordance with its statutory authorities,
13 which may include coordination with the Office of
14 Inspector General of the Department, as appro-
15 priate.

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