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# H. R. 7161

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY 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 “No Private Bounty  
5       Hunters for Immigration Enforcement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF CONTRACTORS TO**  
7       **ENFORCE THE IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

8       (a) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN DHS CONTRACTS.—

9               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
10       Security—

1           (A) may not enter into any contract or  
2 memorandum of understanding with any person  
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act to  
4 perform skip tracing, surveillance, or location  
5 verification for the purpose of civil enforcement  
6 of the immigration laws; and

7           (B) shall—

8                 (i) terminate any contract or memo-  
9 randum of understanding of the Depart-  
10 ment of Homeland Security in effect on  
11 the date of the enactment of this Act that  
12 provides for the performance of skip trac-  
13 ing, surveillance, or location verification for  
14 the purpose of civil enforcement of the im-  
15 migration law; and

16               (ii) amend any contract or memo-  
17 randum of understanding of the Depart-  
18 ment of Homeland Security in effect on  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act not  
20 described under clause (i) to prohibit the  
21 performance of skip tracing, surveillance,  
22 or location verification for the purpose of  
23 civil enforcement of the immigration laws  
24 under such contract or memorandum.

1           (2) APPLICATION TO SUBCONTRACTORS.—No  
2           person with which the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
3           rity has a contract or memorandum of under-  
4           standing, or any subcontractor thereof at any tier,  
5           may use a subcontractor to perform any function  
6           prohibited under paragraph (1).

7           (b) LIMITATION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
9           graph (2), no Federal funds may be used to pay a  
10          private entity on a per-person or bonus basis for lo-  
11          cating an individual who is subject to a civil immi-  
12          gration detainer.

13          (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not apply  
14          to the use of a publicly available data analytics tool  
15          operated solely by a Federal contractor performing  
16          an administrative data management function under  
17          direct Government supervision that does not in-  
18          volve—

19                 (A) field surveillance of, or personal con-  
20                 tact with, the individual subject to the detainer;  
21                 or

22                 (B) an activity prohibited under subsection  
23                 (a).

24          (c) AUDIT.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
25          of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the De-

1   partment of Homeland Security shall conduct an audit of  
2   each contract of the Department of Homeland Security  
3   to ensure that each such contract complies with the limita-  
4   tions under this section.

5       (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “skip  
6   tracing” means the practice of locating an individual using  
7   an address, employment data, social-media, or other per-  
8   sonal data.

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