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HOUSE BILL 21-1057

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXTORTION OF**
102 **IMMIGRANTS FOR ENGAGING IN LAWFUL ACTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, it is criminal extortion to threaten to report another person's immigration status to law enforcement to induce the threatened person to give the person money or another item of value. The bill adds to that version of criminal extortion a prohibition against threatening to report a person's immigration status to law enforcement to induce the threatened person to perform an act or refrain from performing

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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a lawful act.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-207, **amend**
3 (1.5) as follows:

4 **18-3-207. Criminal extortion - aggravated extortion.** (1.5) A
5 person commits criminal extortion if the person, with the intent to induce
6 another person against that other person's will to give the person money
7 or another item of value, OR WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE ANOTHER
8 PERSON AGAINST THAT OTHER PERSON'S WILL TO PERFORM AN ACT OR TO
9 REFRAIN FROM PERFORMING A LAWFUL ACT, threatens to report to law
10 enforcement officials the immigration status of the threatened person or
11 another person.

12 **SECTION 2. Potential appropriation.** Pursuant to section
13 2-2-703, C.R.S., any bill that results in a net increase in periods of
14 imprisonment in state correctional facilities must include an appropriation
15 of money that is sufficient to cover any increased capital construction, any
16 operational costs, and increased parole costs that are the result of the bill
17 for the department of corrections in each of the first five years following
18 the effective date of the bill. Because this act may increase periods of
19 imprisonment, this act may require a five-year appropriation.

20 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
21 July 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.