

SENATE BILL 828

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Smith**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies**
3 **(Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Attorney General to develop guidelines relating to
5 immigration enforcement at certain sensitive locations; requiring State agencies that
6 operate at certain sensitive locations to adopt certain policies or provide certain
7 written notice of a decision not to adopt certain policies; and generally relating to
8 immigration enforcement.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – State Government
11 Section 6–111
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – State Government**

17 **6–111.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SENSITIVE LOCATION” MEANS:**

19 **(1) A SCHOOL, INCLUDING A PRESCHOOL, PRIMARY OR SECONDARY**
20 **SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL OR TRADE SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY;**

21 **(2) A MEDICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY, INCLUDING A**
22 **HOSPITAL, A DOCTOR’S OFFICE, A HEALTH CLINIC, A VACCINATION OR TESTING**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SITE, AN URGENT CARE CENTER, A SITE THAT SERVES PREGNANT INDIVIDUALS, OR
2 A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER;

3 (3) A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR RELIGIOUS STUDY, WHETHER IN A
4 STRUCTURE DEDICATED TO ACTIVITIES OF FAITH OR A TEMPORARY FACILITY OR
5 LOCATION WHERE ACTIVITIES OF FAITH ARE TAKING PLACE;

6 (4) A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN GATHER, INCLUDING A PLAYGROUND,
7 RECREATION CENTER, CHILD CARE CENTER, BEFORE- OR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE
8 CENTER, FOSTER CARE FACILITY, GROUP HOME FOR CHILDREN, OR SCHOOL BUS
9 STOP;

10 (5) A SOCIAL SERVICES ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING A CRISIS
11 CENTER, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, VICTIMS SERVICES CENTER, CHILD
12 ADVOCACY CENTER, SUPERVISED VISITATION CENTER, FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER,
13 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, FACILITY THAT SERVES DISABLED PERSONS,
14 HOMELESS SHELTER, DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING AND TREATMENT FACILITY,
15 OR FOOD BANK OR PANTRY OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT DISTRIBUTING FOOD OR
16 OTHER ESSENTIALS OF LIFE TO PEOPLE IN NEED;

17 (6) A PLACE WHERE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND
18 RELIEF IS BEING PROVIDED, INCLUDING ALONG EVACUATION ROUTES, WHERE
19 SHELTER OR EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, FOOD, OR WATER ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED, OR
20 REGISTRATION FOR DISASTER-RELATED ASSISTANCE OR FAMILY REUNIFICATION IS
21 UNDERWAY;

22 (7) A PLACE WHERE A FUNERAL, GRAVESIDE CEREMONY, ROSARY,
23 WEDDING, OR OTHER RELIGIOUS OR CIVIL CEREMONY OR OBSERVANCE OCCURS;

24 (8) A PLACE WHERE THERE IS AN ONGOING PARADE,
25 DEMONSTRATION, OR RALLY;

26 (9) A COURTHOUSE; OR

27 (10) ANY OTHER LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY
28 GENERAL.

29 (B) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH
30 APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENTITIES
31 OPERATING AT SENSITIVE LOCATIONS THAT LIMIT IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AT
32 SENSITIVE LOCATIONS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH
33 FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.

1 **(2) A STATE AGENCY THAT OPERATES AT A SENSITIVE LOCATION**
2 **SHALL:**

3 **(I) ADOPT POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDELINES**
4 **DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; OR**

5 **(II) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF**
6 **THE AGENCY'S DECISION NOT TO ADOPT POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THE**
7 **GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING:**

8 **1. AN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS FOR NOT**
9 **ADOPTING POLICIES; AND**

10 **2. COPIES OF ANY EXISTING POLICIES RELATING TO**
11 **IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AT THE SENSITIVE LOCATION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
13 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
14 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
15 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
16 enacted.