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# H. R. 4838

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia 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 “Establishing Responsi-  
5 bility for Illegals’ Crimes and Adding Deterrence and Ac-  
6 countability for Mayors’ Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025”  
7 or the “ERIC ADAMS Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MAYORS OF SANCTUARY**  
2 **CITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1112  
5 the following new section:

6 **SEC. 1112A. CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MAYORS OF SANC-**  
7 **TUARY CITIES.**

8 (1) OFFENSE.—A mayor of a sanctuary city  
9 shall be guilty of criminal negligence resulting in  
10 manslaughter if—

11 (A) an undocumented immigrant commits  
12 murder, as defined under applicable State or  
13 Federal law, within the jurisdiction of the sanc-  
14 tuary city; and

15 (B) the mayor knowingly adopted, main-  
16 tained, or failed to repeal a sanctuary policy  
17 that materially restricted cooperation with Fed-  
18 eral immigration enforcement, and such policy  
19 directly and foreseeably contributed to the fail-  
20 ure to detain or remove the undocumented im-  
21 migrant prior to the commission of the murder.

22 (2) PENALTY.—A mayor convicted under this  
23 section shall be subject to—

24 (A) imprisonment for not more than 7  
25 years, a fine under title 18, or both; and

1 (B) mandatory removal or disqualification  
2 from public office upon conviction.

3 (3) CAUSATION.—For the purposes of this sec-  
4 tion, a sanctuary policy shall be deemed to have “di-  
5 rectly and foreseeably contributed” if it created a  
6 substantial risk that an undocumented immigrant  
7 who committed murder could avoid detention or re-  
8 moval.

9 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

10 (a) The Attorney General shall have exclusive author-  
11 ity to investigate and prosecute offenses under this Act.

12 (b) The United States District Courts shall have  
13 original jurisdiction over any criminal proceeding arising  
14 under this Act.

15 (c) Federal courts shall have jurisdiction over cases  
16 brought under this Act.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 For the purposes of this Act:

19 (1) Sanctuary city means any political subdivi-  
20 sion of a State that, by law, ordinance, policy, or  
21 practice, prohibits or substantially restricts local law  
22 enforcement or municipal agencies from—

23 (A) cooperating with or providing informa-  
24 tion to Federal immigration enforcement au-  
25 thorities; or.

1 (B) complying with lawful detainer re-  
2 quests or administrative warrants issued by  
3 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

4 (2) Undocumented immigrant means any per-  
5 son who is present in the United States without law-  
6 ful immigration status as defined by 8 U.S.C. §  
7 1101 et seq.

8 (3) Mayor means the chief executive officer of  
9 a municipal government, whether elected or ap-  
10 pointed.

11 **SEC. 5. SEVERABILITY.**

12 (a) If any provision of this Act, or the application  
13 thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the  
14 remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision  
15 to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected  
16 thereby.

17 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 (a) This Act shall take effect 90 days after the date  
19 of its enactment.

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