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Senate Bill 977

**Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information
(Maryland Data Privacy Act)
House Judiciary Committee**

Position: SUPPORT

Federal immigration authorities have a history of abusing state-held databases containing personal information in order to help them target immigrants. After Maryland allowed undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses in 2013, ICE began using MVA data in this way. In 2021, the General Assembly passed the Driver Privacy Act over the governor's veto to shut down this tactic. However, many other agencies in Maryland maintain databases of personal information that can include immigrants, and those databases are still open to ICE scrutiny.

With the federal government on a mission to imprison and/or deport as many immigrants as possible, we must act to close this loophole in our data privacy. Senate Bill 977 would ban all Maryland state and local government agencies from sharing access to their databases of sensitive personal information, or information taken from those databases, with federal immigration authorities unless those authorities have a valid, signed judicial warrant, authorizing their access to private information.

Maryland Nonprofits urges you to give Senate Bill 977 a favorable report.



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