

House Bill 182 Explained

What is HB 182?

House Bill 182 is legislation that was passed during the first session of the 153rd General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Matt Meyer. It is designed to protect Delaware's law enforcement and civilian communities alike by ensuring that Delaware law enforcement is focused on protecting public safety and enforcing state law—not federal immigration law.

What does House Bill 182 do, specifically?

It prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from entering into agreements to exercise federal civil immigration authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act, also known as **287(g) agreements**. It also prohibits those agencies from detaining or housing individuals who are in custody of federal immigration authority for violating federal immigration law. That means that a state or local law enforcement agency cannot be forced to detain a person on behalf of federal law enforcement just because they have violated federal immigration law.

Which agencies are impacted by House Bill 182?

- State law enforcement, including Delaware State Police, Capitol Police, the Delaware Department of Justice, DNREC Police, the Delaware River & Bay Authority (DRBA) Police, the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE), and Probation & Parole officers for the Department of Correction and the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families
- County, city, and town police departments, including New Castle County Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Dover Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, and all other municipal police forces
- Campus police departments, including University of Delaware Police Department and Delaware State University Police Department
- The State Fire Marshal

Does House Bill 182 prohibit every interaction between Delaware law enforcement and federal law enforcement?

No, it does not. Delaware law enforcement must still comply with any valid court-issued warrants or orders and other requirements regarding disclosure of criminal history and record information under federal law.



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