**A Bill to Federally recognize sanctuary cities to protect asylum seekers.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States government shall recognize “Sanctuary cities” as places of refuge for asylum seekers to be sheltered from federal immigration policy enforcement while seeking asylum for up to 720 days after documented arrival.

**Section 2**. “Sanctuary Cities” are defined as any municipality that limits or denies its cooperation with the national government in enforcing immigration policy including but not limited to; sharing details about migrant’s statuses, place of residence, or country of origin.

**Section 3.** Enforcement of this bill shall be made by the United States Department of Homeland Security and be overseen by the United States Department of Justice.

1. Violations shall be treated as a violation of civil rights and punishable by up to $15,000 dollar fine per arrest made by the immigrations and customs enforcement agency or customs and border patrol agency.
2. These protections do not apply to those convicted of local, state, or federal felony crimes.
3. This bill does not allow for the creation of new sanctuary cities after 60 days following the passage of this legislation.
4. This bill appropriates an added $3 billion dollars to sanctuary city programs on top of the current appropriation of $27 billion dollars.
5. Migrants may apply for temporary extension of protections if their asylum process is delayed.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation is effective immediately and All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jarrett Kelley of Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies.*