

## 1: Employer Sanctions | Immigration Law | IRCA | I-9 | Goel & Anderson

*The employer sanctions provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of prohibits employers from hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee aliens known to be unauthorized to work in the United States. Violators of the law are subject to a series of civil fines for violations or criminal.*

Employer Sanctions December 7, These are the some of penalties established by the new immigration law: Hiring--Employers cannot legally hire illegal aliens after Nov. Employers also must comply with paper work requirements for all employees hired after that date. Necessary forms, however, are not yet available, and there will be no enforcement of this section of the law until June 1, For one year after that date, violators will receive a warning for the first offense. At a time that existing immigration laws are not being effectively enforced, an outside audit has found that the INS is not in compliance with federal law, and virtually all of the public sector voter registration, law enforcement, education, welfare, emergency services, public health, etc. Savage, Tribune Washington Bureau The Supreme Court is nearly ready to take up a challenge to a strict Arizona immigration law -- not the new measure that authorizes the police to arrest suspected illegal immigrants, but an earlier law that would punish employers who knowingly hire them. All the court needs now is for the Obama administration and its solicitor general, Elena Kagan, to weigh in. The case may provide a preview of the how the high court will rule eventually on the new law. And it could offer a glimpse of how Kagan -- a possible nominee for the Supreme Court -- views this contested subject. The vote gives a major boost to the drive to abolish employer sanctions and helps salve wounds that have developed in the relationship between the NAACP and Latino groups. The campaign is being spearheaded by Sen. During a November, , raid on the plant, Smyth and fellow Immigration and Naturalization Service investigators herded off 20 illegal alien workers so quickly that one of the owners, John Widera, later complained that his box-stamping machines were left running unattended. In written comments submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service last week and in interviews Monday, the coalition criticized various proposed regulations as unclear, difficult to comply with and unfair to the illegal immigrants who will apply for legal status beginning May 5. If we want to reduce illegal immigration, we must sanction the entire spectrum of illegal employers, from the multinational CEO who knowingly contracts with a supplier of undocumented janitors to the middle-class family that hires undocumented cleaners, gardeners and nannies. Supply-side solutions never work: As long as a demand exists, the supply will rise up to meet it. Employers demand cheap, disposable workers, and so the supply comes. The action by the three-judge panel of the U. In a brief order, the judges said that business and immigrant rights groups had not shown an adequate need for delaying enforcement of the law. After the measure went into effect Jan. After granting amnesty to the 2. To reward people who knowingly and willingly broke our laws to come here will only provide an even greater incentive for millions more to follow. The law provides penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens. Roybal D-Los Angeles said Wednesday that Latino groups do not like a plan for limited sanctions on employers of illegal aliens and that he will reintroduce a bill from last year that provides for no penalties against such employers. At the same time, he expressed disappointment that a trial proposal he had made to limit sanctions--which he termed a "conciliatory effort"--had failed to stimulate Sen.

### 2: Articles about Employer Sanctions - latimes

*The Basics of Employer Sanctions and Anti-Discrimination All employers regardless of size must verify the identity and employment eligibility of every employee, including U.S. citizens, hired after November 6, by use of INS "Form I-9".*

In passing the so-called "Employer sanctions" provisions into law, Congress reasoned that this system will encourage legal immigration to the U. With the enactment of the Immigration Act of , monetary civil penalties can be assessed by INS against an employer for failure to comply with these provisions, whether such failure is willful or negligent except for certain specific instances, as will be explained later. In other words, ignorance of the law is no defense. Subsection a 2 makes it unlawful for any person or entity, after hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing the alien is or has become an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment. The legislative history indicates that "a pattern or practice" of violations is to be given a commonsense rather than overly technical meaning, and must evidence regular, repeated and intentional activities, but does not include isolated, sporadic or accidental acts. In addition, 18 U. All employees, citizens and non citizens, hired after November 6, , must complete Section 1 of Form I-9 at the time of hire, which is the actual beginning of employment. The employer is responsible for ensuring that Section 1 is timely and properly completed. For the purpose of completing Form I-9 , the term "employee" includes those recruiters and referrers for a fee who are agricultural associations, agricultural employers, or farm labor contractors. Make sure that each I-9 is completed fully and within 3 days. Make sure that each employee completes Section One of the I-9 on his or her first day. By the third day, each new hire must provide acceptable documentation showing identity and employment eligibility, and the employer must complete Section Two of the I-9. Employers must complete Section 2 by examining evidence of identity and employment eligibility within three 3 business days of the date employment begins. If employees are authorized to work, but are unable to present the required document s within three business days, they must present a receipt for the application of the documents within three business days and the actual document s within ninety 90 days. However, if employers hire individuals for a duration of less than three business days, Section 2 must be completed at the time employment begins. Employers must sign and date the certification. Employees must present original documents. Employers may, but are not required to, photocopy the document s presented. These photocopies may only be used for the verification process and must be retained with the I-9. However, employers are still responsible for completing the I-9 Section 3 - Updating and Reverification. Employers must reverify employment eligibility of their employees on or before the expiration date recorded in Section 1. If an employee is rehired within three 3 years of the date this form was originally completed and the employee is still eligible to be employed on the same basis as previously indicated on this form updating , complete Block B and the signature block. Photocopying and Retaining Form I-9 A blank I-9 may be reproduced provided both sides are copied. The Instructions must be available to all employees completing this form. The regulations require employers to keep the original I-9s or a microfiche copy of them. As a safeguard, you may photocopy all documents presented by an employee in support of an I-9, as is permitted, but not required, by INS regulations. If a supporting document turns out to be fraudulent, the photocopy will establish that the employer examined the document and that it appeared to be genuine on its face. A photocopy shows the employer had no visual clues that the document was fake. Of course, you must examine original or certified documents when completing the I-9, not photocopies. In the event of a government inspection, employers are entitled to three days notice to produce their I-9 forms. In the case of an audit, this will make information retrieval easier and it will lessen the chance government agents will have to pore over confidential personnel information irrelevant to an I-9 audit. Congress has imposed additional civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with employment verification requirements and for fraudulent acts related to employment authorization documentation. Congress authorized the hiring of additional investigators for I-9 compliance. The Act also imposes additional civil penalties for preparing, filing or assisting knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that such application or document was falsely made in whole, or in part, does not relate to the person on whose behalf it was or is being submitted. Congress, however, has also provided

employers an opportunity to correct "technical or procedural" I-9 violations, on the condition that the deficiencies resulted from a "good faith" effort to comply with employment verification requirements. Commonly referred to as the Sonny Bono amendment, this provision provides that certain omissions or failures to adhere strictly to I-9 regulations by an employer will not result in an immediate fine, but rather the employer will be given notice of the "technical" violations and 10 days to cure the deficiencies. Under the new legislation, an employer who makes a good faith effort to satisfy the Form I-9 employment verification requirements is considered to have complied with the requirements "notwithstanding a technical or procedural failure" to meet one of the requirements. To demonstrate good faith compliance, an employer must voluntarily correct the failure, i. If the INS determines that the employer has engaged in a pattern or practice of knowingly hiring unauthorized aliens, that employer is barred from claiming good faith compliance under the IIRAIRA. The good faith compliance provisions apply to Forms I-9 completed on or after September 30, If an employer fails to complete a Form I-9 for an employee, the good faith provisions do not apply as to the missing Forms I A75 New York City. On September 28, a panel of the BIA Grant, Guendelsberger, Thomas; opinion by Guendelsberger held that falsely signing an I-9 does not bar one from showing good moral character for suspension of deportation and voluntary departure purposes. II denial of suspension reversed, granted.

### 3: Employer Sanctions in Europe | Center for Immigration Studies

*On January 1, , an employer sanctions law took affect in Arizona. Business owners face the nation's first state law that requires employers to verify the work documents of their new employees. The law says any business that knowingly hires a worker who is in the country illegally will have its business license suspended.*

On Apr 01 by Elise A. Employee Verification Procedures All employers in the United States have been required, since , to verify at the time they hire any person not just a foreign national that the person is authorized to be employed in the United States. This verification is completed when the new hire completes a Form I-9 and the employer reviews documentation presented by the new hire that establishes the identity and employment authorization of the new hire: Completion of Form I-9 Any individual hired must, at or prior to commencement of employment, sign a Form I-9 attesting that he or she is a citizen of the United States, a non-citizen national of the United States, [1] an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence or an alien who is authorized to be hired for such employment. Within three business days, the employee must present to the employer the required documents; and the employer must complete its portion of the Form I-9 verifying that it has examined the required documents. Document Examination Employers must examine either 1 a specified document establishing both employment authorization and identity, or 2 both a document evidencing employment authorization and a document establishing identity of the individual. During that time, the Form must be made available for inspection by officers of the Department of Labor or the Immigration and Naturalization Service upon three days advance notice. Updating Form I-9 If an I-9 Form reveals that an employee has temporary employment authorization, the employer has the responsibility to update the I-9 Form. The documents to be examined fall into two classes: Certain documents are considered to establish both, whereas other documents are considered to establish only one or the other. Employers should note that, under recent changes to the law effective April 3, , employees may only present valid, unexpired documents to evidence employment eligibility. Employees may no longer present an expired U. If the document does not contain expiration date, such as a Social Security card, it is considered unexpired. Documents Establishing Both Employment Authorization and Identity If one of these documents is presented, the employer should not check any further documentation. A foreign passport that: Contains an unexpired stamp that reads: Temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence. Documents Establishing Identity Only If an individual presents a document in this category, the individual must also present a document in C, below. If the employer participates in the E-Verify Program, they may only accept List B identity documents that bear a photograph. Documents Establishing Employment Eligibility Only If an individual produces a document in this category, he or she must also produce a document in B, above. Special Rules Employees who are presently authorized to work and who present an application receipt for any of the above documents are given 90 days to present the document itself. Individuals under age 18 are excused from producing a required identity document if they either: For example, if a document reasonably appears on its face to be genuine and relates to the employee, the employer can be subject to a discrimination charge if the employer asks the employee for further or different documents. On the other hand, if an employer accepts a document that does not reasonably appear to be genuine or does not relate to the employee in question, the employer can be subject to employer sanctions penalties. Employers should do the following: Do ask job applicants if they are authorized to work full time. Do make photocopies of documents and attach the copies to the I-9 form for every employee or for no employee. Do update the I-9 form if the original I-9 form reveals that the employment authorization of the employee was temporary. Do notify every job applicant that he or she will be required to produce I-9 documents at the time of hire. Do apply all procedures equally. Employers should not do any of the following: Do not specify which among the approved I-9 documents an employee must produce. Do not ask an employee for more than the required minimum number of approved documents. Do not include a question on an employment application that asks if a job applicant is a U. Do not ask a job applicant if he or she is authorized to work permanently certain of the classes protected against national origin and citizenship discrimination do not have permanent work authorization, such as refugees, asylees and conditional residents. Employer

Guidelines for Dealing With Government Employer Sanctions Inspections There are several general rules that an employer should follow when confronted with a request for inspection of records by the government: If you have questions regarding the information in this document, please contact any of the attorneys listed below.

## 4: Employer Sanctions Law and Legal Definition | USLegal, Inc.

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Often lost in the discussions were the basic reasons behind these laws and the importance of compliance for the well-being of our country and fairness to our workers – citizens and legally resident aliens alike. Unfortunately, the proliferation of false documentation and inadequate enforcement have undermined the effectiveness of sanctions. The number of illegal aliens entering the United States is approaching pre levels, as indicated by the number of apprehensions at the border – 1. Homecare – ranging from childcare to care of the elderly, ill and disabled, to cleaning and gardening – has continued to attract large numbers of illegal immigrants. These immigrants are able to compete for such jobs effectively because of the perception in the United States – however inaccurate – that limited skills are required. The prevailing poor wages and working conditions in homecare are a disincentive to potential American workers. It is a vicious circle: On the other hand, the reductions in legislation of visas available to unskilled workers from about 13, annually to 10,, together with increases in the number of applicants for these visas, caused an increase in the waiting period for persons to legalize their situation or to immigrate from a few years to an estimated 15 to 20 years. This limitation on entries and the lengthy waiting period for visas should serve as further markers that the United States does not need additional unskilled immigrants. Once here, the only hope illegal entrants have to normalize their precarious situation in the relatively near future is through a change in the law or a new legalization program. Meantime, the weakness of their negotiating position with employers and their willingness to accept poor pay and conditions further depress the job market. What is the solution to this situation in which citizens are often unwilling to work at the depressed wages and conditions offered for homecare, while illegal aliens continue to grow in number and are willing, even enthusiastic, to undertake this work? In effect, they would offer an opportunity to legalize homecare providers already here and open an avenue for the admission to others; the opportunity for fraud would be substantial. Critics of this proposal warn of the dangers of further weakening of our immigration rules, the exploitation of workers this encourages, and the displacement of unskilled citizens and legal residents who, with training, would take this work if offered more respectable wages and working conditions. They call for more effective enforcement of employer sanctions, encourage training for the unskilled, and urge that market forces be allowed to operate and raise wages and conditions for citizens and legally resident aliens. Such an inconclusive result could leave the illegal immigration issue virtually untouched and bring about only marginal, unsatisfactory changes in homecare regulations. The Administration seeks to raise the threshold for paying social security and unemployment compensation taxes. Employer Sanctions and Their Application to Household Help During the late s and early s the number of illegal immigrants crossing the border from Mexico into the United States grew at an alarming rate. Lacking firm statistics on these illicit entrances, the most relevant evidence supporting this conclusion was derived from the number of apprehensions at the border by the INS. That number climbed from , in to , in , 1. The Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy studied legal and illegal immigration from to early Its report in led to Congressional debates from to over a means to deal with illegal immigration. IRCA made it illegal for employers knowingly to hire aliens unauthorized to work in the United States. IRCA also provided for the legalization of aliens present without authorization in this country on January 1, By over 3 million persons had applied for legalization and 2. Initially, the threat of employer sanctions had a positive effect of discouraging illicit entries. Apprehensions dropped sharply to , in , but then they began to rise again, reaching 1. A major effect of the sanctions provisions was the proliferation of fraudulent documents required by IRCA to establish the right to work. There are 17 kinds of documents federal regulations recognize to establish work eligibility. The number of identity documents and the lack of safety features on them resulted in the production of fraudulent papers that have been generally sufficient to meet the needs of employers. Employers are required to examine, but not to verify, the documents they are shown. The Legal Requirements United States law provides that: The present legal requirements, outlined in

the accompanying box, break down to a series of steps. The employer and employee, whether American or foreign, both sign INS form I-9, verifying that the employee is an American or a lawfully admitted alien with permission to work and that documents presented by the employee establish his or her identity. States also require their own identification numbers. The employer is required to fill out a quarterly form covering the payment of social security and any unemployment compensation taxes for the period. Income tax withholding payments are also made quarterly if the wages of the employee are sufficient to require them. Or, in the case of household help, the employee may request withholding by the employer. At the end of the year, the W-2 form certifying wages paid and taxes withheld for each employee are provided to the IRS and to the employee. Some states also have unemployment compensation taxes, so it is necessary for the employer to verify the requirements of his or her state. While some complain of the complexity of this process and President Clinton has called for simplified procedures, the fact is that half a million households have complied with these social security and unemployment compensation tax procedures. Penalties The penalties for non-payment of social security and unemployment compensation taxes can be substantial, and the disclosure can come about without forewarning, sometimes years after the actual employment. For example, if an employee or former employee applies for social security at age 65, listing his or her former employments, the present or previous relationship and non-payment of tax could be disclosed. Or disclosure could occur when a former employee applies for unemployment compensation, and the employee and the government agency discover that appropriate taxes were not paid to provide for the payment of benefits. The penalties levied by the Social Security Administration can amount to a fine of up to percent of the social security tax due, the tax itself, and interest. Non-payment of federal withholding taxes and state taxes opens up the possibility of other penalties from the IRS and state authorities. Rationale for Employer Sanctions The IRCA and the Immigration Act of were passed to help gain control over our borders and to discourage the entry of hundreds of thousands of aliens ignoring our immigration laws and jumping visa lines in their own countries. Employer sanctions sought to close the labor market as a magnet for illicit entries. Congress also recognized in enacting the Act the difficulty of deterring illegal aliens only at the border. The effectiveness of controls at the frontier was limited by the length of the 2, mile border with Mexico, the openness of our society, the pressures causing persons to leave their homes and attracting them to our labor markets, and the limitations of the INS, which has been chronically understaffed and underfunded. Sanctions offered another check on illegal immigration “ at the place of employment, the primary objective of illegal aliens. There was debate in whether or not to exclude caregivers and household help from the provisions of the sanctions legislation. The initial argument that employers of four persons or less and households should not be burdened with compliance procedures was not accepted. Congress determined that the coverage of IRCA sanctions should be universal, and so the hire of illegal aliens for work in the home was also made unlawful. Household Help Among the jobs that have attracted unskilled, legal and illegal immigrants is employment in the home “ childcare, care of the elderly, the ill and the disabled, cleaning and gardening. While it can be argued effectively that childcare and care of the elderly and ill require special skills, experience and training, the fact of the matter is that, however shortsighted and unfair, our society undervalues these services and generally does not require such expertise. Persons are often hired for household work as if they were unskilled workers. This apparent depreciation of child and homecare skills and the availability of illegal aliens meeting the latter requirements have caused the conditions of work and pay in many of these jobs to be so low that many Americans, even unskilled persons without work, are not attracted to them. But foreigners “ new to the country, possibly illegal, probably lacking English skills and desperate for jobs “ have proven willing and prepared to do this work. They may well have had no more training than U. The prospects for legal entry to the U. The State Department estimated that prior to this Act, about 13, visas were available annually to unskilled workers who might seek this kind of work. The Act reduced the number to 10, The result of that reduction and large numbers of applicants is that instead of waiting for a few years for their number to be reached, applicants registering now can anticipate a wait of 15 to 20 years. Their only hope for a shorter wait in their precarious situation is for a change in the visa requirements or a new legalization program. Particularly affected were middle income employers who suddenly discovered that these laws apply to them. Compassion is misplaced, however, for employers, at

home or in a business, who are exploiting illegal immigrants by paying low wages, offering poor working conditions, and deliberately refusing to pay taxes that assure social security and unemployment coverage for their workers. Not affected by these legal requirements are low income families who must turn to affordable daycare services to enable them to make a living. They face separate problems unrelated to in-home services, which they cannot afford. Concern is owed to illegal immigrants who broke the law in coming to the United States but who once here have experienced exploitation and bad treatment. In a real sense they are the victims of the mixed signals coming from our country. Laws indicate that they are unwanted, but those laws are weak and poorly enforced, and employers often welcome these migrants for the cheap and compliant labor they provide in the home, business, industry and agriculture. As unfair as the conditions of employment may be, these jobs still serve as a magnet attracting others to this labor market. At the same time, we have to recognize that these illegal immigrants jumped the visa waiting line and entered or remained in the United States in violation of our laws. However exploited and unfortunate their situation may be and however motivated they may be to work, their claim to status in the United States is clouded by their manner of entry and by the unfair competition they represent to unskilled American citizens and legally resident aliens in the labor market. They remain in their tenuous situation albeit better off than they might be in their homelands hoping that the law will be relaxed, the waiting period will be reduced, or there may be another mass legalization to benefit them. When we are moved by compassion and the compelling individual situations experienced by illegal aliens, we need to remind ourselves that there are also compassionate and compelling circumstances of unskilled, poor Americans and legal aliens — minorities and Anglos alike. The job needs of the American underclass have long remained untended, while illegal aliens undercut job opportunities and depress wages. We have imposed upon ourselves a circular system. The depressed wages and conditions alienate the American underclass. This is sometimes expressed by resentment toward working under these conditions and in a negative attitude that potential employers reject. Employers often prefer the submissive and more cooperative comportment of aliens desperate for work and unlikely to question low wage levels. This vicious circle has to be broken, and a principal remedy needs to be the offer of better wages and conditions in a labor market for unskilled citizens and legal residents, one with a healthier balance between job-seekers and jobs. The idea was incorrectly implied that, in contrast, the rest of the nation was in dutiful compliance with the law. But the Baird case also exposed much wider disregard for the law. The evasion of employer sanctions in the home is widespread, and so is the failure to pay social security and unemployment compensation taxes. It soon came out that two million household workers were recorded by the Census, but the employers of only half a million were paying the obligatory social security taxes. Except for top-level appointees, the Executive Branch did not have to examine itself. Those who respected the law and hired American citizens and legally resident aliens and paid their taxes proved that homecare and childcare can be obtained legally and paid fairly. Proposed Solutions The debate over what to do about illegal aliens and household workers has proponents and interested parties that fall into a number of camps with different perspectives. Employment agencies dealing with care providers, frustrated over the difficulty of obtaining adequate numbers of trained or experienced Americans and legally resident aliens willing to do household work, sometimes call for admission of illegal aliens so that they can tap this source of cheap labor to fill the market demand. Nannies, who remain largely unorganized, unheard and concerned over the status of their work, lack recognition of their professionalism, and generally receive low wages and often experience poor working conditions. Immigration lawyers, minority advocacy groups and refugee sponsoring organizations call for a procedure to legalize alien homecare providers. A variety of employers increasingly turn to enterprises that provide these personal services on a contract basis so that the responsibility for dealing with the legal requirements is moved from the employer to the private contracting firm. Unskilled and unemployed citizen and legal resident workers generally have been ignored as to their views on the matter or whether they would be willing to provide homecare at a respectable wage. Essentially, there appear to be three possible outcomes at this point in the debate. There is a proposal by immigration lawyers, based in part on a Canadian program, that would legalize homecare providers. Immigration reform groups call for more strict enforcement of employer sanctions and the training of unskilled and unemployed citizens and legally resident alien workers to perform these tasks with higher levels of pay and better working

conditions. There is also the possibility of an inconclusive debate, with only marginal changes being made, such as raising the threshold for required social security and unemployment compensation taxes, and without resolving the core homecare and immigration issues.

### 5: Migration Amendment (Reform of Employer Sanctions) Act

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Excellent credentials, glowing references, a stellar job interview. Although foreign born, he graduated with honors from an outstanding U. Your company never had a second thought about hiring him until today. Today, immigration officers arrived at your office and asked to see documents proving that your new employee is authorized to work for you. How closely did you examine the documents that he presented to you, they ask. As investigators demand to review your personnel files and payroll records, you start to wonder about the possibility of large fines and even criminal prosecution. How could it be so wrong to hire the best person for the job? When Congress enacted the Immigration Reform and Control Act of IRCA , it placed employers in the schizophrenic role as both enforcers and targets of our immigration laws. At the same time, they may not discriminate against foreign-born job applicants or request that an applicant present a particular work-related document. Immigration bills now working their way through legislative committees would impose stricter sanctions on employers who hire unauthorized workers. This particular bill would add new INS agents to investigate alleged employer sanctions violations, and it would also decrease the number of documents that employers could accept to verify work authorization. The underlying strategy seems to be: Tighten the rules, throw the net wider, hit employers harder, and the pull of the employment magnet for illegal aliens will ultimately diminish. If a few employers get burned in the process, this is a small price to pay to rid the U. The revisiting of employer sanctions comes at a time when immigration has become a hot-button issue. The intersection of immigration law and election rhetoric does not bode well for employers, whose counsel are advised to familiarize themselves with these sections of the immigration laws if their business clients are to avoid its sanctions. Corporate counsel should be prepared for INS audits that may soon come their way. The most obvious way to run afoul of the law is to knowingly hire an unauthorized alien. Nearly ten years after the passage of IRCA, many employers erroneously assume that not knowingly hiring or continuing to employ illegal aliens is the full extent of their immigration obligations. This obligation applies to citizen and alien job applicants alike. The I-9 serves two functions: First, it allows employers to assist the INS in enforcing the immigration laws. Second, the I-9 may be used as evidence against an employer who fails to properly complete and store the forms, whether or not any of its employees are illegal aliens. To prevent this, section B of the Act provides that employers with more than three employees cannot engage in discrimination based upon nationality or citizenship status in hiring or discharging employees. The Immigration Act of added section C which makes it illegal to forge, counterfeit, or alter documents required to prove identity and employment eligibility. Although INS has made little use of criminal sanctions to enforce IRCA, the agency recently brought felony charges against the owner of a medical clinic in Los Angeles who allegedly had knowingly accepted phony green cards and social security cards for I-9 purposes. The burden is on the government to show that the employer knowingly hired or continued to employ an alien not authorized to work in the United States. Where large number of workers are involved, these fines can add up quickly. INS construes actual knowledge broadly. Actual knowledge is also deemed to include simple lapses in good judgment, such as when an employer accepts documents of questionable validity in support of form I-9 out of fear that challenging the documents would violate its duty not to discriminate. An employer is equally liable under the law even though it lacks actual knowledge that an employee is not authorized to work. In at least the first two of these three scenarios, it is easy for an employer to commit inadvertent errors errors that nonetheless incur penalties. Case law has roughly defined what is meant by actual or constructive knowledge. In Mester Manufacturing Co. The employer argued that mere oral representations even when made by the INS should not impute knowledge to the employer. Under this reasoning, employers have a duty to inquire further about the validity of the proffered documents, especially when the INS itself notifies them of potential violations. Sometimes, it is less than clear whether an employer possesses constructive knowledge. In Collins

Food International v. In this instance, the employer hired a worker based upon the representations of a friend, made no effort to verify the employment eligibility of the worker, and did not complete an I-9. Less serious, perhaps, but no less dangerous for the employer. Considering that a single I-9 may contain multiple violations and that an employer with a single illegal worker may have committed hundreds of paperwork violations, such fines may be potentially devastating. Apparently, it was largely paperwork violations which accounted for the bulk of the fine. However, employers have been fined hundreds of thousands of dollars for a few knowing violations accompanied by a large number of paperwork violations, even when most of the paperwork violations pertained to the employment of U. The employer must ask each employee to document his identity and his eligibility to work. The back of the I-9 lists 12 documents that may be used to establish identity List B, seven documents to establish employment eligibility List C and ten documents which establish both List A. The employer must physically examine each document presented by the employee to determine whether it appears to relate to the employee, appears to be genuine and is listed on the back of the I-9. However, the employer is not required to be a document expert. Section A 3 of the Act merely requires that an employer make a good faith determination that a document is valid. Employers must walk a very fine line in their examination of documents. An employer can only accept documents from the I-9 list, but may not specify which documents will be acceptable for employment verification. An employer who requests specific documents, such as a drivers license and a social security card, may be charged with document abuse and fined accordingly. An employer must refrain from overzealous scrutiny of documents. The rejection of a questionable document which later proves to be genuine may result in a violation of the anti-discrimination provisions of IRCA. Citizens and noncitizens must be treated identically in completing the I-9. After examination of the documents provided by the employee, the employer must complete section two of the I-9, specifying which document or documents an employee provided to show identity and employment eligibility, the issuing authority, document number and expiration date. Documents from List A establish both identity and employment eligibility. If an employee presents a document from List A, the employer should not request to see any documents from List B or C. However, if the employee does not present a document from List A, he must provide the employer with one document from List B and one from List C. List B documents, including drivers licenses and school identification cards, establish identity, but do not demonstrate employment authorization. Conversely, List C documents, such as social security cards, establish employment eligibility but do not prove identity. Section three of the I-9 should only be completed by employers who are updating and reverifying the employment authorization of an employee whose previous authorization has expired. For example, when an INS-issued work authorization card is scheduled to expire, the employer must examine a document from List A or List C, and complete section three of the I-9. The particular visa is of limited duration and may not be extended. Upon the expiration of the visa, the employer calls in the employee to reverify his employment authorization. The employee presents a social security card, a List C document. Does the employer, knowing that he has not sponsored the worker for an extension of his visa, have an obligation to question the employee further concerning his authorization to work? If he fails to do so, INS may have grounds to claim that he had constructive knowledge of the employees illegality. However, if he does question the employee, he is opening himself up to a discrimination or document abuse charge. After all, the employee may have obtained work authorization through an alternate means. The retention of the I-9 is an obligation that takes on profound importance in the event of a government inspection. INS regulations provide that employers must retain every I-9 in its original form or reproduced on microfiche. For large employers hiring hundreds or thousands of employees, the paperwork generated by the employment verification procedures can be quite voluminous; and, in the computer age, microfiche is the technological equivalent to the 8-track tape – bulky and obsolete. However, since INS regulations are inflexible on this issue, committing I-9s to CD imaging or utilizing other options made available by current technology could be a costly mistake. Instead, employers should establish a simple, sensible, and reliable office procedure for completion and retention of their I-9 forms. The Handbook contains the latest version of the I-9 form and walks the employer through the employment verification procedures. Make certain each I-9 is completed fully and timely. Employers should ensure that every new employee completes section one of the I-9 on his first day of employment. By the third

day of employment, each new hire must provide acceptable documentation showing his identity and employment eligibility, and the employer must complete section two of the I An employer who observes these two deadlines has already avoided the most common mistakes. Be mindful that the employer need not, and probably should not, examine these documents prior to the date of hire. As a safeguard, employers may want to go one step further and photocopy all documents presented by an employee in support of an I-9 as is permitted, but not required, by INS regulations. If a supporting document turns out to be fraudulent, the photocopy will establish that the employer examined the document and that it appeared to be genuine on its face. Photocopying the documentation may help to insulate an employer from sanctions liability. The employer must examine original or certified, rather than photocopied, documents in completing the I In New El Rey Sausage v. Furthermore, the employer should always make a photocopy of the original I-9 and its accompanying documents for its own personnel records, separate from the records it keeps in the event of an INS audit. Segregate I-9 forms from personnel files Employers should create a separate file for I-9s, apart from standard personnel files. Employers are frequently caught unprepared for I-9 audits, and often must scramble to compile the necessary records. Most employers would not care to have government investigators combing through their personnel files and thereby gaining access to confidential information irrelevant to the I-9 audit. In the event of government inspection, counsel should be aware that employers are entitled to three days notice to produce their I-9 forms. Keep plenty of spare I-9s on hand It may sound silly, but many employers simply do not stock an ample supply of blank I-9s in the workplace. An employer does not have much leeway when it comes to I-9s – they must be executed in a timely fashion.

### 6: Employer Sanctions Law - Anthem LawAnthem Law

*Employer Sanctions Browse: US Visa And Immigration's experienced immigration attorneys will prepare and file all the required documents for U.S. companies to avoid employer sanction penalties or to prepare the defense if sanction proceedings were brought against the employer.*

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of IIRIRA amended some of the provisions of IRCA by reducing the number of acceptable documents for completion of the Employment Eligibility Verification Form Form I-9 purposes, providing employers with the possibility of a good-faith defense against technical paperwork violations and providing some protection for employers who are part of multi-employer associations. This report summarizes the employer sanctions. This report will be updated as events warrant.

Unauthorized Employment of Aliens: IRCA also prohibits discrimination on the basis of citizenship status, sets penalties for document abuse and expands national origin discrimination. Employers and recruiters and referrers for a fee must examine documents and attest that they appear to be genuine and relate to the individual. If a document does not reasonably appear on its face to be genuine and to relate to the person presenting it, the employer may not accept it. The INA and applicable regulations provide for three categories of documents: An employer can terminate an employee who fails to produce the required documents, or a receipt for a replacement documents in the case of lost, stolen or destroyed documents, within three business days of the date employment begins. However, these practices must be applied uniformly to all employees. If an employee presents a receipt for a replacement document, he or she must produce the actual documents within 90 days of the date employment begins. An employer is liable under the INA for "knowingly" hiring unauthorized aliens, or for continuing to employ such aliens after learning that they are not authorized to work in the United States. The law defines an "unauthorized alien" as an alien who is not either a lawful permanent resident or an alien authorized for employment by the INS. Section A b 6 does not provide the employer with a good faith defense if it has engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of this law. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ICE is authorized to conduct investigations to determine whether employers have violated the prohibitions against knowingly employing unauthorized aliens and failing to properly complete, present or retain Forms I-9 for newly hired individuals. The complaint must contain specific information as to both the complainant and the potential violator and detailed factual allegations including the date, time and place of the alleged violations or conduct alleged to constitute a violation of the act. ICE may conduct an investigation for violations on its own initiative or as a result of having received a complaint. Forge, counterfeit, alter, or falsely make any document for the purpose of satisfying a requirement of the INA or to obtain a benefit under the INA; Use, attempt to use, possess, obtain, accept, or receive or to provide any forged, counterfeit, altered or falsely made document for the purpose of satisfying an INA requirement or to obtain a benefit under the INA; Prepare, file, or assist in preparing or filing an application for benefits or any document required under the act with knowledge or reckless disregard of the fact that such applications or document was falsely made. Civil penalties for such actions include fines of: For example, anyone who fails to disclose or who conceals or covers up the fact that he or she prepared for a fee an application which was falsely made shall be fined, imprisoned for up to five years, or both.

### 7: Employer Sanctions | Mayock

*Fines. Employers found to be in serious violation of IRCA's employer sanctions provisions are issued a "Notice of Intent to Fine" (NIF). If employers do not appeal the NIF within 30 days or if they lose their appeal, a "Final Order" is issued detailing their violations and the fines imposed.*

Introduction Faced with mounting illegal immigration, most major continental Western European countries adopted employer sanctions a decade ago. In their studies of the European experience, Mark J. Miller documents the European record for making sanctions work without discrimination; Lovell examines the successes and failures of European enforcement for its lessons for U. Reviewing the often misinterpreted European experience with sanctions, Miller finds that enforcement did in fact lag at the outset in France and the Federal Republic of Germany FRG because of poor interagency cooperation, insufficient enforcement personnel, mild penalties, and indifference among some public prosecutors and judges, leaving some outside observers to conclude that sanctions had failed. But the French and Germans began toughening enforcement and penalties in the early s, boosting fines and tightening coordination among enforcement agencies and police. France deployed more labor inspectors and set up new regional enforcement machinery. To counter poor public understanding and bureaucratic and judicial indifference, European governments publicized the abuses of illegal alien employment and reaffirmed enforcement priorities. They stressed exemplary action against notorious violators as an incentive for voluntary compliance and devised new tactics for employers who hid behind dummy fronts or subcontractors. With these measures, Miller finds citations and fines rose sharply and voluntary compliance improved. General Accounting Office that sanctions were deterring illegal immigration. Miller concludes that sanctions in France caused no increase in job discrimination against persons of North African Arab origin, the ethnic group most analogous to U. Rather, most Europeans regard sanctions as necessary to combat the discrimination inherent in the exploitation of illegal aliens and to ease the integration of legal immigrants. Lovell sees the United States as more endowed than Europe with a tradition of voluntary compliance among employers who, with proper leadership, will come to accept employer sanctions as a good business practice. The Department of Labor must play a critical enforcement role as its counterparts in Europe have. Success will demand that Labor increase significantly its wage and hour compliance staff and involve in the effort other Department of Labor activities that are in close touch with the workplace. Similarly, the United States must tap the information and enforcement potential of such agencies as Social Security and Internal Revenue, as well as state and local labor standards and law enforcement agencies. The European experience with employers confirms the obvious: Their interest in clear and less burdensome identification and paperwork procedures and inconsistency of enforcement must be respected. Uneven enforcement among regions or industries could distort business competition and alienate employers. INS must have the full additional funding and personnel directed by Congress, now and in the future, with more of the cost of enforcement recovered through more realistic fees for services or through steeper fines and forfeitures. There must be sustained, high level support for the effort in Congress and the executive branch, particularly as enforcement successes begin to pinch special interests reliant on illegal foreign labor. Fines and penalties must have regular reevaluations to see that they are not too mild to deter, as they were initially in Europe. Some European employers showed remarkable adaptiveness in hiding behind subcontracting or dummy fronts. Another likely tactic for some employers is to shift the costs of possible penalties to their illegal alien workers. Reliable and secure identification is a major enforcement advantage for the Europeans, who have shown that it is not inconsistent with democratic values. For the United States, secure identification would be the single most important step toward effective enforcement, while relieving employers of the burdens of demoralizing uncertainties, threats of discrimination charges, and heavy paperwork. Lovell finds that the prospect of heavy legal immigration and amnesty for up to 3. Lovell joins Miller in finding that neither in Europe nor in the United States are employer sanctions a cure-all for the complex problem of illegal immigration: For Lovell, high among those policies are more efficient use of the U. He concludes that employer sanctions, rather than a burden, can support the U. He has traveled and studied widely in Western Europe and has written extensively

on European labor, migration, and nationality concerns. Miller is co-editor of the book, *The Unavoidable Issue: Immigration Policy in the s*, published in . The wisdom of imposing employer sanctions was hotly debated in the United States during the decade and a half that Congress considered the immigration reforms finally enacted in October . This situation contrasts sharply with continental Europe where employer sanctions were adopted with little or no public debate and a broad consensus in favor of the concept exists. In the United States, critics have warned that employer sanctions would lead to additional employment discrimination against Hispanics. Fear of employer sanctions possibly leading to additional discrimination against immigrants and minorities was a factor in the British decision not to adopt them. And there have been concerns expressed in other European countries with significant minority populations comparable to Hispanics in the United States. In the single most illuminating case, however, employer sanctions in France do not appear to have resulted in additional discrimination against the French citizenry and legally-resident alien population of North African background. In marked contrast to the American and, to a much lesser extent, the British situation, employer sanctions are widely understood in continental Europe to be a means of preventing the discrimination inherent in the exploitation of illegal immigrants by wayward employers. The possible discrimination-engendering effects of employer sanctions simply have not been an issue in France and other continental European countries with which the author is familiar. The transatlantic contrast in perceptions seemed sharpest when all major Democratic candidates for the U. Presidency in declared their opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli legislation on the ground that the legislation, and in particular employer sanctions, would lead to additional discrimination against Hispanics. At roughly the same time, the Socialist government in France was announcing steps to enhance enforcement of various laws intended to curb illegal immigration. Several continental European states have had employer sanctions for a decade now, most notably France and the FRG. This time span permits tentative analysis of possible repercussions of employer sanctions and of their effectiveness in curbing illegal immigration. Stronger Enforcement Since In , the French government set up a "judicial mission" to coordinate the actions of public authorities aimed at suppressing illegal immigration and employment. In July , a law went into effect that reinforced penalties against individuals who aided illegal immigration and created an administrative penalty for employers of irregular-status migrants, requiring them to pay to ONI, the French immigration agency, a sum equivalent to five hundred times the minimum hourly wage for each worker illegally employed. For many years, actual collection of the administrative fee was haphazard as complaints against employers were not communicated properly to the ONI and many offenders were not located. Enforcement of the fee, however, has improved in recent years. According to the first annual report of the Interministerial Liaison Mission, the government chose to emphasize control over the employment of aliens more than other possible solutions to illegal migration and employment because limiting the entry of aliens into France was impractical. Employer sanctions are only part of an impressive legal arsenal that has built up. An overview of overall legal enforcement since as measured by legal complaints proces-verbaux made by various enforcement agencies reveals a upsurge in enforcement followed by a decline, precipitous in , , and , prior to a dramatic resurgence in and . The upsurge in enforcement since mainly can be attributed to the police and labor inspectors. The number of infractions by employers against section L of the Labor Code, which specifically penalizes employers for hiring irregular status aliens, in and amounted to 1, and 2, respectively. The annual report for the year by the Interministerial Liaison Mission summarized the first four years of enforcement of the law reinforcing employer sanctions as follows: After four years of functioning, it is necessary to recognize that the objective was not totally attained and that irregular-status alien employment remains an important problem both with regard to the employment situation and on the social and human level of those workers themselves. On the other hand, it is difficult to evaluate the number of clandestine foreign workers and thus to know whether it is more important in than it was in . A number of "exceptional" collective legalizations occurred during this period particularly in the spring of when some four thousand Parisian garment industry workers, primarily Turks, were granted legal status. Many employers adapted to employer sanctions by masking their activities. There also was a dearth of specialized agents, particularly labor inspectors, to enforce the laws. Many labor inspectors were uncomfortable with employer sanctions and other laws aimed against illegal migrant residency and employment. In , only a little more than

one percent of the total legal complaints filed by labor inspectors concerned infractions pertinent to foreign labor. Employer sanctions simply were not enforced in many areas in southern France and judges often did not punish offending employers. Employer sanctions had only been in existence for a few years and one would normally expect quite a number of initial coordination and implementation problems. The Socialist victories in the presidential and legislative elections would have important effects upon enforcement. Initial German Enforcement Problems Similar barriers to more effective enforcement of employer sanctions were also apparent in the German context by As in France, there is a panoply of German laws concerning illegal immigration and employment. A large number of employers of irregular-status aliens receive warnings only. Prosecution is focused on employers who repeatedly flout the law and who most exploit aliens. Enforcement of employer sanctions is limited to specific individuals, as firms cannot be prosecuted. By , the estimated number of irregular-status migrants in the FRG ranged from , to , about the same size as the estimated irregular-alien population in France at the time. Employers of illegal aliens often realized huge profits, particularly in the construction industry, as much of the work was off the books Schwarzarbeit , and therefore employers would not pay high German payroll taxes. They simply made so much illegally that the employer sanction fine was derisory. Poor coordination and communication among various agencies dealing with illegal alien employment hampered follow-up prosecution for violation of social security laws. Prohibitions against the sharing of information between various agencies also hampered enforcement. The official in charge of enforcement of employer sanctions in the German Federal Ministry for Work and Social Order requested authorization to hire three hundred additional inspectors in Stricter French and German Laws In , both the French and the German governments passed new laws reinforcing employer sanctions. To improve coordination among various agencies and levels of government, the Federal Labor Office established a network of 25 priority offices for combating illegal employment. In the FRG, the agencies involved are authorized to coordinate enforcement of law against employment in the underground economy in general. For repeat offenders, the prison term could reach two years and the fine 40, francs. Separate fines could be imposed for each individual alien involved. The legalization period took longer than expected as additional categories of aliens, such as seasonal workers, were permitted to apply. Hence, the marked drop in enforcement of employer sanctions in is a direct consequence of French legalization policy. Enforcement of employer sanctions did not resume in France until well into Still later, on August 31, , the French government adopted a series of measures proposed by the Interministerial Liaison Mission which simultaneously aimed at reinforcing the effort to curb illegal alien residency and employment while promoting the integration or "insertion" of legally resident alien communities in France. It is important to stress the linkage made by the French government between curbing illegal alien employment and residency, on one hand, and the integration of resident alien communities on the other, as it closely resembles the rationale behind the immigration control legislation in the United States. Illegal alien immigration and employment is recognized as jeopardizing the status of legally resident aliens. This linkage was made explicit in the annual report of the Interministerial Liaison Mission. Stopping clandestine immigration, combating employers of irregular-status aliens, and controlling migratory flows effectively constitute a priority objective for the French government. Failure in this case would put in doubt the insertion of legally resident alien communities in France. As of January 1, , the administrative fee was 26, francs. The number of specialized labor inspectors was authorized to increase to Police forces were also authorized to assign higher priority to immigration law enforcement, particularly in areas of the South with large concentrations of illegal immigrants. Prosecutors were also asked to "rigorously apply" the text of the laws concerning penalties. In France, an "encouraging balance sheet" The end of legalization in France combined with the measures taken in and , have resulted in a marked increase in enforcement of laws against illegal immigration and employment as measured by legal complaints communicated to the Interministerial Liaison committee. The total of 2, proces verbaux communicated to the Mission in was the highest ever. The number of proces verbaux for infraction of the Labor Code provision which prohibits employment of irregular-status aliens, rose from in to in The record number of 2, total proces verbaux had already been surpassed by mid as some 2,egal complaints had been communicated to the Mission by March of

### 8: Employer Sanctions Legislation - vSure - Visa Checks Made Easy

*The employer sanctions provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of prohibits employers from hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee aliens known to be unauthorized to work in the United States.*

Employer Sanctions March The greatest incentive for illegal aliens to come to the United States is to find work. If there are no employers willing to hire them, then the flood of illegal aliens will subside. The Immigration and Reform Act outlawed hiring illegal alien workers, although common practice has proven that measure ineffective for two reasons: Historically, immigration law enforcement has been the exclusive province of federal law enforcement, but states are increasingly joining with the federal government in that effort and enacting legislation to punish employers for hiring violations. On January 1, , an employer sanctions law took effect in Arizona. The law says any business that knowingly hires a worker who is in the country illegally will have its business license suspended. That is different from the federal penalties of fines and possible criminal prosecution that have been infrequently imposed for similar offenses. The information below is taken from news sources. Each party in the report either confessed or was convicted of knowingly hiring illegal aliens. These cases are listed to illustrate the widespread abuse and increased prosecution of companies employing illegal aliens towards the end of the Bush Administration. Prosecutions that have continued in the Obama Administration are largely the culmination of investigations begun before the change in administration. It agreed to discharge those workers. An audit a year later found that the company had rehired 14 of those workers using assumed new names. The Company accepted a deal in exchange for no criminal charges against the employer. Cheung operated Asian food restaurants. Previously, eight other Asian food operators were similarly found to employ illegal worker in State College. Cheung could be sentenced to 30 years in prison, but as a result of his plea, is more likely to be sentenced to months. The company was fined one million dollars and put on probation for four years. A condition of the plea agreement is that the company enrolls in the E-Verify program. That person was sentenced to probation as a result of cooperating in the prosecution of the company. The State, consulted Feb. The brothers were put on probation for one year and ordered to forfeit the house in which they had harbored the illegal workers. This was said to be one of the largest fines ever to an agricultural employer. In an audit in , Broetje was notified by ICE following a audit that it had a suspected 1, illegal aliens on the payroll. The firm actively lobbied Congress for adoption of an amnesty for illegal aliens so that it would be able to retain its illegal alien agricultural workers. He pled guilty to committing wire fraud and concealing and harboring immigrants. He provided fake Social Security numbers to his employees by stealing them from minors and deceased persons. Also charged with the fraud were his wife and two brothers. His sentencing followed the sentencing of his wife to 21 months imprisonment. They both had pled guilty to "conspiracy to harbor undocumented aliens for financial gain. His North Carolina operation obtained visas under false pretensions and made the foreign workers available to other firms. So far 11 of 14 worksite managers have pled guilty. Seven have testified that they were ordered to rehire workers who had been fired after an investigation established that they had used false documents to get the job. Department of Justice said. IBM had placed certain online job postings for application and software developers that contained citizenship status preferences for F-1 and H-1B temporary visa holders, the Justice Department said in a notification posted on its website late on Friday. The Justice Department said the job ads violated the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act INA , which states employers may not discriminate on the basis of citizenship status "unless required to comply with law, regulation, executive order or government contract. He was sentenced to one year in prison and faces deportation upon release. The investigation found that five of the six managers at the restaurants as well as many other employees were illegal aliens. As part of the agreement, the firm has enrolled in the E-Verify program. After an ICE audit found more than 90 workers had false work documents the company fired them. However, the company was found to have rehired many of the same workers off-the-book and paying them in cash. He was sentenced to 41 months in prison and she was sentenced to five years probation. Between and the chain employed more than illegal immigrants. Contra Cost Times, April 26, The case against Hardt and seven

other defendants was brought in. Five others besides Hardt have pled guilty. He was sentenced to six months under house arrest. The company pled guilty to conspiracy on Feb. In neither case were criminal charges filed. Advanced Containment System Inc. The other company, Champion Window, agreed to the fine after of its workers were found to be illegal aliens. McArthur was not charged. He had been doing so since even though he was fined by the INS in the s for employing illegal aliens. Gutierrez Tapia, the foreman in charge of stucco crews for the company, pled guilty to knowingly hiring at least 10 undocumented immigrants and was sentenced to two months in prison and three years of supervised release. He could be sentenced to as much as six months in prison. The manager, Richard Kauffmann, could be sentenced to prison for up to five years. Zuniga faces up to 15 years in prison. The fine against the company but not individuals suggests that the fine resulted from a paperwork audit of employment practices rather than for knowingly hiring illegal alien workers. He also admitted to paying those workers less than the minimum wage. He and ten of his restaurant managers were arrested in. To date 6 of the managers have been convicted, and trials are pending for the other 4. Randy Weitzel pled guilty on June 3. Two others convicted at the same time were Woody Brodtmann Jr. Proof submitted in the trial included the fact that in Weitzel allegedly stopped paying a worker under one name and began paying him under another name. They had been notified by the government that some employees were illegal aliens but ignored the warning. The case dates from when the illegal aliens were detained by immigration authorities. He was also convicted of obstruction of justice. USCIS investigators were told by the owner in that illegal alien workers found at the plant during an earlier audit were no longer employed when in fact they were still on the payroll. He faces a maximum prison term of 5 years on the falsifying charge and 6 months on the hiring charge. She obtained fake IDs for some of her employees. She also pled guilty to false Medicaid statements. He told the federal judge that thought it was just a civil violation that he employed the worker, who he knew was illegally present. The illegal employment came to light because the alien, who had previously been deported, murdered a Houston police officer following his arrest. Houston Chronicle, May 10, Columbus Dispatch, April 16, One of the illegal aliens was his sister. The Great Falls Tribune, March 16, The shop is required to suspend operations for two days for a first offense. The penalty arose after federal immigration authorities found that the owner had re-employed an illegal alien worker after firing the worker when informed by the federal authorities the worker was illegal. The Arizona Republic, March 10, He faces a sentence of at least one year in prison. Ornelas had been involved in a previous case a decade earlier of hiring illegal alien workers. In a raid of the restaurants, 64 illegal aliens were detained, and about 55 have already been deported. Associated Press, February 12, Main navigation.

### 9: Employer Sanctions | Federation for American Immigration Reform

*The Employer Sanctions Legislation puts the onus on businesses to thoroughly check the work rights of employees. Strict liability applies, meaning that employers may face fines even if they do not know that they have staff working illegally.*

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