

House File 2397 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to actions of United States immigration and
2 customs enforcement.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **27A.12 Release and return of**
2 **citizens.**

3 The governor shall, in cooperation with the attorney general,
4 take all steps necessary to secure the return of all citizens
5 of the United States who are residents of this state and who
6 have been unlawfully deported, and to secure the release of all
7 citizens of the United States who are residents of this state and
8 who have been unlawfully detained, by United States immigration
9 and customs enforcement.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **27A.13 Civil action authorized —**
11 **damages.**

12 A person may bring a civil action in this state against United
13 States immigration and customs enforcement for damages arising
14 from injuries and violations of human rights arising from the
15 actions of the agency in this state.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the actions of U.S. immigration and
20 customs enforcement. The bill requires the governor, in
21 cooperation with the attorney general, to take all steps
22 necessary to secure the return and release, respectively, of
23 U.S. citizens who are residents of Iowa and who have been
24 unlawfully deported or detained. The bill allows a person
25 to bring a civil action against U.S. immigration and customs
26 enforcement for damages arising from injuries and violations of
27 human rights arising from the actions of the agency.