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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 577, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to immigration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 577, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 577.900, to read as follows:

**577.900. 1. If verification of the nationality or lawful immigration status of any
2 person who is charged with a crime and confined to jail for any period of time cannot be
3 made from documents in the possession of the prisoner or after a reasonable effort on the
4 part of law enforcement officials to determine the nationality or immigration status of the
5 person so confined, verification shall be made within forty-eight hours through a query to
6 the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) of the United States Department of
7 Homeland Security or other office or agency designated for that purpose by the United
8 States Department of Homeland Security. If it is determined that the prisoner is in the
9 United States unlawfully, the law enforcement agency shall notify the United States
10 Department of Homeland Security.**

**11 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny a person bond or prevent a
12 person from being released from confinement if such person is otherwise eligible for
13 release.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 **3. The department of public safety shall prepare and issue guidelines and**
15 **procedures for compliance with the provisions of this section.**

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