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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act supporting and honoring Immigration and Customs Enforcement lawful detainments (SHIELD Act).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act supporting and honoring Immigration and Customs Enforcement lawful detentions (SHIELD Act).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 20R the following section:-

3 Section 20S: Honoring Federal Immigration Detainers Issued by the United States  
4 Immigration and Customs Enforcement

5 Section 20S. (a) For purposes of this section, the term “law enforcement agency” shall  
6 include but not be limited to any state, municipal, college or university police department,  
7 sheriff’s department, correctional facility, prosecutorial office, court, probation office, or any  
8 other non-federal entity in the commonwealth charged with the enforcement of laws or the  
9 custody of detained persons. Upon receipt of a written request from the United States  
10 Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of an individual on the grounds that  
11 there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien, law enforcement agencies shall

12 comply with the terms of any detainer request received under any of the following  
13 circumstances:

14 (i) The individual has been convicted or charged with an aggravated felony offense as  
15 defined in 8 USC § 1101(a)(43), including but not limited to, murder, rape, sexual abuse of a  
16 minor, illicit drug trafficking, and illicit firearms trafficking.

17 (ii) The individual has been convicted or charged with a violent crime as defined in 18  
18 USC § 16.

19 (iii) The individual has been convicted or charged with a criminal street gang offense as  
20 defined in 18 USC § 521.

21 (iv) The individual has been convicted or charged with a terrorism offense as defined in  
22 18 USC Chapter 113B.

23 (b) Any law enforcement agency employee shall comply with a United States  
24 Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention request if said employee determines that the  
25 alien poses a threat to public safety, or other compelling argument supporting the alien's  
26 detention.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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