

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 850

To amend certain provisions of law concerning communications between Government agencies and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 1997

Mr. RANGEL (for himself and Mr. GILMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend certain provisions of law concerning communications between Government agencies and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS BE-**  
4 **TWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE**  
5 **IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERV-**  
6 **ICE.**

7 (a) PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPOR-  
8 TUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996.—Section 434 of  
9 the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Rec-  
10 onciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1644) is repealed.

1           (b) ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMMIGRANT  
2 RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1996.—Section 642 of the Ille-  
3 gal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility  
4 Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–208) is amended—

5           (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and in-  
6 serting the following new subsection:

7           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
8 vision of law, a Federal, State, or local government entity  
9 or official may not prohibit any government entity or offi-  
10 cial from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration  
11 and Naturalization Service any information regarding the  
12 immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual  
13 who has been convicted of a crime under Federal, State,  
14 or local law.”; and

15           (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
16 section (b).

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