

## Welcome and Accompany Immigrants and Refugees

### Missouri Illegal Alien Certified Bounty Hunter Program

**Original Bill:** [SB480](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. David Gregory (R)

**Description:** Creates criminal procedure provisions regarding the offense of trespass by an illegal alien. Legislation only goes into effect if SB 72 passes.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Bill details some aspects of the Offense of Trespass by an Illegal Alien as created in SB 72. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/27/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

**Original Bill:** [SB72](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. David Gregory (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of trespass by an illegal alien, which would make any undocumented immigrant who is apprehended by a bounty hunter or peace officer guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment without eligibility for probation or parole. The bill also implements the "Missouri Illegal Alien Certified Bounty Hunter Program", which would certify applicants to be bounty hunters for the purpose of finding and detaining illegal aliens in the state. Additionally, the bill mandates an information system for people to report illegal aliens (toll-free telephone hotline, email, and online portal), rewarding them with \$1,000 for every person who is arrested.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Bill would incentivize citizens to potentially profile and report immigrants to authorities. Also subjects an individual to life in prison for merely being undocumented in the state. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/27/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

### Modifies Fees/Expenses for Interpreter or Translator

**Original Bill:** [HB182](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Cameron Parker (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to fees and expenses for an interpreter or translator in certain proceedings.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Currently, translator's fees and expenses in a criminal case are paid by the state. This bill allows such fees and expenses in any civil, juvenile, or criminal proceeding to be paid by the State so that individuals understand their rights. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 04/08/2025 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

### Offense of Concealment or Inducement of an Illegal Alien

**Original Bill:** [SB114](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of concealment or inducement of an illegal alien.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This type of bill has also been used to attack charities that provide food and shelter to migrants in other states. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/23/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

### Offense of Trespass/Improper Entry by an Alien

**Original Bill:** [HB540](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Richard West (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of trespass by an illegal alien.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. This bill is overly punitive. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/16/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

**Original Bill:** [SB137](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of improper entry by an alien.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/23/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

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**Original Bill:** [SB282](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Ben Brown (R)

**Description:** Creates the offense of improper entry by an alien.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

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**Original Bill:** [SB58](#)      **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 58      **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Carter (R)

**Description:** Creates the offenses of "improper entry by an alien" and "aggravated illegal presence".

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The Church acknowledges that countries have the right to regulate their borders and to control immigration, however, they must do so with justice and mercy. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/10/2025 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

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