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TO: Bail Fugitive Recovery Agents, Bail Agents, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara

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RE: New Law Imposes New Requirements for Law Enforcement Agencies and Bail Fugitive Recovery Agents

On September 20, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 805](#) (Pérez and Wiener, Chapter 126, Statutes of 2025) known as the “No Vigilantes Act.” This law takes effect immediately.

I publicly supported SB 805 in the legislative deliberation process, noting this law is another step towards protecting vulnerable immigrant populations and Californians, especially during these extraordinary times under the federal Trump Administration, in addition to continuing to reform our state’s bail system. California has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of all people within its borders, regardless of immigration status. This new law ensures that California bail fugitive recovery agents licensed by my Department shall not use their positions for immigration enforcement purposes.

As enacted by SB 805, the new California Government Code section 7288, subsection (a) provides:

“By January 1, 2026, a law enforcement agency operating in California shall maintain and publicly post a written policy on the visible identification of sworn personnel. The policy shall include, at minimum, the following:

- (1) A purpose statement affirming the agency’s commitment to both of the following:
 - (A) Transparency, accountability, and public trust.

- (B) Restricting situations in which sworn personnel do not visibly display identification to specific, clearly defined, and limited circumstances.
- (2) A requirement that all sworn personnel visibly display identification that includes their agency and either a name or badge number, or both name and badge number, when performing enforcement duties.”

As further enacted by SB 805, California Penal Code section 1299.07, subsections (f) and (g) added new prohibitions in regards to bail fugitive recovery agents. As a result, bail fugitive recovery agents shall not:

“ . . . use that position for the purposes of immigration enforcement, except pursuant to a valid judicial warrant or court order.

. . . disclose or provide in writing, verbally, or in any other manner, personally identifiable information of any bail fugitive that is requested for purposes of immigration enforcement, except pursuant to a valid judicial warrant or court order.”

New Penal Code section 1299.7, subsection (h) was added to define “immigration enforcement” as:

“ . . . any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration law, and also includes any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal criminal immigration law that penalizes a person’s presence in, entry or reentry to, or employment in, the United States.”

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