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By Senators Kline, Prentice, Franklin, Fairley, McAuliffe, Shin and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to the immigration status of crime victims,
2 witnesses, and others seeking assistance from law enforcement
3 personnel; and adding a new section to chapter 10.97 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.97 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 General or limited authority Washington peace officers or specially
8 commissioned Washington peace officers, and general or limited
9 authority Washington law enforcement agencies, as defined in RCW
10 10.93.020, shall not inquire about the immigration status of crime
11 victims, witnesses, or others who call or approach these officers or
12 agencies seeking assistance. Officers or agencies who provide public
13 safety services shall not request specific documents for the sole
14 purpose of determining an individual's immigration status. However, if
15 voluntarily offered by an individual in response to a general request
16 for identification, it is permissible to rely on immigration documents
17 for the purpose of establishing the individual's identity.

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