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To prohibit State and local law enforcement officers from arresting foreign nationals within the United States solely on the basis of an indictment, warrant, or request issued by the International Criminal Court, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sovereign Enforcement
5 Integrity Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The United States is not a party to the
2 Rome Statute establishing the International Crimi-
3 nal Court (commonly known as the “ICC”).

4 (2) The Constitution of the United States pro-
5 vides the Federal Government with exclusive author-
6 ity over foreign relations and the treatment of for-
7 eign nationals within the territory of the United
8 States.

9 (3) The arrest or detention of foreign nationals
10 on United States soil pursuant to an ICC request or
11 indictment, absent Federal authorization, could jeop-
12 ardize the foreign policy interests of the United
13 States and conflict with longstanding constitutional
14 principles.

15 (4) Law enforcement activities implicating
16 international law enforcement obligations must be
17 governed by uniform national standards.

18 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to prohibit
19 State and local law enforcement officers from executing,
20 honoring, or enforcing any request, warrant, or indictment
21 issued by the International Criminal Court unless ex-
22 pressly authorized by Federal law.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON STATE OR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT**
2 **OF ICC ACTIONS.**

3 (a) GENERAL RULE.—No officer, employee, or agent
4 of a State, a territory, or the District of Columbia, or any
5 political subdivision thereof, may—

6 (1) arrest, detain, or otherwise deprive a for-
7 eign national of liberty based solely on a warrant, in-
8 dictment, summons, or other process issued by the
9 International Criminal Court;

10 (2) cooperate with, or provide assistance to, the
11 International Criminal Court in effectuating such an
12 arrest or detention; or

13 (3) use any funds, facilities, personnel, or
14 equipment to carry out any action described in para-
15 graph (1) or (2).

16 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibitions in subsection (a)
17 shall not apply if—

18 (1) Congress enacts legislation expressly au-
19 thorizing cooperation with the International Crimi-
20 nal Court in a specific case; or

21 (2) the President certifies to Congress that
22 such cooperation is essential to a declared national
23 security interest and issues a specific written author-
24 ization.

1 **SEC. 4. PREEMPTION.**

2 This Act supersedes any State or local law, policy,
3 or regulation that permits, requires, or authorizes any ac-
4 tion inconsistent with this Act.

5 **SEC. 5. SEVERABILITY.**

6 If any provision of this Act, or the application of a
7 provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be un-
8 constitutional, the remainder of the Act and the applica-
9 tion of the provisions to any other person or circumstance
10 shall not be affected.