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## Florida Christians Raise Concerns about Bill Criminalizing the Transportation of Undocumented Immigrants

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Many Christians in Florida worry that they could soon find themselves charged with a crime for participating in outreach events involving the transportation of congregants. A bill being considered in the Florida Senate would make it a third-degree felony for a driver to transport anyone they know or "reasonably should know" is not in the country legally. Senate Bill 1718, which has passed a committee vote and is now winding its way through the legislative process, includes multiple provisions targeting individuals who cannot "provide proof of lawful presence in the United States." The bill would increase fines for employers who hire such individuals, require hospitals to "collect patient immigration status data information," and crack down on "human smuggling," making it a third-degree felony for "anyone who helps bring or attempt to bring a noncitizen into the U.S. at some non-designated place without inspection by a U.S. official at a border, port, or other point of entry."

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