

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 775

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO REFUGEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-2359, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR NOTIFICA-
3 TION TO CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN IDAHO, TO PROVIDE
4 REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH NOTIFICATION, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTIFICATION OF
5 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND
6 TO DEFINE TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 23, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
11 ignated as Section 67-2359, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 67-2359. NOTIFICATION OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT. (1) A nongovernmental
13 organization (NGO) assisting in the resettlement of refugees in Idaho shall,
14 on a quarterly basis as provided in subsection (2) (a) of this section, notify
15 the following of each refugee resettlement in Idaho that occurred during the
16 calendar quarter for which such notification is made:

- 17 (a) The governor;
18 (b) The director of the department of labor;
19 (c) The director of the department of health and welfare;
20 (d) The board of county commissioners of each county in which refugees
21 were resettled; and
22 (e) The mayor of each city in which refugees were resettled.
23 (2) The notification required by subsection (1) of this section shall:
24 (a) Be made for:
25 (i) The first calendar quarter no later than April 15 of each
26 year;
27 (ii) The second calendar quarter no later than July 15 of each
28 year;
29 (iii) The third calendar quarter no later than October 15 of each
30 year; and
31 (iv) The fourth calendar quarter no later than January 15 of each
32 year;
33 (b) Include the age, sex, and country of origin of each refugee who was
34 resettled in Idaho during the calendar quarter for which the notifica-
35 tion is made; and
36 (c) Be subject to disclosure under chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code, ex-
37 cept that personally identifiable information shall be exempt from such
38 disclosure.

39 (3) An NGO assisting in the resettlement of refugees in Idaho shall pro-
40 vide a certification of compliance with the provisions of this section for
41 the previous calendar year by the second Monday in April each year to the

1 county in which any property for which the NGO is claiming a tax exemption un-
2 der chapter 6, title 63, Idaho Code, is located.

3 (4) An NGO that fails to abide by the provisions of this section shall
4 not be eligible for a tax exemption for which it otherwise qualifies under
5 chapter 6, title 63, Idaho Code.

6 (5) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Nongovernmental organization" or "NGO" means a corporation, a
8 company, a partnership, an association, a trust, a foundation, a fund,
9 or another entity or group of persons, whether or not incorporated,
10 permanently or temporarily associated together with joint action on any
11 subject or subjects. The term "nongovernmental organization" shall not
12 include:

13 (i) The federal government;

14 (ii) The government of any state or district in the United States;

15 (iii) The government of any territory of the United States; or

16 (iv) Any political subdivision or independent public body corpo-
17 rate and politic of:

18 1. A state or district in the United States; or

19 2. A territory of the United States.

20 (b) "Refugee" shall have the same meaning as provided in 8 U.S.C. 1101.

21 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
22 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
23 passage and approval.