

Immigration Law Is Unconstitutional, But Citizens Seem To Love It

Arizona 'Boosts' Amnesty While Jobs, Tourists, Conventions Flee

Contractors Board May Ask Blackout Of the Unlicensed
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The Contractors State License Board held several Committee meetings in Sacramento on May 25 and 26. As someone who attends many of these, I must admit this is not the most exciting way to spend an afternoon. However, for contractors, the actions taken (or even discussed) by the Board can impact their livelihood.

The Enforcement Committee, chaired by Ed Lang, reviewed several 'Strategies to Combat Unlicensed Practices.' Among the suggestions were a recommendation that CSLB staff meet with the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) to develop policies and procedures that would allow business telephone numbers to be disconnected. The thought is that if an identified



Turmoil Riles California Which Passes Boycotts Against Law

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These days, the Grand Canyon State is the place to go if you're looking for the gang that couldn't shoot straight.

Not only is Arizona state government just as broke as California's, but foreclosure rates are higher and unemployment almost as high.

So it came as no big surprise when lawmakers there screwed up the illegal immigration issue, too, their action quickly making immigration law changes a top priority for President Obama. That happened when Arizona, home to the nation's highest proportion of illegal immigrants, last month adopted America's most draconian law on their treatment.

"Our failure to act responsibly at the federal level will only open the door to irresponsibility by others," Obama said. "That includes... the recent efforts in Arizona." The president plainly knows several other Republican-dominated states are thinking of



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called SB 1070 that demands a far tougher crackdown than what Californians authorized when they passed Proposition 187 in 1994.

The California measure, quickly squelched by the federal courts, aimed to deny illegal immigrants virtually all public services, including schooling and most emergency room care. Proposition 187 passed with a 60 percent yes vote, not far below the 70 percent of Arizona voters the polls say favor its new law.

The Arizona measure contains one provision harsher than anything contemplated by Proposition 187's sponsors. Even after a few amendments to soften it a bit, the law requires police to demand proof of citizenship from anyone they contact in the normal course of business who might be

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an illegal immigrant. Proof can be a driver's license, passport, birth certificate, green card or Indian tribal identification. The standard for demanding documents: "reasonable suspicion," whatever that means.

Police officers who fail to act can be sued.

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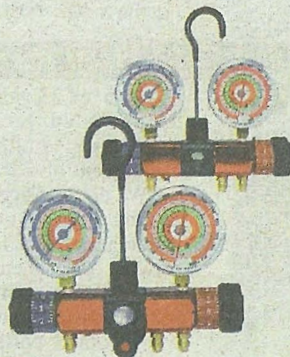
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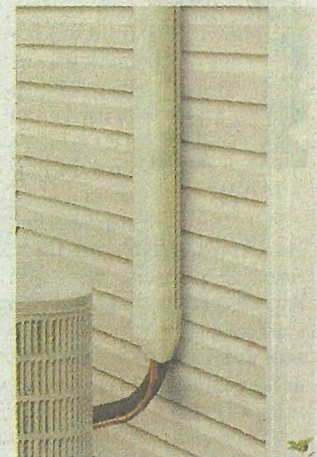
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