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**"AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT EXPLOITATION OF IMMIGRANT LABOR."**

1 After line 79, add the following:

2 "Sec. 4. (NEW) The English language shall be the official language of  
3 the state. Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state  
4 shall require by statute, ordinance, regulation, order, program or  
5 policy the use in the state of any language other than English.  
6 Governmental officials and employees shall be bound by the  
7 provisions of this section during the performance of government  
8 business. No governmental document shall be valid, effective or  
9 enforceable unless it is printed in the English language. The state and  
10 all political subdivisions of the state shall take all reasonable steps to  
11 preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language as the  
12 official language of the state. Notwithstanding any provision of this  
13 section to the contrary, the state and political subdivisions of the state  
14 may act in a language other than English (1) to assist students who are  
15 not proficient in the English language by providing educational

16 instruction in languages other than English to provide as rapid as  
17 possible a transition to English, (2) to provide foreign language  
18 instruction as part of a required or voluntary education curriculum, (3)  
19 to allow for Latin on the state seal and on government documents, (4)  
20 to allow legislators to communicate with constituents in languages  
21 other than English, (5) to comply with federal laws, (6) to protect  
22 public health and safety, and (7) to protect the rights of criminal  
23 defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this section shall prohibit  
24 the printing of proper names."