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HOUSE BILL ***579***

AN ACT requiring notice to the public before immigration checkpoints are conducted.

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COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the chief law enforcement officer to inform local media when he or she is informed by Border Patrol of an immigration checkpoint.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 New Section; Immigration Checkpoints. Amend RSA 265 by inserting after section 1-b the following new section:

265:1-c Immigration Checkpoints. When any state, county, or municipal police department or law enforcement agency is informed by a federal agency of intent to conduct an immigration checkpoint, the department or agency shall give notice to the public within 24 hours of when the checkpoint is scheduled to occur or as soon as is practical. The notice shall disclose, if known, the date, municipality, and geographical area in which the checkpoint will occur. Notice to the public shall be provided by using various media resources available, which may include publishing this information on the government agency's website and on social media, or the use of press conferences, press releases, radio and television coverage, posters, and flyers.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.