

Understanding Arizona's SB 1070 and your rights

- The courts recently decided that the most controversial part of Arizona's anti-immigrant law SB 1070, Section 2(B), can go into effect; however, new legal challenges could result in it being blocked again and the law could still be found unconstitutional in the future.
- *It's important to remember that everyone has basic rights – including the right not to be profiled or discriminated against by the police because of your race, ethnicity or the language you speak – whether you have papers or not.*
- Section 2(B) requires the police to ask someone they *have already stopped* about their immigration status, if they think the person may be undocumented. However, *even under SB 1070, it is illegal for the police to stop someone, or to detain them for a long time, if it is only to investigate their immigration status.*
- *You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status, where you were born, or how you entered the country. Even if you are arrested and taken to a jail, you can decline to provide information about your immigration status.*
- Under the law, if you show certain forms of United States identification (such as an Arizona drivers' license or tribal identification card), the officer will be more likely to believe that you have permission to be in the country. At that point, you should not have to show any additional documentation of your status. *If you do not have valid identification, it is important that you do not show the officer any false documents or documents from another country or tell the officer you are a U.S. citizen if it is not true.* The government can use this information against you.
- If you are detained or arrested, you always have the RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT AND THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY.

We will continue to fight against SB 1070. If you believe that your detention was prolonged or that you were arrested because of your race or nationality, call the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Arizona.



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