

New Bedford Senator Montigny votes to make Massachusetts a sanctuary state

In a Senate bill that **Governor Baker has promised to veto if it came across his desk**, the Massachusetts State Senate passed a bill that “prohibits law enforcement officers from inquiring about a person’s immigration status and from cooperating with ICE to detain an illegal immigrant.”

Basically, it’s a bill that would make Massachusetts a Sanctuary State. Montigny’s fellow Bristol County State Senators Marc Pacheco, and Michael Rodrigues voted against the bill. **The bill passed 25-13.**

Governor Baker explained it to the **Boston Herald**:

“I don’t support it and I would veto it if it ends up coming to my desk,” Baker said after a Memorial Day event on Boston Common. “I’ve said many times that I think decisions like this belong with local law enforcement.”

“I do not believe the state should be stepping into this. And I especially don’t believe that we should pass legislation that makes it impossible for the state of Massachusetts – with criminals who are currently in our prisons and have been convicted of terrible crimes and may be here illegally – that we should not be allowed to talk to the feds. I think that’s ridiculous and outrageous and I don’t support it,” Baker said.

What are your thoughts? Do you support Montigny’s yes vote or Governor Baker and State Senators Marc Pacheco, and Michael Rodrigues?