

Local and state laws target immigration

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GREEN BAY, Wis. -- Local and state governments across the United States are passing and enforcing immigration laws that target businesses that employ illegal immigrants. The number of laws at the state and local level increased after Congress failed to pass an overhaul of the immigration system in June, USA Today reported Thursday. The National Conference of State Legislatures says 57 immigration laws have been passed by 18 states this year and the American Civil Liberties Union says more than 25 cities and counties across the country have passed similar measures. The Green Bay, Wis., immigration ordinance, which took effect June 23, threatens to take the business licenses away from employers who hire illegal workers. "That was a premise of this ordinance, to discourage illegal aliens from coming here by making it harder for them to get a job. We're putting businesses on notice," said Chad Fradette, Green Bay City Council president. Similarly, a Georgia law that took effect July 1 calls for companies with 500 or more workers that deal with the government to verify the legal status of all new workers.

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