



GREEN IMMIGRATION

What Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" Means for You

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What Is The "Big Beautiful Bill"?

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (OBBBA) into law. This new law introduces significant changes to U.S. immigration policy, fees, and eligibility for certain federal benefits. It is important to understand how these changes may affect you and your family.

Key Immigration & Enforcement Changes

Funding for Enforcement & Detention:

- ICE received an unprecedented \$45 billion to expand detention capacity, effectively doubling the number of beds nationwide and allowing for large-scale detention of both single adults and families.
- ICE has ended bonds for detainees waiting to see a judge. Detained individuals may remain in custody much longer as court backlogs persist.

Higher Application Fees:

- New Visa Integrity Fee: \$250 for most temporary work visas.
- Higher fees for asylum, work permits, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and appeals.
- New fines for missing court dates or applying for relief during removal proceedings.

Access to Benefits:

- Many legal immigrants are now ineligible for important federal benefits, including Medicaid (health coverage), SNAP (food assistance/food stamps), and the Child Tax Credit. This means that even some immigrants with green cards or humanitarian status, such as refugees, asylees, and those with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), may no longer qualify for assistance.
- Increased Employer Compliance Checks:
 - A new \$250 "Visa Integrity Fee" will apply to most temporary work visa applicants, including J-1 cultural exchanges and seasonal workers. Fees for asylum, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and work permits associated with TPS and asylum cases have changed. New fines have been added for certain immigration violations.
 - Employers face stricter compliance requirements and more frequent document checks to ensure visa and work authorization validity.

Birthright Citizenship: Current Status

Executive Actions vs. The Constitution:

- Trump’s Executive Order attempts to limit citizenship for children born in the U.S. to undocumented or temporary visa parents, which would mark a sharp departure from the longstanding interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Courts have blocked this order for now:
 - A federal judge issued a nationwide injunction on July 10, 2025, protecting citizenship for all affected children as the case proceeds through the court system.
 - The government has not appealed, so the injunction holds for now.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Will my child born in the U.S. still be a citizen?	Yes, under current law, your child is protected by birthright citizenship.
Can I be detained more easily now?	Yes, with expanded facilities and ICE staff, enforcement has increased nationwide.
Will this change my eligibility for public benefits?	Many immigrants will lose access to health and nutrition programs, even with legal status.

What You Need to Do

- Stay informed and check for updates.
- Keep copies of immigration documents and children’s birth certificates in a safe place.
- Consult your immigration attorney before applying for any benefits or if you have legal concerns.
- Know your rights if approached by ICE or law enforcement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office. We are here to protect your rights and keep you informed during these significant changes.

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