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## Act No. 177 (S.237). Crimes and criminal procedures; public defenders; federal courts; immigration

## An act relating to providing representation to needy persons concerning immigration matters

This act clarifies that the Defender General and public defenders may provide representation to clients in federal courts with respect to immigration matters and that the Defender General has the benefit of immunity, as opposed to sovereign immunity.

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