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Ohio Homeland Security: Ohio repeals terrorism questionnaire effective September 10

COLUMBUS – Effective September 10, 2012, the state of Ohio no longer will require employees, contractors, licensees, grant recipients and others to fill out a form attesting they have not provided “material assistance” to terrorists.

The Declaration of Material Assistance/Nonassistance (DMA) form was enacted as a precaution after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The DMA form has not uncovered any terrorists or resulted in any arrests, while becoming a bureaucratic obstacle over the years for people conducting routine business with the state.

State lawmakers repealed the DMA form as part of a mid-biennium state budget, a sweeping review this spring to improve state government operations and eliminate inefficiencies. Ohio Homeland Security, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, was supportive of repealing the DMA form. There was no opposition. Gov. John Kasich signed the legislation (House Bill 487) in June, and it takes effect September 10, 2012.

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