



Napolitano: Criticism of new law exaggerated

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PHOENIX - Governor Napolitano says some business criticism of the state's new employer sanctions law against hiring of illegal immigrants is exaggerated.

Napolitano says concerns voiced by some employers amount to "gloom and doom" and that she's heard from some employers who welcome the new law as a way to promote fair competition.

Under the law, employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants stand to lose their business licenses temporarily or permanently.

Napolitano also indicated she's in no rush to call the Legislature into special session to consider changing the law to deal with perceived problems with requirements that take effect January first.

Napolitano says she plans to meet in a month or so with legislative leaders.