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# H. R. 118

To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Traffic Stops Statistics  
5       Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COLLECT.**

7       The Attorney General shall, through appropriate  
8       means, acquire data about all stops for routine traffic vio-  
9       lations by law enforcement officers. Included in this data  
10      shall be information pertaining to—

1           (1) the number of individuals stopped for rou-  
2           tine traffic violations;

3           (2) identifying characteristics of the individual  
4           stopped, including the race and or ethnicity as well  
5           as the approximate age of that individual;

6           (3) the traffic infraction alleged to have been  
7           committed that led to the stop;

8           (4) whether a search was instituted as a result  
9           of the stop;

10          (5) how the search was instituted;

11          (6) the rationale for the search;

12          (7) whether any contraband was discovered in  
13          the course of the search;

14          (8) the nature of such contraband;

15          (9) whether any warning or citation was issued  
16          as a result of the stop; and

17          (10) whether an arrest was made as a result of  
18          either the stop or the search.

19   **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF DATA.**

20          Data acquired under this section shall be used only  
21          for research or statistical purposes and may not contain  
22          any information that may reveal the identity of any indi-  
23          vidual who is stopped or any law enforcement officer.

1 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL SUMMARY.**

2       The Attorney General shall publish an annual sum-  
3 mary of the data acquired under this Act.

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