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[Report No. 105-435]

To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

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

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House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

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”.

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

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

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

8 (2) identifying characteristics of the individual
9 stopped, including the race and or ethnicity as well
10 as the approximate age of that individual;

11 (3) the traffic infraction alleged to have been
12 committed that led to the stop;

13 (4) whether a search was instituted as a result
14 of the stop;

15 (5) how the search was instituted;

16 (6) the rationale for the search;

17 (7) whether any contraband was discovered in
18 the course of the search;

19 (8) the nature of such contraband;

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

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

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

25 Data acquired under this section shall be used only
26 for research or statistical purposes and may not contain

1 any information that may reveal the identity of any indi-
2 vidual who is stopped or any law enforcement officer.

3 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL SUMMARY.**

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

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This Act may be cited as the “Traffic Stops Statistics*
8 *Study Act of 1998”.*

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

10 *The Attorney General shall conduct a study of stops*
11 *for routine traffic violations by law enforcement officers.*
12 *Such study shall include collection and analysis of appro-*
13 *priate available data. The study shall include consideration*
14 *of the following factors, among others:*

15 (1) *The number of individuals stopped for rou-*
16 *tine traffic violations.*

17 (2) *Identifying characteristics of the individual*
18 *stopped, including the race and or ethnicity as well*
19 *as the approximate age of that individual.*

20 (3) *The traffic infraction alleged to have been*
21 *committed that led to the stop.*

22 (4) *Whether a search was instituted as a result*
23 *of the stop.*

24 (5) *How the search was instituted.*

25 (6) *The rationale for the search.*

1 (7) *Whether any contraband was discovered in*
2 *the course of the search.*

3 (8) *The nature of such contraband.*

4 (9) *Whether any warning or citation was issued*
5 *as a result of the stop.*

6 (10) *Whether an arrest was made as a result of*
7 *either the stop or the search.*

8 (11) *The benefit of traffic stops with regard to*
9 *the interdiction of drugs and the proceeds of drug*
10 *trafficking, including the approximate quantity of*
11 *drugs and value of drug proceeds seized on an annual*
12 *basis as a result of routine traffic stops.*

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

14 *Data acquired under this section shall be used only*
15 *for research or statistical purposes and may not contain*
16 *any information that may reveal the identity of any indi-*
17 *vidual who is stopped or any law enforcement officer. Data*
18 *acquired under this section shall not be used in any legal*
19 *or administrative proceeding to establish an inference of*
20 *discrimination on the basis of particular identifying char-*
21 *acteristics.*

22 **SEC. 4. RESULTS OF STUDY.**

23 *Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment*
24 *of this Act, the Attorney General shall report the results*
25 *of the study conducted under this Act to Congress.*

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