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H. R. 118

To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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