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H. R. 118

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Traffic Stops Statistics
3 Study Act of 1998”.

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

5 The Attorney General shall conduct a study of stops
6 for routine traffic violations by law enforcement officers.
7 Such study shall include collection and analysis of appro-
8 priate available data. The study shall include consideration
9 of the following factors, among others:

10 (1) The number of individuals stopped for rou-
11 tine traffic violations.

12 (2) Identifying characteristics of the individual
13 stopped, including the race and or ethnicity as well
14 as the approximate age of that individual.

15 (3) The traffic infraction alleged to have been
16 committed that led to the stop.

17 (4) Whether a search was instituted as a result
18 of the stop.

19 (5) How the search was instituted.

20 (6) The rationale for the search.

21 (7) Whether any contraband was discovered in
22 the course of the search.

23 (8) The nature of such contraband.

24 (9) Whether any warning or citation was issued
25 as a result of the stop.

1 (10) Whether an arrest was made as a result
2 of either the stop or the search.

3 (11) The benefit of traffic stops with regard to
4 the interdiction of drugs and the proceeds of drug
5 trafficking, including the approximate quantity of
6 drugs and value of drug proceeds seized on an an-
7 nual basis as a result of routine traffic stops.

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

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

17 **SEC. 4. RESULTS OF STUDY.**

18 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Attorney General shall report the
20 results of the study conducted under this Act to Congress.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 24,
1998.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.