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H. R. 2381

To provide grants to States in order to prevent racial profiling.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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profiling.

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 “Racial Profiling Pre-
5 vention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO PROHIBIT RACIAL PROFILING.**

7 (a) GRANTS.—Subject to the requirements of this
8 section, the Secretary shall make grants to a State that—

9 (1)(A) has enacted and is enforcing a law that
10 prohibits the use of racial profiling in the enforce-

1 ment of State laws regulating the use of Federal-aid
2 highways; and

3 (B) is maintaining and allows public inspection
4 of statistical information for each motor vehicle stop
5 made by a law enforcement officer on a Federal-aid
6 highway in the State regarding the race and eth-
7 nicity of the driver and any passengers; or

8 (2) provides assurances satisfactory to the Sec-
9 retary that the State is undertaking activities to
10 comply with the requirements of paragraph (1).

11 (b) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A grant received by a
12 State under subsection (a) shall be used by the State—

13 (1) in the case of a State eligible under sub-
14 section (a)(1), for costs of—

15 (A) collecting and maintaining of data on
16 traffic stops;

17 (B) evaluating the results of the data; and

18 (C) developing and implementing programs
19 to reduce the occurrence of racial profiling, in-
20 cluding programs to train law enforcement offi-
21 cers; and

22 (2) in the case of a State eligible under sub-
23 section (a)(2), for costs of—

24 (A) activities to comply with the require-
25 ments of subsection (a)(1); and

1 (B) any eligible activity under paragraph
2 (1).

3 (c) RACIAL PROFILING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—To meet the requirement of
5 subsection (a)(1), a State law shall prohibit, in the
6 enforcement of State laws regulating the use of Fed-
7 eral-aid highways, a State or local law enforcement
8 officer from using the race or ethnicity of the driver
9 or passengers to any degree in making routine or
10 spontaneous law enforcement decisions, such as ordi-
11 nary traffic stops on Federal-aid highways.

12 (2) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection
13 shall alter the manner in which a State or local law
14 enforcement officer considers race or ethnicity when-
15 ever there is trustworthy information, relevant to the
16 locality or timeframe, that links persons of a par-
17 ticular race or ethnicity to an identified criminal in-
18 cident, scheme, or organization.

19 (d) LIMITATIONS.—

20 (1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The total
21 amount of grants made to a State under this section
22 in a fiscal year may not exceed 5 percent of the
23 amount made available to carry out this section in
24 the fiscal year.

1 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—A State may not receive a
2 grant under subsection (a)(2) in more than 2 fiscal
3 years.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
6 appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund (other
7 than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this
8 section \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2016
9 through 2020.

10 (2) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Funds authorized
11 by this subsection shall be available for obligation in
12 the same manner as if the funds were apportioned
13 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, ex-
14 cept the Federal share of the cost of activities car-
15 ried out using such funds shall be 80 percent, and
16 such funds shall remain available until expended and
17 shall not be transferable.

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