

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 500—ASSEMBLYMEN WILLIAMS, GIUNCHIGLIANI,
LESLIE, GOLDWATER, PARKS, ANDERSON, BACHE, BUCKLEY,
CHOWNING, MANENDO AND OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 19, 2001

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Directs Attorney General to conduct study of traffic stops by law enforcement officers in certain counties. (BDR S-386)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to law enforcement; directing the Attorney General to conduct a statistical study regarding traffic stops by law enforcement officers in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Attorney General shall conduct a study of traffic
2 stops in counties whose population is 100,000 or more by the Nevada
3 Highway Patrol, metropolitan police departments, sheriffs and their
4 deputies, and city police chiefs and their deputies. Each such law
5 enforcement agency shall cooperate fully in the study.
6 2. To carry out this study, the Attorney General shall prescribe a form
7 for use by law enforcement officers to record information regarding each
8 traffic stop. The information required on each such form must include,
9 without limitation:
10 (a) The traffic violation or infraction alleged to have been committed
11 that caused the driver to be stopped.
12 (b) The identifying characteristics of the driver who was stopped,
13 including, without limitation, the driver's race, ethnicity, gender and
14 approximate age.
15 (c) A statement of whether the immigration status of the driver was
16 questioned, including whether immigration documents were requested by
17 the officer or whether an inquiry was made to the Immigration and



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1 Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice with
2 regard to the immigration status of any person in the motor vehicle.

3 (d) The number of persons who were in the motor vehicle when it was
4 stopped.

5 (e) A statement of whether a search was instituted as a result of the stop,
6 including, without limitation, whether consent was requested for the search
7 or whether a particular alleged criminal behavior by the driver justified the
8 search.

9 (f) A report of any items seized during a search of the vehicle,
10 including, without limitation, a report of any contraband or money that was
11 seized.

12 (g) A statement of whether any warning or citation was issued as a
13 result of the stop.

14 (h) A statement of whether an arrest was made as a result of either the
15 stop itself or any search conducted during the stop, and the justification for
16 any such arrest.

17 3. The Attorney General may collect reports from individual law
18 enforcement officers regarding traffic stops made by other law
19 enforcement officers and from drivers who were the subject of a traffic
20 stop. Any such report may be submitted anonymously, and must be kept
21 confidential.

22 4. On or before February 1, 2003, the Attorney General shall compile
23 the results of the information collected pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 and
24 report it in statistical form. All identifying information regarding the
25 particular law enforcement officers who made the stops and the drivers
26 who were stopped must remain confidential.

27 5. The Attorney General shall submit a copy of the report to the
28 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 72nd
29 session of the Nevada Legislature.

30 6. As used in this section, "traffic stop" means any occasion when the
31 driver of a motor vehicle is halted by a law enforcement officer for an
32 alleged traffic violation or infraction, or any other purpose.

33 **Sec. 2.** This section and section 1 of this act become effective upon
34 passage and approval for the purposes of the creation of the form required
35 pursuant to section 1 of this act, and on July 1, 2001, for all other purposes.

