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2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 143

February 17, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives Considine, Felzkowski, Milroy, Edming, Gruszynski, Mursau, Plumer, Anderson, Skowronski, Shankland, Tittl, Pronschinske, Horlacher and Neylon, cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach and Schachtner. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: motorcycle profiling.

Whereas, motorcycle ridership has continued to increase over time with registrations growing from 3,826,373 in 1997 to 8,600,936 in 2015; and

Whereas, as of August 2016, the ongoing National Motorcycle Profiling Survey 2016, conducted by the Motorcycle Profiling Project, found that approximately half of the motorcyclists surveyed felt that they had been profiled by law enforcement at least once; and

Whereas, motorcycle profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, complaints surrounding motorcycle profiling have been cited in all 50 states; and

Whereas, nationwide protests to raise awareness and combat motorcycle profiling have been held in multiple states; and

Whereas, in 2011, the State of Washington signed into law legislation requiring the state Criminal Justice Training Commission to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training, and that the training is offered to law enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training regarding profiling; and

Whereas, reported incidents of motorcycle profiling have dropped approximately 90 percent in the State of Washington since the 2011 legislation was signed into law; and

Whereas, in the spring of 2016, Maryland became the second state to pass a law addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature hereby promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcycle profiling; encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcycle profiling; and urges law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcycle profiling in written policies and training materials.

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