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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 85

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a searchable database for traffic law
1.3 enforcement; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 169.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 169.027] TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DATABASE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Database established. (a) The commissioner must establish and maintain
1.8 a central searchable database of information pertaining to traffic law enforcement by local
1.9 law enforcement officers and the State Patrol.

1.10 (b) The information contained in the database is public data under section 13.03 and
1.11 must be made available to the public on the department's website.

1.12 Subd. 2. Quarterly report required. All local law enforcement agencies and the State
1.13 Patrol must submit a quarterly report to the commissioner containing the following
1.14 information, which shall be included in the database established in subdivision 1:

1.15 (1) the number of drivers stopped for traffic violations under this chapter by law
1.16 enforcement officers, the officer making each stop, the date each stop was made, the law
1.17 enforcement agency of the officer making each stop, and whether a citation or warning was
1.18 issued for the violation;

1.19 (2) identifying characteristics of the drivers stopped, including their race or ethnicity,
1.20 approximate age, and gender;

1.21 (3) the alleged traffic violation that led to the stop;

1.22 (4) whether a search was instituted as a result of the stop;

2.1 (5) whether the vehicle, personal items, driver, or passenger were searched and the race  
2.2 or ethnicity, approximate age, and gender of each person searched;

2.3 (6) whether the search was conducted pursuant to consent, probable cause, or a warrant,  
2.4 including the basis for the request for consent, the circumstances establishing probable  
2.5 cause, or the basis for the warrant;

2.6 (7) whether any contraband was found and the type and amount of any such contraband;

2.7 (8) whether any written citation or any oral or written warning was issued as a result of  
2.8 the stop;

2.9 (9) whether an arrest was made as a result of either the stop or the search;

2.10 (10) whether any property was seized, including a description of that property;

2.11 (11) whether the officer making the stop encountered any physical resistance from the  
2.12 driver or a passenger;

2.13 (12) whether the officer making the stop engaged in the use of force against the driver  
2.14 or a passenger for any reason;

2.15 (13) whether any injuries resulted from the stop;

2.16 (14) whether the circumstances surrounding the stop were the subject of any investigation  
2.17 and the results of that investigation; and

2.18 (15) the geographic location of the stop. If the officer making the stop is a member of  
2.19 the State Patrol, the location must include the district number and station number. For all  
2.20 other law enforcement officers, the location must include the municipality and county in  
2.21 which the stop was made.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.