



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Rep. Gerald M. Fox, Co-Chairman
Sen. Eric D. Coleman, Co-Chairman
Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

SB 364 AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC STOP INFORMATION

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection advises that a standardized and mandatory electronic format with retrievable database is already in use by the Connecticut State Police.

This proposed bill, in order to enhance compliance with data collection and reporting required under the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act, would require OPM to develop a standardized form, in both printed and electronic format, to be used by police officers of municipal police departments and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to record traffic stop information.

The Division of State Police has been compliant with the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act since its passage. Initially, a printed form was used for these purposes. Traffic stop data is now collected in electronic format in the CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system. This is mandatory by statute, by the agency's A&O manual and the programming of the CAD system will not allow a close out of the traffic stop form without entering the required information. Traffic stop data can be extracted from the Nexgen database.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben F. Bradford".

Reuben F. Bradford
COMMISSIONER