



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 953

LCO No. 3347



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF RACIAL PROFILING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-1l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) This section and section 54-1m shall be known as the "Alvin W.
4 Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act".

5 (b) For [the] purposes of this section, "racial profiling" means the
6 detention, interdiction or other disparate treatment of an individual
7 [solely] by a police officer on the basis, in whole or in part, of the
8 perceived racial or ethnic status of such individual, except when such
9 status is used in combination with other identifying factors when
10 seeking to apprehend a specific suspect whose racial or ethnic status is
11 part of the description of the suspect.

12 (c) No member of the Division of State Police within the Department
13 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, a municipal police
14 department or any other law enforcement agency shall engage in racial
15 profiling. [The detention of an individual based on any noncriminal

16 factor or combination of noncriminal factors is inconsistent with this
17 policy.

18 (d) The race or ethnicity of an individual shall not be the sole factor
19 in determining the existence of probable cause to place in custody or
20 arrest an individual or in constituting a reasonable and articulable
21 suspicion that an offense has been or is being committed so as to justify
22 the detention of an individual or the investigatory stop of a motor
23 vehicle.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-11

Statement of Purpose:
To redefine racial profiling for purposes of the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]