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H 4062 General Bill, By J.H. Neal, J.E. Smith, Govan, Breeland, G.A. Brown, J. Brown, R.L. Brown, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Emory, J. Hines, Hosey, Howard, Lloyd, Mack, Rivers, Snow and Weeks

Summary: Race-based traffic and pedestrian stops, collection of information gathered by law enforcement officer to determine if discriminatory

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 22 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE MINORITY GROUP, PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND COMPILATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION GATHERED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DETERMINE WHETHER TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS HE MAKES ARE RACE-BASED, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL ADOPT A POLICY TO DISCOURAGE RACE-BASED TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY WITHHOLD STATE FUNDS FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER, TO ALLOW A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO USE CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS TO EQUIP ITS VEHICLES WITH VIDEO EQUIPMENT TO RECORD TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS, AND TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARDS OR USE EXISTING REVIEW BOARDS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. **04/24/03** House Introduced and read first time HJ-12

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