

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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GILLEN AND IRVIN, MARCH 22, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 22, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal police education and  
3 training, prohibiting motorcycle profiling and establishing a  
4 private right of action.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 2167.1. Motorcycle profiling prohibited.

10 (a) General rule.--No police officer or police department  
11 may engage in motorcycle profiling in this Commonwealth.

12 (b) Duty of commission.--The commission shall include, as  
13 part of the basic and in-service training required by this  
14 subchapter, instruction on what conduct constitutes motorcycle  
15 profiling in patrol procedures and other police department  
16 operations and the duty to refrain from engaging in motorcycle  
17 profiling.

1 (c) Duty of police departments.--A police department shall  
2 include in its patrol procedures and operations policies a  
3 statement that condemns motorcycle profiling.

4 (d) Private right of action established.--A victim of  
5 motorcycle profiling may bring a private right of action in a  
6 court of competent jurisdiction against any police officer or  
7 police department that engages in motorcycle profiling in  
8 violation of this section. In the action, the victim may be  
9 awarded injunctive relief, actual damages, punitive damages and  
10 reasonable attorney fees and costs.

11 (e) For purposes of this section, the term "motorcycle  
12 profiling" means the use of the fact that an individual rides a  
13 motorcycle or wears clothes or possesses paraphernalia that a  
14 reasonable person associates with such individuals as a factor  
15 in a decision to stop and question, take enforcement action  
16 against, arrest or search the individual or motorcycle in  
17 violation of Federal or State law.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.