

By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT RACIAL PROFILING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
2 OFFICERS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any law enforcement  
6 officer to detain or stop a person in traffic based solely on the  
7 race of the person being detained or stopped. All law enforcement  
8 agencies shall keep accurate records of all traffic stops and  
9 detentions identifying the reasons for the stops and the race of  
10 the person being stopped or detained. Any law enforcement officer  
11 who violates this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not  
12 more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for up to  
13 one (1) year, or both.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
15 and after July 1, 2003.

