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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers - Racial Profiling**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from using race or ethnicity
4 as the sole reason to initiate a criminal investigation; creating a civil penalty for
5 violations of this Act; and generally relating to racial profiling.

6 BY adding to
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 734E
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 734E.

15 (A) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY NOT USE AN INDIVIDUAL'S RACE OR
16 ETHNICITY AS THE SOLE REASON TO INITIATE A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

17 (B) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF
18 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY UP TO \$1,000.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
20 effect October 1, 2000.