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Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting HB285 - FAQ's

What Does HB285 Do?

- HB285 establishes a workgroup in order to develop a plan for collecting and reporting statewide crash data of injuries and fatalities by race and ethnicity.

Why Is This Legislation Important?

- People of color are disproportionately affected by pedestrian and bicycle crashes, but Maryland does not collect or record racial or ethnic data in vehicle crash reports.
- Studying the best way to collect racial and ethnic data will allow the state to develop future policy that will reduce traffic hazards, promote equity and end injury and death disparities experienced by people of color.

Who Will Be In This Workgroup?

- The workgroup will consist of members from the:
 - Motor Vehicle Administration
 - State Highway Administration
 - Maryland Highway Safety Office
 - Maryland State Police
 - Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force
 - Maryland Chiefs of Police Association
 - Maryland Department of Health
 - Maryland Association of Counties
 - Maryland Municipal League
 - A member of an academic research institution who studies race-based data.

What Have Other States Done To Collect Crash Data By Race?

- Colorado allows people to self-identify their race or ethnicity on a driver's license or state ID.
- This data is not printed on the ID but stored in its magnetic strip that can only be accessed by law enforcement, which increases privacy and addresses concerns of racial discrimination.

Anything Else?

- If we cannot identify why people of color are most at risk for traffic injury and death, then we cannot fix the underlying problems.
- HB285 will allow Maryland to correct these tragic and unacceptable disparities.