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# H. R. 4092

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because of their race or color.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FATTAH, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. TORRES, Ms. WATERS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. FORD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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on highways because of their race or color.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom of the High-  
5 ways Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STOPS BASED**  
2 **ON RACE OR COLOR.**

3 (a) **UNLAWFUL CONDUCT.**—It shall be unlawful for  
4 any law enforcement agency or officer, acting under color  
5 of authority, to stop any person driving or riding in an  
6 automobile because of the race or color of that person.

7 (b) **CIVIL ACTION.**—Any person or class of persons  
8 aggrieved by a violation of subsection (a) may, in a civil  
9 action, obtain appropriate relief. In such a civil action, a  
10 showing that a pattern exists in a particular region of dis-  
11 parate stopping of persons on highways based on race or  
12 color is sufficient to constitute prima facie evidence of a  
13 violation of such subsection in that region.

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