

2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1	Relating to: motorcycle profiling.
2	Whereas, motorcycle ridership has continued to increase over time with
3	registrations growing from 3,826,373 in 1997 to 8,600,936 in 2015; and
4	Whereas, as of August 2016, the ongoing National Motorcycle Profiling Survey
5	2016, conducted by the Motorcycle Profiling Project, found that approximately half
6	of the motorcyclists surveyed felt that they had been profiled by law enforcement at
7	least once; and
8	Whereas, motorcycle profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person
9	rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop
10	and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or
11	without legal basis under the U.S. Constitution; and
12	Whereas, complaints surrounding motorcycle profiling have been cited in all 50
13	states; and
14	Whereas, nationwide protests to raise awareness and combat motorcycle
15	profiling have been held in multiple states; and

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1	Whereas, in 2011, the State of Washington signed into law legislation requiring
2	the state Criminal Justice Training Commission to ensure that issues related to
3	motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training, and that the
4	training is offered to law enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training
5	regarding profiling; and
6	Whereas, reported incidents of motorcycle profiling have dropped
7	approximately 90 percent in the State of Washington since the 2011 legislation was
8	signed into law; and
9	Whereas, in the spring of 2016, Maryland became the second state to pass a law
10	addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
12	Legislature hereby promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcycle
13	profiling; encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycle
14	community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcycle profiling; and
15	urges law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcycle
16	profiling in written policies and training materials.
17	(END)