## CALL TO ACTION – Support AB 2972

February 21, 2018 California Motorcycle Anti-Profiling Coalition Legislative Committee antiprofilingbill@abate.org



CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE ANTI-PROFILING COALITION

END MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

Motorcycle profiling is a pervasive problem in California. Motorcyclists are often targeted because of an overly-broad outlaw biker stereotype. The historical pattern of evidence is documented and irrefutable. Individuals and groups of motorcyclists are regularly the victims of selective enforcement from coast to coast, particularly California, even during political and charitable events, solely based on their appearance, not their conduct.



Motorcycle Profiling is Unconstitutional: Profiling relies on appearance to establish suspicion as opposed to the legal requirement of conduct. A motorcycle profiling stop amounts to the motorcyclist being detained, cited, motorcycle seized, or both because of constitutionally protected expression and / or association.

**The Solution:** Assembly Bill 2972, introduced by Assemblymember Anna Caballero on February 16, 2018 prohibits law enforcement from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This is a highly effective solution, with no required training or fiscal impact, and doesn't prevent law enforcement from doing their job.

Link to AB 2972 in the California Legislative Website: <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201720180AB2972</u>

## The Time to Act is Now. <u>Contact your local legislator and URGE him/her to SUPPORT AB 2972</u>

- 1. Find your district legislators at the following link
  - <u>http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/</u>
- 2. Click the link for your Assemblymember
- 3. On your Assemblymember's page, locate the "Contact Me" or "Email Us" button or pull-down link and click it
- 4. Fill out the required fields (note: your home address must be in the legislator's local district)
- 5. On the "Select an Issue:" pull-down field, select the option for commenting or sharing an opinion on a bill/legislation

- 6. Click the radio button "Support"
- 7. Cut / Paste the below scripted message in the "Comments" box OR write a personal message in your own words asking for his/her support in a professional and respectful manner.

----- TO USE OUR SCRIPTED MESSAGE, CUT / PASTE THE MESSAGE BELOW -----

Motorcycle Profiling is a real and pervasive problem in California. The historical pattern of evidence is documented and irrefutable. Individuals and groups of motorcyclists are regularly the victims of selective enforcement solely based on their appearance, not their conduct even during funerals, political and charitable events. Motorcycle Profiling is Unconstitutional: Profiling relies on appearance to establish suspicion as opposed to the legal requirement of conduct. A motorcycle profiling stop amounts to the motorcyclist being detained, cited, motorcycle seized, or both because of constitutionally protected expression and / or association. The costs to the state and local municipalities, as well as to law-abiding citizens of not addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling continue to mount as the problem gets worse. AB 2972 was introduced by Assemblymember Anna Caballero, prohibiting law enforcement from engaging in this practice. This is a highly effective solution, with no required training or fiscal impact, and doesn't prevent law enforcement from doing their job. Similar bills have already been enacted in WA and MD with other states proposing their own this year. As a taxpayer, voter and concerned constituent of your district, I respectfully request and URGE you to support and vote AYE for AB 2972, both in your respective committee(s) and on the Assembly vote. Also, please consider becoming a Co-Author by contacting Anna Caballero's office. Thank you for your consideration and action on this important bill – AB 2972.

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- 8. Click the "Submit" button to send your message.
- 9. PLEASE FORWARD/SHARE THIS CALL TO ACTION WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ALSO LIVE HERE IN CALIFORNIA and ask them to send an email to antiprofilingbill@abate.org to be added to our Call-To-Action distribution list.
- 10. Contact us at antiprofilingbill@abate.org if you have problems or need assistance completing this process.

For activities and updates related to AB 2972, please follow us on...

Website: <u>https://www.causes.com/campaigns/104351-end-motorcycle-profiling-in-california</u>

Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/MotorcycleRiderUnification/</u> Twitter: @CA\_MCProfiling

Thank you in helping to END MOTORCYCLE PROFILING IN CALIFORNIA!