

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 852

To direct the Attorney General to establish a grant program for civilian traffic violation enforcement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Investing in Safer
5 Traffic Stops Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT FOR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC VIOLATION EN-**
7 **FORCEMENT.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-

1 eral shall establish a civilian traffic violation enforcement
2 grant program (in this Act referred to as the “Program”)
3 to provide funding to local, State, or Tribal government
4 entities to ensure that the enforcement of traffic violations
5 is carried out by a civilian or traffic monitoring tech-
6 nology, instead of a law enforcement officer.

7 (b) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The Attorney General
8 shall make grants under the Program to local, State, or
9 Tribal government entities.

10 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts from a grant
11 awarded under the Program may only be used for the pur-
12 poses of ensuring that the enforcement of traffic violations
13 is carried out by a civilian or traffic monitoring tech-
14 nology, including for the purchasing of such technology
15 and the hiring of civilians.

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for each of
18 the fiscal years 2024 through 2029 to carry out the Pro-
19 gram.

20 (e) CIVILIAN DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “civil-
21 ian” means an individual employed by a local, State, or
22 Tribal government entity to enforce traffic laws, who is
23 not a law enforcement officer.

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