

Assemblyman
N. NICK PERRY



**WORKING TO END
ILLEGAL USE OF
STOP & FRISK**

**Black and Latino
males, between
the ages of 14-24,
are 4.7% of NYC's
population, yet
they accounted for
41.6% of NYPD
"Stop & Frisks"
last year.**

Assemblyman Perry: A Leader in the Campaign to End Illegal Use of Stop and Frisk and Protect the Rights of Our Youth

◆ Co-Sponsor of bill (A.2288) which prohibits police officers from using racial and ethnic profiling during the performance of their duties. When enacted, this law would:

- Require NYPD to adopt written policies prohibiting racial profiling and develop procedures to review and take corrective action with respect to individual complaints;
- Require NYPD to collect data such as race, ethnicity and gender when conducting a traffic stop or a stop that results in a pat-down, frisk and/or search;
- Give individuals or the Attorney General the right to bring legal action against police for injunctive relief and/or damages as a result of racial profiling.

◆ Leader in Community-wide Effort to Educate Youth on What to Do if Stopped by the Police –

Widely distributed brochure, prepared with advice from the ACLU, provides helpful information to youth about how to answer questions from the police, and how to behave when stopped by police, in a manner that will preserve their rights, prevent arrest, and even possibly save their lives. This brochure is available at Assemblyman Perry's District Office.

◆ Author of New York's "Chance to Help Act" – If our kids are "stopped and frisked" and are subsequently arrested, the Chance to Help Act would require police to notify a parent or guardian when their child comes in contact with law enforcement.

Too often, parents are in the dark about their children's whereabouts and actions when out of the house. By ensuring that a responsible adult is notified of any unlawful activity by the minor in their care, we help to ensure that they have the chance to help before the youth commits additional offenses, more serious in nature.

◆ Sponsor of "Possession of Marijuana Enforcement Clarification Act" – NYPD "Stop and Frisk" activities have resulted in a dramatic increase in arrests for possession of small quantities of marijuana. Under current law, unless the marijuana is in public view, possession of 25 grams or less is only a violation. However, during "Stop and Frisks" police officers have been ordering individuals to expose the contents of their pockets or purse. If marijuana is found, because it has now been exposed, the person is charged with a misdemeanor and arrested when he/she should only have been issued a ticket for a violation. Assemblyman Perry's bill will compel the police to correctly enforce the law as it is intended, keeping many youth out of jail, and saving parents costly legal fees.

"Stop and Frisks, when used in a lawful manner, can be an effective crime-fighting tool, but it should not be utilized as a routine practice that brazenly violates the civil rights of hundreds of thousands of innocent Black and Latino males, just because of the color of their skin."

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