

# **LAWMAKERS CHALLENGE NYPD STOP-FRISK PRACTICE**

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TWO STATE **LAWMAKERS** yesterday kicked off a legislative attack on the **NYPD**'s controversial stop-and-frisk policy and compared it to Arizona's new immigration law.

Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries and state Sen. Eric Adams plan to introduce bills in Albany today to ban the **NYPD**'s **practice** of saving personal data of people who are stopped and questioned but not charged with a crime or issued a violation.

"Since the **NYPD** will not end this **practice**, the state Legislature must step in to protect the people," Jeffries said at a City Hall press conference.

The bills are the first legislative **challenge** to the stop-and-frisk database compiled by the **NYPD**, which stopped and questioned people in record numbers last year.

The **NYPD** maintains the confidential database has proven helpful to detectives in solving crimes.

But two key City Council leaders have argued the policy violates privacy rights.

And just last week, the New York Civil Liberties Union sued the **NYPD** to end the **practice**.

Joined yesterday by civil libertarians and other **lawmakers**, Jeffries and Adams, both Brooklyn Democrats, argued that the **NYPD** is stopping and questioning blacks and Latinos in disproportionate numbers.

Saving the information of those who are innocent is a civil rights violation, they said, and appears similar in spirit to the controversial Arizona law, which allows cops to demand immigration papers from any citizen deemed suspicious.

"We are not the northern Arizona," Adams said.

The **NYPD** said it does not stop and question people based on census data, but instead focuses its efforts in crime-plagued neighborhoods.

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