



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 748**

*January Session, 2001*

Substitute House Bill No. 6522

*House of Representatives, May 10, 2001*

The Committee on Public Safety reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE HONORING STATE TROOPERS, MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any  
2 person, shall issue a special certificate of registration and a set of  
3 number plates memorializing state and municipal police officers and  
4 other employees who are killed in the line of duty. Said registration  
5 and number plates shall be available for any motor vehicle (1) owned,  
6 or (2) leased for a period of at least one year. Said number plates shall  
7 expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22 of the general  
8 statutes. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which  
9 shall cover the entire cost of making the same and which shall be in  
10 addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle. The design of  
11 such plates shall be approved by a committee established by the  
12 commissioner. The committee shall include a representative of the

13 Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., the Connecticut State Police Union,  
14 the Connecticut Council of Police, and the Connecticut Conference of  
15 Municipalities. The first one thousand plates shall be reserved for  
16 widows, parents or children of state troopers killed in the line of duty.

**PS**        *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Offsetting Costs (Transportation Fund)

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Motor Vehicles

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

This bill requires the Motor Vehicles Commissioner to issue a special certificate of registration and license plates memorializing state and municipal police officers and other employees who are killed in the line of duty. The cost per set of marker plates is \$15. This covers payment to Correctional Industries, postage, special envelopes and DMV's administrative costs. The \$15 charge will be in addition to the \$70 registration fee. Although the number of plates that will be issued under this bill is known, the revenues will offset the cost of the plates.

**OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE HONORING STATE TROOPERS AND MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the motor vehicle commissioner to issue a special registration and license plate set memorializing police officers and other state and municipal employees killed in the line of duty. They must be issued for any vehicle the requestor owns or leases for at least one year. The commissioner must charge a fee for the plates, in addition to the normal registration fee, that covers the cost to produce them. The registration and plates are subject to normal expiration and renewal requirements.

The commissioner must create a committee to approve the plate design. The committee must include a representative of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., the Connecticut State Police Union, the Connecticut Council of Police, and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

The first 1,000 such plates must be reserved for the widows, parents, or children of state troopers killed in the line of duty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The House referred the original bill (File 209) to the Public Safety Committee on April 17. The committee favorably reported a substitute bill on April 25 that added a provision authorizing special license plate

recognition for state and municipal employees other than police officers who are killed in the line of duty. It also added a representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to the plate design committee.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 1