



# House of Representatives

**File No. 858**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File Nos. 209 and 748)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6522  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedules "A" and "B"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
June 2, 2001

**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 spouses, parents, children of state troopers killed in the line of duty or  
17 municipal police officers.

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 number marker plates memorializing state and municipal police officers and other employees who are killed in the line of duty. The first 1,000 plates are to be reserved for (surviving) spouses, parents or children of state troopers or municipal police officers 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 unknown, the revenues will offset the cost of the plates.

House "A" changed the reference from widows to (surviving) spouses regarding the eligibility provision for the first 1,000 plates. This change will have no fiscal impact.

House "B" includes municipal police officers in the eligibility

provision for the first 1,000 plates. This provision will have no fiscal impact.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

sHB 6522 (as amended by House "A" and "B")\*

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**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 spouses, parents, or children of state troopers killed in the line of duty or for municipal police officers.

\*House Amendment "A" makes a provision of the bill gender neutral by changing a reference from widows of deceased state troopers to spouses.

\*House Amendment "B" broadens the reservation of the first 1,000 special plates to include municipal police officers.

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 killed in the line of duty. It also added a representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to the plate design committee. The House referred the revised bill (File 748) to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee on May 15 and the committee reported it favorably without changes on May 16.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 28 Nay 0

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 18 Nay 1

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 45 Nay 0