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Substitute Senate Bill No. 289

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The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REFLECTORIZED SAFETY NUMBER PLATES ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-21b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The commissioner shall issue fully reflectORIZED safety number
4 plates for new registrations and renewal registrations issued on and
5 after January 1, 2000, for passenger, combination and commercial
6 registrations and other registrations as the commissioner deems
7 feasible within funds and personnel available. Each plate shall bear the
8 words "Constitution State" and "Connecticut". The commissioner shall
9 issue two fully reflectORIZED safety number plates in accordance with a
10 schedule established by the commissioner in such quantities as the
11 commissioner deems feasible within the funds and personnel
12 available. No safety fee shall be charged for the issuance of the
13 replacement number plates for such renewals.

14 (b) No additional charge shall be made for the issuance of such new
15 or replacement fully reflectorized plates, except for the safety fee
16 provided for in subsection (w) of section 14-49.

17 (c) The owner or lessee of each registered motor vehicle who is
18 issued two fully reflectorized safety number plates by the
19 commissioner shall display such plates on such motor vehicle as
20 provided in section 14-18. A violation of this subsection shall be an
21 infraction.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

TRA *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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Revenue Gain

Affected Agencies: Judicial Department, Department of Public Safety

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill could result in a revenue gain to the state. The extent or certainty of the potential gain is not known but, in the short term, would likely not exceed \$200,000. In the long term, it is anticipated that the bill would be revenue neutral as compliance with the placement of the new reflectorized plates becomes similar to existing plate compliance.

Currently, CGS 14-18(a) requires motor vehicles to display issued license plates, whether singly or doubly issued, in a conspicuous manner on the front and back of the vehicle as appropriate. Failure to do so is subject to an infraction in the amount of \$78. The state collects about \$125,000 per year related to about 1,180 infractions for failure to display issued license plates under current law.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill explicitly requires someone who owns or leases a motor vehicle for which the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued a new set of fully reflectorized license plates to display them according to the requirements of the law for vehicles with two license plates. This means they must be displayed in a conspicuous place on the front and the rear of the vehicle and the registration validation sticker must be on the rear plate, or wherever else the commissioner may designate it for display. The bill makes violations of the display requirements for fully reflectorized plates an infraction.

A 1999 law required the DMV to issue fully reflectorized plates for all new and renewal registrations it issues on or after January 1, 2000. DMV began issuing the replacement plates for renewals in September 2000, but the law did not explicitly require recipients to use them to replace the partially reflectorized "white-on-blue" plates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0