



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5541

LCO No. 1914

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING CATTLE CROSSINGS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The traffic authority,
2 as defined in section 14-297 of the general statutes, shall have power to
3 designate, by appropriate devices or markers or by lines upon the
4 surface of the highway, such crossing paths and intersections as, in its
5 opinion, constitute an especial danger to guided cattle or other
6 livestock crossing the highway including, but not limited to, specially
7 marked crossing paths in the vicinity of farms which shall have
8 distinctive markings, in accordance with the regulations of the State
9 Traffic Commission, to denote use of such crossing paths by guided
10 cattle or other livestock.

11 (b) Persons guiding cattle or other livestock across the highway
12 shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized emergency vehicle, as
13 defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, approaching such
14 person and emitting any audible signal or displaying or making any
15 visual signal reasonably indicating that such vehicle is being operated
16 in an emergency situation. Nothing in this subsection shall be
17 construed to relieve the driver of such an authorized emergency

18 vehicle from any duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all
19 persons using the highway or from the duty to exercise due care to
20 avoid colliding with any person, cattle or other livestock. Each
21 operator of a motor vehicle shall grant the right-of-way and slow or
22 stop such vehicle if necessary to grant the right-of-way, to any person
23 guiding cattle or other livestock across the roadway within a crossing
24 path. No operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall
25 overtake and pass any vehicle the operator of which has stopped at
26 any crossing path marked, as provided in subsection (a) of this section,
27 to permit guided cattle or other livestock to cross the roadway. A
28 violation of this subsection shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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