



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 64**

*January Session, 2003*

Senate Bill No. 858

*Senate, March 25, 2003*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REWARD FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE THEFT OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Section 54-51 of the general
- 2 statutes is repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Type</b>	<b>FY 04 \$</b>	<b>FY 05 \$</b>
Judicial Dept.	GF - None	None	None
Comptroller	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill eliminates an obsolete statute and has no fiscal impact since court awards specified in the statute are not made.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

SB 858

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REWARD FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE THEFT OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates a court's duty to award up to \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone for theft of anyone motor vehicle, mule, ass, cattle, horse, or poultry. The duty applies to the court in which the conviction occurs. The reward must be paid by the comptroller upon certification of the amount by the court clerk.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**BACKGROUND*****Related Statutes***

A municipality's chief executive officer may offer a reward up to \$2,500, to anyone who gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person who commits a felony or other serious crime in the town (CGS § 54-49(a)).

When a crime results in the death of a police officer or firefighter, the municipality's chief executive officer, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its legislative body, may offer a reward up to \$20,000 to the person who gives information leading to the guilty person's arrest and conviction (CGS § 54-49(b)).

For any crime punishable by death or imprisonment for more than one year, the governor, upon application of the state's attorney for the judicial district in which it was committed, may offer a reward up to \$ 50,000 to the person who gives information leading to the guilty person's arrest and conviction.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 40 Nay 0