



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 441**

LCO No. 3887

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) No person shall  
2 engage in any activity not related to the actual operation of a motor  
3 vehicle in a manner that interferes with the safe operation of that  
4 vehicle on any highway, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-1 of  
5 the general statutes. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1)  
6 the use of a telecommunications device for the purpose of calling 9-1-1,  
7 or otherwise communicating with any of the following regarding an  
8 emergency situation: An emergency response operator, a hospital,  
9 physician's office, health clinic, an ambulance company, a fire  
10 department, district or company, or a police department, or (2) any of  
11 the following persons while in the performance of their official duties:  
12 A police officer or peace officer, a member of a fire department, district  
13 or company, or the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle.

14 (b) An operator of a motor vehicle who commits a moving violation,  
15 as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-111g of the general statutes,  
16 while engaged in any activity prohibited under subsection (a) of this  
17 section shall be fined seventy-five dollars in addition to any penalty or

18 fine imposed for the moving violation. Any police officer who issues a  
19 summons for a violation of this section shall identify the cause of the  
20 distracted driving on the back of the summons in the area designated  
21 as "report to prosecutors".

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make distracted driving a motor vehicle violation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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