



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 811**

LCO No. 3942

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE  
OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR OPERATION WHILE UNDER THE  
INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 14-227a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (h) (1) Each court shall report each conviction under subsection (a)  
5 of this section to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in accordance  
6 with the provisions of section 14-141. The commissioner shall suspend  
7 the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege  
8 of the person reported as convicted for the period of time required by  
9 subsection (g) of this section. The commissioner shall determine the  
10 period of time required by said subsection (g) based on the number of  
11 convictions such person has had within the specified time period  
12 according to such person's driving history record, notwithstanding the  
13 sentence imposed by the court for such conviction. The period of  
14 suspension shall commence on the date of conviction, except that if, at  
15 the time of such conviction, such person's motor vehicle operator's

16 license or nonresident operating privilege is under suspension  
 17 pursuant to section 14-227b for the same incident, the period of  
 18 suspension under this section shall commence on the effective date of  
 19 the suspension under section 14-227b and shall run concurrently with  
 20 that suspension. (2) The motor vehicle operator's license or  
 21 nonresident operating privilege of a person found guilty under  
 22 subsection (a) of this section who is under eighteen years of age shall  
 23 be suspended by the commissioner for the period of time set forth in  
 24 subsection (g) of this section, or until such person attains the age of  
 25 eighteen years, whichever period is longer. (3) The motor vehicle  
 26 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person found  
 27 guilty under subsection (a) of this section who, at the time of the  
 28 offense, was operating a motor vehicle in accordance with a special  
 29 operator's permit issued pursuant to section 14-37a shall be suspended  
 30 by the commissioner for twice the period of time set forth in subsection  
 31 (g) of this section. (4) If an appeal of any conviction under subsection  
 32 (a) of this section is taken, the suspension of the motor vehicle  
 33 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege by the  
 34 commissioner, in accordance with this subsection, shall be stayed  
 35 during the pendency of such appeal.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide that if a driver's license has been suspended administratively for a drunken driving arrest, any suspension ordered by the court after a criminal conviction for such offense shall run from the date the administrative suspension began.

*[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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