



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 451

Senate, March 23, 2004

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DISPLAY OF MOTOR VEHICLE STICKERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-18 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) (1) Each motor vehicle for which one number plate has been
5 issued shall, while in use or operation upon any public highway,
6 display in a conspicuous place at the rear of such vehicle the number
7 plate. [Each] The owner of each such motor vehicle shall also display a
8 sticker on the number plate or [elsewhere] on the rear window of the
9 vehicle [, as the commissioner may direct,] denoting the expiration
10 date of the registration. Such sticker may contain the corresponding
11 letters and numbers of the registration and number plate, as assigned
12 by the commissioner.

13 (2) Each motor vehicle for which two number plates have been
 14 issued shall, while in use or operation upon any public highway,
 15 display in a conspicuous place at the front and the rear of such vehicle
 16 the number plates. [Each] The owner of each such motor vehicle shall
 17 also display a sticker on the rear number plate or [elsewhere on the
 18 vehicle, as the commissioner may direct,] the rear window of the
 19 vehicle denoting the expiration date of the registration, which may
 20 contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the number plate, as
 21 assigned by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

PD *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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Cost	600,000	600,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows owners to place their vehicle’s registration sticker on the license plate or the rear window of the vehicle. Since it is unknown where the choice of placement by the owner is, a new registration sticker would be issued along with the existing date-only sticker.

Therefore, there is a cost to the Department of Motor Vehicles of \$600,000 annually to provide the additional registration sticker. There are approximately 2.9 million registered vehicles in CT. The cost for a rear window is 20 cents per sticker. The DMV would purchase around 3 million stickers per year.

Design of stickers specifically for rear window would have to be larger than the existing sticker in order to display all pertinent registration information. The current sticker displays the date of expiration of the owner’s registration. Current law allows the sticker design to include corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate assigned to the owner of the vehicle as well as the expiration date. Otherwise the existing sticker and a missing license plate would create confusion for law enforcement and problems in verification of vehicles being unregistered. Reported stolen license plate markers are replaced free of charge by the DMV along with its associated expiration date sticker.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill allows drivers to place their vehicle's registration sticker on its rear window as an alternative to placing it on its license plate. It eliminates the motor vehicle commissioner's discretion to direct that the sticker be placed in another location.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0