



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 491

LCO No. 1641

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR VIOLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-107 of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 43 of public act 03-278, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) The owner, operator or lessee of any motor vehicle may be
5 prosecuted jointly or individually for violation of any provision of
6 section 10a-79, 10a-84, 10a-92 or 10a-139, subsection (a) of section 14-
7 13, section 14-18, section 14-39 so far as it relates to the registration of
8 motor vehicles, section 14-80, as amended, sections 14-80b, 14-80h, 14-
9 80i and 14-99f, sections 14-96a to 14-96aa, inclusive, or section 14-228,
10 14-251, 14-252, 14-260 or 14-267a, as amended.

11 (b) Whenever there occurs a violation of section 10a-79, 10a-92, 10a-
12 139, 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222, 14-223, 14-224 or 14-253a, [or] sections 14-
13 275 to 14-281, inclusive, or section 14-299 or a violation of an
14 ordinance, bylaw or regulation of any town, city or borough in regard
15 to parking, proof of the registration number of any motor vehicle

16 therein concerned shall be prima facie evidence in any criminal action
17 or in any action based on an infraction that the owner was the operator
18 thereof, except in the case of a leased or rented motor vehicle, such
19 proof shall be prima facie evidence in any criminal action that the
20 lessee was the operator thereof.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a presumption that the registered owner of a motor vehicle is the operator thereof if such motor vehicle is observed or photographed running a red light or otherwise violating a traffic control signal.

[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.]