



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING ACCIDENTS INVOLVING STATE VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 52-556 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005, and*
3 *applicable to any action pending on or accruing on or after said date*):

4 (a) Any person injured in person or property through the negligence
5 or recklessness of any state official or employee when operating a
6 motor vehicle owned [and] or insured by the state against personal
7 injuries or property damage shall have a right of action against the
8 state to recover damages for such injury.

9 (b) Any person injured in person or property through the
10 negligence or recklessness of any person other than a state official or
11 employee when operating a motor vehicle owned or insured by the
12 state against personal injuries or property damage shall have a right of
13 action against such operator and the legal entity that was responsible
14 for the operation of the motor vehicle to recover damages for such
15 injury.

16 (c) The state or the legal entity responsible for the operation of a
17 motor vehicle that is owned or insured by the state shall provide and
18 maintain uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage with respect
19 to such motor vehicle in accordance with section 38a-336.

20 (d) For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means "motor
21 vehicle", as defined in section 14-1.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to any action pending on or accruing on or after said date</i>	52-556

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that private entities that operate motor buses and other motor vehicles on behalf of the state are required to carry uninsured and underinsured motorists coverage and are subject to a civil action for damages brought by persons injured by the negligent or reckless operation of such vehicles.

[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.]