



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 72**

LCO No. 470

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL  
BICYCLES WITH AUDIBLE WARNING DEVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-286e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) [A] Any police officer, firefighter or emergency medical  
4 technician operating a bicycle in response to an emergency call or  
5 while engaged in rescue operations or in the immediate pursuit of an  
6 actual or suspected violator of the law shall be exempt from the  
7 provisions of sections 14-286, 14-286a, 14-286b, 14-286c and 14-289  
8 provided (1) the police officer, firefighter or emergency medical  
9 technician is wearing a distinctive uniform, and (2) the police officer  
10 has completed a course of instruction in basic police bicycle patrol  
11 certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or an  
12 equivalent course of instruction, or the firefighter or emergency  
13 medical technician has completed an equivalent course of basic bicycle  
14 patrol.

15 (b) The exemptions granted in subsection (a) of this section shall

16 apply only when such bicycle is making use of an audible warning  
17 signal device, including, but not limited to a siren, whistle or bell.

18 (c) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of a  
19 bicycle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all  
20 persons and property.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |         |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2006 | 14-286e |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow firefighters and emergency personnel certain exemptions while operating a bicycle in the course of duty.

*[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.]*