



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 592**

LCO No. 2840

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT LIMITING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO RECORDED INFORMATION IN "BLACK BOX" EVENT DATA RECORDERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "event data recorder" means a device installed in a passenger  
3 motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the 2006 supplement to the  
4 general statutes, that (1) records (A) the speed at which the motor  
5 vehicle is traveling, (B) the direction in which the motor vehicle is  
6 traveling, (C) a history of where the vehicle travels, (D) steering  
7 performance data, (E) brake performance data, including, but not  
8 limited to, whether the brakes were applied before an accident, or (F)  
9 the usage of the driver's seat belt, or (2) is capable of transmitting data  
10 concerning an accident in which the motor vehicle is involved to a  
11 central communications system.

12 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no peace  
13 officer, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, may obtain  
14 or use data stored on or transmitted from an event data recorder  
15 unless (1) the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle consents in writing,

16 or (2) the officer obtains the data pursuant to a search warrant issued  
17 by a judge of the Superior Court or a judge trial referee under the  
18 provisions of section 54-33a of the general statutes.

19 (c) Data stored on or transmitted from an event data recorder may  
20 be obtained or used by a peace officer without obtaining consent or a  
21 search warrant as required in subsection (b) of this section if the data is  
22 stored or transmitted pursuant to a subscription agreement and the  
23 subscription agreement discloses that the data may be stored or  
24 transmitted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To limit disclosure to law enforcement officials of certain "event data recorder" information from passenger motor vehicles without consent or a valid search warrant.

*[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.]*