

Connecticut Association of Prosecutors

*Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing 3-12-06*

TO: MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
FROM: THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS
DATE: MARCH 12, 2006

RE: SUPPORT FOR CONCEPTS IN RB: 442 – AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL STATUTES AND RESTRICTING THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Connecticut Association of Prosecutors supports the sections of RB 442, An Act Concerning Revisions to Certain Criminal Statutes and Restricting the Disclosure of Personal Information of Employees of the Division of Criminal Justice, which deal with the restriction of disclosure of personal information.

While our member prosecutors are already covered under this law we commend the committee's hearing the issue of adding employees of the Division of Criminal Justice to the statute allowing for the non-disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records.

We would urge the committee to look further and consider adding other areas where information is gathered by state and local agencies which might provide personal information of those covered under this statute. Our members have found that their personal information, such as home addresses, while not being disclosed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, is available in other places where it is given for purposes as varied as tax collection to voting registration.

The Connecticut Association of Prosecutors remains committed to keeping our members safe as they practice the law and represent the state in the prosecution of often times dangerous criminals. One way we see to do that is to look into other state and local information gathering centers and how a similar provision contemplated in RB 422 may be added to restrict the disclosure of personal information in those venues.

Thank you for consideration of our concerns.