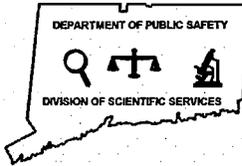


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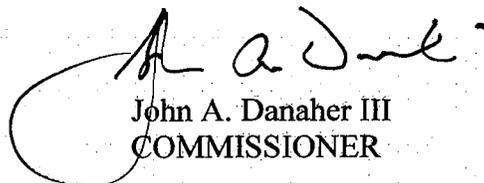
HB 7334 AN ACT CONCERNING PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP OR TRACE DEVICES

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

At this time, the law enforcement community in the State of Connecticut does not have the authority to use pen registers. If an investigation requires the use of pen registers, it is necessary to obtain the cooperation of federal authorities, usually the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This takes additional time and draws upon the limited resources of federal agencies. If the crime being investigated does not fall within the parameters of a federal violation it is not possible to utilize this investigative tool at all.

This proposed bill provides a uniform procedure with judicial oversight and strict penalties for violation of its provisions. It will provide a long needed investigative tool to Connecticut's law enforcement community and enhance public safety in the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,



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