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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR EVASION OF
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH
RESPECT TO AN ACCIDENT THAT CAUSES PHYSICAL INJURY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
4 involved in an accident which causes serious physical injury, as
5 defined in section 53a-3, to or results in the death of any other person
6 shall at once stop and render such assistance as may be needed and
7 shall give his or her name, address and operator's license number and
8 registration number to the person injured or to any officer or witness
9 to the death or serious physical injury of any person, and if such
10 operator of the motor vehicle causing the death or serious physical
11 injury of any person is unable to give his or her name, address and
12 operator's license number and registration number to the person
13 injured or to any witness or officer, for any reason or cause, such
14 operator shall immediately report such death or serious physical injury
15 of any person to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer or an

16 inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or station,
17 and shall state in such report the location and circumstances of the
18 accident causing the death or serious physical injury of any person and
19 his or her name, address, operator's license number and registration
20 number.

21 (b) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
22 involved in an accident which causes physical injury, as defined in
23 section 53a-3, to any other person or injury or damage to property shall
24 at once stop and render such assistance as may be needed and shall
25 give his or her name, address and operator's license number and
26 registration number to the person injured or to the owner of the
27 injured or damaged property, or to any officer or witness to the
28 physical injury to person or injury or damage to property, and if such
29 operator of the motor vehicle causing the physical injury of any person
30 or injury or damage to any property is unable to give his or her name,
31 address and operator's license number and registration number to the
32 person injured or the owner of the property injured or damaged, or to
33 any witness or officer, for any reason or cause, such operator shall
34 immediately report such physical injury of any person or injury or
35 damage to property to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer
36 or an inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or
37 station, and shall state in such report the location and circumstances of
38 the accident causing the physical injury of any person or the injury or
39 damage to property and his or her name, address, operator's license
40 number and registration number.

41 (c) (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public
42 highway for a wager or for any race or for the purpose of making a
43 speed record.

44 (2) No person shall (A) possess a motor vehicle under circumstances
45 manifesting an intent that it be used in a race or event prohibited
46 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) act as a starter, timekeeper,
47 judge or spectator at a race or event prohibited under subdivision (1)

48 of this subsection, or (C) wager on the outcome of a race or event
49 prohibited under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

50 (d) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
51 involved in an accident on a limited access highway which causes
52 damage to property only shall immediately move or cause [his] such
53 person's motor vehicle to be moved from the traveled portion of the
54 highway to an untraveled area which is adjacent to the accident site if
55 it is possible to move the motor vehicle without risk of further damage
56 to property or injury to any person.

57 (e) No person who acts in accordance with the provisions of
58 subsection (d) of this section may be considered to have violated
59 subsection (b) of this section.

60 (f) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
61 section shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or be
62 imprisoned not less than one year [nor] or more than ten years, or be
63 both fined and imprisoned.

64 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
65 section with respect to an accident which causes physical injury, as
66 defined in section 53a-3, shall be fined not more than two thousand
67 dollars or be imprisoned not more than two years, or be both fined and
68 imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall be fined not more
69 than five thousand dollars or be imprisoned not more than five years,
70 or be both fined and imprisoned.

71 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b)
72 [or (c)] of this section with respect to an accident which causes injury
73 or damage to property only, or who violates the provisions of
74 subsection (c) of this section, shall be fined not less than seventy-five
75 dollars [nor] or more than six hundred dollars or be imprisoned not
76 more than one year, or be both fined and imprisoned, and for any
77 subsequent offense shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars
78 [nor] or more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned not more

79 than one year, or be both fined and imprisoned.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	14-224

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the criminal penalty for evasion of responsibility in the operation of a motor vehicle applicable in cases involving accidents that cause physical injury to a person.

[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.]