

Legislative Regulation Review Committee

2008-068

Department of Motor Vehicles

FRAME WEAKING STANDARDS

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Regulation
of

Department of Motor Vehicles

Frame Weakening Standards

Section 1. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding Sections 14-271a-1 through 14-271a-2, inclusive, as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 14-271a-1. Definitions

As used in sections 14-271a-1 through 14-271a-2, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the following words and phrases shall mean:

1. "Frame" means that portion of a motor vehicle chassis that supports the weight of the body and drive train on the suspension, including individual frame members and stamped structural shapes in unibody vehicles;
2. "Subframe" means an independent frame member that is discontinuous at some point between the front and rear axles;
3. "Chassis" means the frame, suspension and related components that support the body of a motor vehicle;
4. "Body" means the occupant and cargo carrying portion of a vehicle including the sides, floor and permanent type roof, but does not include that portion of the floor on unibody vehicles that contains structural shapes or where it has structural pieces welded to it; and
5. "Flange" means that portion of a frame rail or stamped structural shape that forms the bottom or top horizontal portion of the frame member.

(NEW) Sec. 14-271a-2. Frame weakening standards

No motor vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, nor shall any motor vehicle pass any safety inspection conducted by the commissioner of motor vehicles under authority of any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, if the vehicle frame fails to meet any of the following standards:

1. The frame or chassis of each motor vehicle shall not be cracked, loose, sagging or broken;
2. Bolts, brackets, or welds securing the cab or the body of the vehicle to the frame or subframe must not be loose, broken, or missing;
3. The frame flanges between the axles shall not be bent, cut or notched, except as specified by the manufacturer or by industry standards if manufacturer's specifications are unavailable;
4. The frame flanges shall not be rusted such that any corrosive scaling or flaking has reduced the solid metal of the flange by fifty percent or more;
5. No holes shall be drilled in the top or bottom frame flanges, except as specified by the manufacturer or by industry standards if manufacturer's specifications are unavailable;
6. No rust perforation holes shall be allowed in the top or bottom flanges; or
7. Parts and accessories shall not be welded to the frame or chassis of a motor vehicle except in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations or industry standards in lieu of manufacturer's recommendations. Any welded repair of the frame must also be in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations or industry standards if manufacturer's recommendations are unavailable.

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Statement of Purpose: To establish limits for the weakening of vehicle frames or equivalent structures. This regulation was mandated by PA 99-268.

Summary of Main Provision's: Section one provides definitions describing various parts of a vehicles body.

Section two establishes the standards that a Vehicle frame must meet if the vehicle is to be operated on any public highway.

Legal Effects: Standards are being established which will provide for the ability to prohibit vehicles with weakened frames from being operated on any public highway.

Be it known that the foregoing:

Regulations Emergency Regulations are:
 Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Section 14-271a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 14-_____ of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section _ of Public Act. No. __ of the Public Acts.

Public Act. No. _____ of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on February 26, 2008 of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt Amend Repeal such regulations

(If applicable): And the holding of an advertised public hearing on __ day of __ 2007.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The _____ day of _____ 2007.

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| In Witness Whereof: | Date 6-6-08 | SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission) <i>[Signature]</i> | OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONER |
| Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.: | | SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i> 11/4/08 | OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED ASSOC. ATTY. GENERAL |

Approved

Disapproved

Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)

Rejected without prejudice.

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| The Legislative Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes | DATE | SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee) |
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Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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INSTRUCTIONS

One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in underlined and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes.