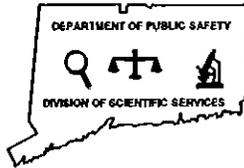




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HB 6025 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR ENGAGING A POLICE OFFICER IN PURSUIT

This proposed bill would make it a Class D felony to engage an officer in a police vehicle in pursuit. Under current law, such conduct is punishable as a misdemeanor unless death or serious injury results. This proposed bill would make engaging an officer in pursuit a class C felony if death or serious injury results.

The current misdemeanor status of engaging an officer in pursuit by increasing speed in an attempt to escape is not a sufficient deterrent and not proportionate to the public danger created and the public liability exposure of the police.

Sincerely,

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