



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5262**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES USED FOR ILLEGAL STREET RACING.**

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 Section 14-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2009*):

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 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 name, address and operator's  
12 license number and registration number to the person injured or to any  
13 witness or officer, for any reason or cause, such operator shall  
14 immediately report such death or serious physical injury of any person  
15 to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer or an inspector of  
16 motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or station, and shall  
17 state in such report the location and circumstances of the accident  
18 causing the death or serious physical injury of any person and his  
19 name, address, operator's license number and registration number.

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

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

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

49 (d) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly  
50 involved in an accident on a limited access highway which causes  
51 damage to property only shall immediately move or cause his motor  
52 vehicle to be moved from the traveled portion of the highway to an

53 untraveled area which is adjacent to the accident site if it is possible to  
54 move the motor vehicle without risk of further damage to property or  
55 injury to any person.

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

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

63 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) [or (c)]  
64 of this section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars nor more  
65 than six hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year or  
66 be both fined and imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall be  
67 fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand  
68 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and  
69 imprisoned.

70 (h) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this  
71 section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars nor more than  
72 six hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year or be  
73 both fined and imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall be  
74 fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand  
75 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and  
76 imprisoned. The motor vehicle being operated by such person at the  
77 time of the violation shall be impounded by a law enforcement official  
78 for thirty days and such person shall pay any fees or costs resulting  
79 from such impoundment, except that no rental motor vehicle, as  
80 defined in section 14-15b, shall be impounded.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	14-224

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*