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Committee Bill No. 5894

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "MOVE OVER" LAW IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) For the purpose of
2 this section "emergency vehicle" means any vehicle with activated
3 flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an emergency medical
4 service organization responding to an emergency call, (2) operated by
5 a fire department or by any officer of a fire department responding to a
6 fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a police officer, (4) that is a
7 maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes,
8 or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1 of the general
9 statutes, "police officer" means a sworn member of the Division of
10 State Police within the Department of Public Safety or an organized
11 local police department and "highway" means a state or public
12 highway with three or more travel lanes that proceed in the same
13 direction.

14 (b) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when
15 approaching one or more stationary emergency vehicles located on the
16 shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall (1)

17 immediately reduce speed to a reasonable level below the posted
18 speed limit, and (2) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder,
19 lane or breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such
20 motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be
21 unreasonable or unsafe.

22 (c) A violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction,
23 except that if a violation of the provisions of subsection (a) results in
24 the injury of the operator of an emergency vehicle, the operator of the
25 motor vehicle that caused such injury shall be fined in an amount not
26 to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars, and if such violation
27 results in the death of the operator of an emergency vehicle, the
28 operator of the motor vehicle that caused such death shall be fined in
29 an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect emergency service employees by enacting a "Move Over" law in Connecticut.

[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.]

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