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**Committee Bill No. 6025**

LCO No. 4809

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR ENGAGING A POLICE OFFICER IN PURSUIT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-223 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (b) No person operating a motor vehicle, when signalled to stop by  
5 an officer in a police vehicle using an audible signal device or flashing  
6 or revolving lights, shall increase the speed of the motor vehicle in an  
7 attempt to escape or elude such police officer. Any person who violates  
8 this subsection shall be guilty of a class [A misdemeanor] D felony for  
9 which ninety days of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or  
10 reduced by the court, except that, if such violation causes the death or  
11 serious physical injury, as defined in section 53a-3, of another person,  
12 such person shall be guilty of a class [D] C felony for which six months  
13 of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the  
14 court, and shall have such person's motor vehicle operator's license  
15 suspended for one year for the first offense, except that the  
16 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after a hearing, as provided for

17 in subsection (k) of section 14-111, and upon a showing of compelling  
 18 mitigating circumstances, reinstate such person's license before the  
 19 expiration of such one-year period. For any subsequent offense such  
 20 person shall be guilty of a class [D] C felony for which ninety days of  
 21 the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court,  
 22 except that if any prior offense by such person under this subsection  
 23 caused, and such subsequent offense causes, the death or serious  
 24 physical injury, as defined in section 53a-3, of another person, such  
 25 person shall be guilty of a class [D] C felony for which one year of the  
 26 sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and  
 27 shall have such person's motor vehicle operator's license suspended for  
 28 not less than eighteen months nor more than two years, except that  
 29 said commissioner may, after a hearing, as provided for in subsection  
 30 (k) of section 14-111, and upon a showing of compelling mitigating  
 31 circumstances, reinstate such person's license before such period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	14-223(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase public safety and the safety of police officers by increasing the penalty for motor vehicle operators who attempt to escape or elude a police officer.

*[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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