



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6025

January Session, 2009

* HB06025JUD 040309 *

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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,
9 except that, if such violation causes the death or serious physical
10 injury, as defined in section 53a-3, of another person, such person shall
11 be guilty of a class [D] C felony, and shall have such person's motor
12 vehicle operator's license suspended for one year for the first offense,
13 except that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after a hearing,
14 as provided for in subsection (k) of section 14-111, and upon a showing
15 of compelling mitigating circumstances, reinstate such person's license
16 before the expiration of such one-year period. For any subsequent
17 offense such person shall be guilty of a class [D] C felony, except that if
18 any prior offense by such person under this subsection caused, and
19 such subsequent offense causes, the death or serious physical injury, as

20 defined in section 53a-3, of another person, such person shall be guilty
21 of a class [D] C felony for which one year of the sentence imposed may
22 not be suspended or reduced by the court, and shall have such
23 person's motor vehicle operator's license suspended for not less than
24 eighteen months nor more than two years, except that said
25 commissioner may, after a hearing, as provided for in subsection (k) of
26 section 14-111, and upon a showing of compelling mitigating
27 circumstances, reinstate such person's license before such period.

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

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*