



House Bill No. 5894

Public Act No. 09-121

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

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

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

(b) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when approaching one or more stationary emergency vehicles located on the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall (1) immediately reduce speed to a reasonable level below the posted speed limit, and (2) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such

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motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be unreasonable or unsafe.

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

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