

ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT AMBULANCE PROVIDERS

SB 428 "AAC the Safety of Individuals Being Transported by State Agencies"

Written Testimony - Gregory B. Allard, Vice President
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Transportation Committee

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Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrera and other distinguished members of the Transportation Committee;

This written testimony is being submitted in reference to Raised Bill No. 428 "An Act Concerning the Safety of Individuals being transported by State Agencies".

Members of our Association are truly concerned with the safety of the individuals we transport on a daily basis. I think this is apparent just by the nature of our business. The vehicles that we have in our fleets as well as the operators we hire already have to adhere to a multitude of standards including DPH and DOT. We are respectfully requesting that you consider exempting vehicles with DPH and or DOT registrations within this bill.

In addition to this request we would like the members of this committee to consider additional requirements of the operator. These requirements might include First Aid, CPR, and a specialized vehicle operator course if the vehicle is something other than a standard passenger car. These requirements would clearly be in the best interest of the individual being transported.

Again, I would like to state that our Association supports the vehicle safety idea however for Proposed Bill No. 428 to truly be effective for those individuals being transports we think it needs to be modified to include additional requirements of the operator. If these changes are made this bill would receive complete support by the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers.

I would be happy to answer any questions related to my testimony I encourage you to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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