



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 409

LCO No. 1907

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM USING CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS CONCERNING PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THAT LIMIT OR IMPAIR THE ABILITY TO WALK AND PERSONS WITH BLINDNESS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) The Commissioner of Motor
2 Vehicles, in conjunction with the police departments of three
3 municipalities, shall conduct a pilot program for improved
4 enforcement of the provisions of state statutes and municipal
5 ordinance codes concerning handicapped parking, with the assistance
6 of civilian volunteers.

7 (b) The commissioner shall select three municipalities for
8 participation in such program. One municipality shall have a
9 population of less than twenty thousand, one shall have a population
10 of twenty thousand or more, but not more than fifty thousand, and one
11 shall have a population exceeding fifty thousand. The police
12 departments of such municipalities shall invite residents of such
13 municipalities to participate in such program as civilian volunteers.

14 (c) Volunteers shall drive to parking locations and shall observe
15 motor vehicles parked in spaces designated as "Handicapped Parking".
16 If a motor vehicle does not display a placard or number plates
17 permitting it to park in such space, or if the placard or number plates
18 have expired, the volunteer shall take photographs of such vehicle in
19 accordance with instructions provided by the police department. The
20 volunteer shall complete an affidavit supplied by the police
21 department and shall submit the photographs and affidavit to the
22 police department. The department shall review the photographs and
23 the affidavit and, if appropriate, shall issue a summons to the
24 registered owner of such motor vehicle. The state shall remit to each
25 municipality participating in the pilot program established by this
26 section twenty-five per cent of the amount received with respect to
27 each summons issued by such municipality for a violation of section
28 14-253a of the general statutes.

29 (d) On or before January 1, 2012, the Department of Motor Vehicles
30 shall submit a report on such pilot program to the joint standing
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
32 relating to motor vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of section
33 11-4a of the general statutes. The report shall describe the program
34 conducted by each municipality and the results of each such program,
35 including the number of volunteers who participated and the number
36 of violations of the provisions of (1) section 14-253a of the general
37 statutes, and (2) municipal ordinance codes, for which a summons was
38 issued.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program using civilian volunteers to assist in the enforcement of state and municipal laws concerning parking for

persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk and persons with blindness.

[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.]