



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 714

Senate, April 5, 2011

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. MAYNARD of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF "WELCOME HOME" MESSAGES FOR RETURNING CONNECTICUT MILITARY UNITS ON OVERHEAD HIGHWAY SIGN BOARDS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) The Department of
2 Transportation shall use overhead electronic sign boards located on
3 interstate highways to display, in a manner to be determined by said
4 department, "Welcome Home" messages for Connecticut military units
5 returning from service abroad.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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TRA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill has no fiscal impact as it requires the Department of Transportation to post "Welcome Home" on the state's highway electronic signboards for military units returning from service abroad.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 714*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF "WELCOME HOME" MESSAGES FOR RETURNING CONNECTICUT MILITARY UNITS ON OVERHEAD HIGHWAY SIGN BOARDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to display, on electronic signs above interstate highways, "Welcome Home" messages to Connecticut military units returning from service abroad. DOT must determine how to do this.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)