



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 676

LCO No. 588

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
SEN. CRISCO, 17th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING TIME LIMITS FOR ACTIONS REGARDING
DEFECTIVE HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.**

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

1 That section 13a-144 of the general statutes be amended to (1)
2 increase the amount of time within which notice shall be filed with the
3 Commissioner of Transportation by a person injured in person or
4 property, or the executor or administrator of a person who has died,
5 through the neglect or default of the state or any of its employees by
6 means of any defective highway, bridge or sidewalk which it is the
7 duty of the Commissioner of Transportation to keep in repair, or by
8 reason of the lack of any railing or fence on the side of such bridge or
9 part of such road so as to be unsafe for travel, (2) provide that such
10 notice be filed not later than one hundred eighty days following the
11 availability of a completed police investigation report concerning the
12 injury or death, rather than ninety days after the injury or death as
13 currently provided, and (3) provide that in cases where the injured
14 party dies or becomes cognitively impaired because of such injury,
15 notice shall be filed by the executor or administrator of the person or
16 estate not later than one year after the availability of a completed
17 police investigation report concerning the injury or death.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the amount of time within which notice shall be provided to the Commissioner of Transportation regarding injuries and any potential civil action with respect to a defective highway, bridge or sidewalk or the lack of any railing or fence.