



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 720**

LCO No. 220

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
SEN. BYE, 5th Dist.

***AN ACT CREATING PENALTIES FOR CAUSING HARM TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.***

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a class of  
2 vulnerable users of a public way; that such class shall consist of (1) a  
3 pedestrian, (2) a highway worker, (3) a person riding or driving an  
4 animal, (4) a person riding a bicycle, (5) a person using a skateboard,  
5 roller skates or inline skates, (6) a person operating or riding on an  
6 agricultural tractor or farm implement, and (7) a person using a  
7 wheelchair or motorized chair; that a person commits the offense of  
8 infliction of serious physical injury or death to a vulnerable user when  
9 such person, while operating a motor vehicle on a public way, fails to  
10 exercise due care and causes such serious physical injury or death; and  
11 that a person convicted of the infliction of serious physical injury or  
12 death to a vulnerable user shall be required to attend a motor vehicle  
13 operator's retraining program and perform community service and  
14 may be fined not more than five thousand dollars.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide penalties for causing harm to, or the death of, a vulnerable user of a public way.