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Testimony by
Rep. Henry Genga
10th District-East Hartford
On

H.B. 6193 An Act Concerning the Suspension of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License
of Persons who Commit Multiple Motor Vehicle Moving Violations

February 23, 2011

Honorable Co-Chairman Representative Guerrara and Co-Chairman Senator Maynard
and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee,

For the record, I am Henry Genga, State Representative for the 10th district in East
Hartford.

It is with great pleasure that I state my support on Proposed Bill No. 6193
concerning the suspension of motor vehicle operator licenses for people who commit
multiple motor vehicle moving violations. The current process leaves much to be desired
and the propose change provides a more reasonable solution to these scofflaws.

People who have motor vehicle violations and still continue to not obey laws
should suffer the consequence of a license suspension. The proposed bill defines a three
year period of time to be enforced where the license of a driver indicates a necessary or

completed driver retraining program. Violations during this 3 year period would require the Commissioner of DMV to suspend the license for 30 days and progressively add another 30 days for each subsequent violation during the 3 year period. Legislation needs to be effective when individuals commit motor vehicle violations after completing a driver retraining program simply because the lesson has not been learned and the drivers serve as a danger to the safety of others on the road.

An individual in East Hartford during a time period of 2006-2010 received seventeen motor vehicle violations from police agencies in the area. During this time he also completed the retraining program five times as part of his restitution. Each time after completing the retraining program he received his license back and gamed the system with continued disregard for his actions. The residents in the area where he lived were terrified for the public safety of their children and their neighbors. The police department did their part and issued violations, but DMV continued to re-issue his license because the Commissioner at that time felt he did not have the legislative mandate to suspend it for any considerable amount of time. This legislation makes it very clear that the legislative intent is to allow an individual to enter the retraining program and require the Commissioner of DMV to suspend the license according to the number of violations.

This legislation was written with the support of the Commissioner of the DMV and she feels it gives her appropriate legislative authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

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