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### **Public Hearing – March 14, 2011 Transportation Committee**

### **Testimony Submitted by Acting Commissioner James P. Redeker Department of Transportation**

### **H.B. 6576 – An Act Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs by the Traffic Authority of Certain State Facilities. (ConnDOT proposal)**

The Department of Transportation (Department) supports H.B. 6576 to allow various entities the ability to install stop signs under their jurisdiction.

Various state statutes empower an entity or person at a specific state institution to prohibit, limit or restrict the parking of passenger vehicles, determine speed limits, restrict roads or portions thereof to one-way traffic and designate the location of crosswalks on any portion of any road or highway under the care, custody and control of that institution, subject to the approval of the State Traffic Commission. These statutes essentially designate a specific entity or person as the state institution's traffic authority and provide a mechanism for enforceability of the traffic control devices installed by that authority. The state institutions noted in these statutes generally cover a large area and have many internal roadways. The traffic authority for the state institution should have the authority to install stop signs on any approach to an internal roadway intersection on the grounds of the state institution in an effort to enhance safety and traffic operations.

The need for such authority was first recognized in 2006 when Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 10a-92 was modified to allow the traffic authorities of the Connecticut State University campus's to install stop signs. Considering the above, the authority to install stop signs should be added to the provisions of CGS 10a-79 (Regional Community-Technical Colleges), 10a-139 (University of Connecticut and University of Connecticut Health Center), 17a-24 (Department of Children and Families Institutions), 17a-465 (Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Institutions), 17a-465a (Blue Hills Hospital), 19a-33 (Department of Public Health Facilities), 27-107 (Rocky Hill Veteran's Home).

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