



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Joan Hartley, Co-Chairman  
Public Safety and Security Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**HB 5094 AN ACT CONCERNING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW**

***The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection supports this bill***

This proposal would amend the definition of "highway" under CGS 14-283b, to mirror the definition in CSG 14-1, thereby making the statute applicable on limited access highways with two or more lanes.

Many of the limited access highways in Connecticut, including I-95 in some areas, are two lanes in each direction. As a result, the current "move over" law is inapplicable and cannot be enforced due to the present statutory definition of "highway" under CGS 14-283b. There are many public safety personnel struck and injured each year on two lane limited access highways across the state and in order to protect all public safety personnel and first responders throughout the state it is imperative that the "move over" law is strengthened.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben F. Bradford".

Reuben F. Bradford  
COMMISSIONER