



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5148**

LCO No. 847

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS TO VICTIMS OF THE  
CRIMINAL OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT RESULTS IN  
DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Any person convicted of  
2 a motor vehicle offense that resulted in the death or serious physical  
3 injury of another person may, prior to sentencing for the offense, make  
4 a statement, affirmation, gesture or expression of apology, fault,  
5 sympathy, commiseration, condolence, compassion or a general sense  
6 of benevolence to the victim of such offense, a relative of the victim or  
7 a representative of the victim. Such statement, affirmation, gesture or  
8 expression shall be made before the court in a courtroom closed to the  
9 public at a time set by the court. Such statement, affirmation, gesture  
10 or expression shall be inadmissible as evidence of an admission of  
11 liability or as evidence of an admission against interest in any civil or  
12 criminal proceeding. For the purposes of this section, "serious physical  
13 injury" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of the  
14 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*