

**Testimony of Sergeant Andrew Gallagher of the Stamford Police Department  
Before the Transportation Committee on House Bill 5462,  
An Act Concerning Department of Motor Vehicle Suspensions  
For Operating Without a License Offenses.**

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee. I would like to thank you for raising H.B. 5462, AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE OFFENSES.

The bill presented however is flawed in that it does not address the need for the Department of Motor Vehicles to SUSPEND the license status of operators who are charged with subsequent violations of Connecticut General Statute 14-36a. Department of Motor Vehicle regulations do not classify violation of 14-36a, no matter how many violations an operator incurs, as an offense that can lead to a SUSPENSION. Once an operator has been issued a citation for the violation of 14-36a the Department of Motor Vehicle issues a 300 series identification number to track the operator. The operator while identified for tracking purposes does not show a SUSPENDED status.

While most law enforcement officers have access to Mobile Data Terminals in the field the license inquiry will show "No License Found".

Query of the Department of Motor Vehicle 'Operator History' will identify the 300 series license number but does not show a SUSPENSION for operators who have multiple 14-36a violations. At present many Mobile Data Terminals do not support full access to all Department of Motor Vehicle files. Upgrades to Department of Motor Vehicle CIVLS (Connecticut Integrated Vehicle and Licensing System) will be accomplished in the coming years with more access to law enforcement in the field; however the need to SUSPEND operators with multiple 14-36a violations needs to be addressed.

I thank the committee for raising this important legislation and hope that you will consider modifying the proposed legislation to include mandating a SUSPENSION for multiple 14-36a violations.