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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INFRACTIONS FOR FAILURE TO OBEY
TRAFFIC SIGNALS GIVEN BY FIRE POLICE OFFICERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-313a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of any
4 town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of fire
5 department members or other persons, within available
6 appropriations, as they deem necessary to be fire police officers of such
7 municipality or district, who shall have the powers and perform the
8 duties in such municipality or district as designated and authorized by
9 the fire chief of such municipality or district, and such fire police
10 officers may exercise such powers and duties in any other municipality
11 or district while on duty with the fire department or with a
12 cooperating fire department, where the department is engaged in
13 mutual assistance. Such powers and duties shall include traffic control
14 and regulation and may be exercised by such fire police during any
15 fire drill or fire call or at any other time when such fire police are
16 serving with the fire department, with any other fire department in

17 another municipality or district or with any fire department rendering
18 mutual assistance. Each such fire police officer while in the
19 performance of fire police duties shall wear the badge of office in plain
20 view of any observer. Each such fire police officer, while directing
21 traffic in performance of the duties of fire police, shall (1) wear (A) a
22 helmet with the words "Fire Police" in red letters on the front thereof,
23 any other headgear that meets national, state and local traffic safety
24 standards or a regulation fire-police dress uniform cap, and (B) a traffic
25 safety vest, orange or lime green raincoat or any reflectorized orange
26 or lime green outer clothing, that meets national, state and local traffic
27 safety standards, (2) carry a flashlight, which shall have a red or
28 orange wand and be capable of projecting a clear light for the purpose
29 of illumination at nighttime, and (3) utilize hand-held or portable
30 traffic control devices appropriate for the time of day, weather and
31 traffic flow. Such helmet, cap, vest, raincoat or outer clothing, badge,
32 traffic control equipment and flashlight may be supplied by the
33 appointing municipality or district. Any person who violates this
34 section by failing to obey any signal given by a fire police officer
35 directing traffic in performance of the duties of fire police shall be
36 deemed to have committed an infraction.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
39 *October 1, 2013*):

40 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
41 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the
42 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-
43 283, 7-313a, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-
44 197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292 or 12-326g,
45 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section
46 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-
47 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-
48 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-
49 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or

50 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,
51 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (e)
52 of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49,
53 14-50a or 14-58, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a, 14-66b
54 or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-
55 80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152,
56 14-153 or 14-163b, a first violation as specified in subsection (f) of
57 section 14-164i, section 14-219 as specified in subsection (e) of said
58 section, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-249, 14-
59 250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-261a, section 14-262, 14-264,
60 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or 14-279, subsection (e) or (h)
61 of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-319, 14-320, 14-
62 321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of
63 section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97,
64 subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-44, 16-256, 16-256e, 16a-15 or
65 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145,
66 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17a-642, 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137 or 17b-
67 734, subsection (b) of section 17b-736, section 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or
68 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-
69 107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-
70 297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-
71 425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-
72 324e, 20-341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-30, 21-38, 21-39,
73 21-43, 21-47, 21-48, 21-63 or 21-76a, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19,
74 section 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,
75 section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-
76 46, 21a-61, 21a-63 or 21a-77, subsection (b) of section 21a-79, section
77 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
78 subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15,
79 22-16, 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-
80 39d, 22-39e, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61, 22-89, 22-90, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100, 22-
81 111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a, 22-326 or 22-
82 342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-344, section 22-359, 22-366,
83 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of

84 section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363, 22a-
85 381d, 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
86 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
87 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31,
88 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1)
89 of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64, subdivision (1) of
90 section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-
91 104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138 or 26-141,
92 subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-
93 224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-232,
94 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-294,
95 28-13, 29-6a, 29-25, 29-109, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b),
96 (d), (e) or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision
97 (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of
98 section 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-
99 10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-
100 32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-38a, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-51k, 31-52,
101 31-52a or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-
102 74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-
103 273, section 31-288, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-
104 230, 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of
105 section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-
106 8a, 49-16, 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-
107 302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331, 53-344 or 53-450,
108 or (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation
109 of any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section
110 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance,
111 regulation or bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of
112 building codes and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds
113 ninety dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless
114 such town, city or borough has established a payment and hearing
115 procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow
116 the procedures set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	7-313a
Sec. 2	October 1, 2013	51-164n(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To establish that the failure to obey traffic signals given by a fire police officer shall be an infraction.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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