

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-93—HB 5278

*Public Safety and Security Committee
Transportation Committee*

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING FIREFIGHTERS TO CONDUCT
CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING BOOT DRIVES ON STATE HIGHWAYS**

SUMMARY: This act requires the Office of the State Traffic Administration (formerly the State Traffic Commission), when asked by a municipality's traffic authority, to issue special event permits allowing the municipality's fire department members to collect donations for charity on a state highway, other than a limited access highway. The permits for these charitable fundraisers (also known as boot drives) are valid for one day only.

The act limits the (1) location of boot drives to intersections controlled by a traffic control signal or stop sign where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less and (2) number of permits issued to an authority to two per year for any fire company. It specifies that the permit is an agreement by the municipality to indemnify and hold harmless the state against any financial loss and expense arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment resulting from or related to the issuance of the permit or collection of donations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Office of the State Traffic Administration

This office has jurisdiction over state highways, including authority to adopt regulations governing their use (CGS § 14-298).

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