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LCO No. 1789



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) As used in subsection
2 (b) of this section, (1) "vulnerable user" means: (A) A pedestrian; (B) a
3 highway worker; (C) a person riding or driving an animal; (D) a
4 person riding a bicycle; (E) a person using a skateboard, roller skates
5 or in-line skates; (F) a person operating or riding on an agricultural
6 tractor; (G) a person using a wheelchair or motorized chair; and (H) a
7 blind person and such person's service animal, and (2) "public way"
8 includes any state or other public highway, road, street, avenue, alley,
9 driveway, parkway or place, under the control of the state or any
10 political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to
11 public travel or other use.

12 (b) Any person operating a motor vehicle on a public way who fails
13 to exercise reasonable care and causes the serious physical injury or
14 death of a vulnerable user of a public way, provided such vulnerable
15 user has shown reasonable care in such user's use of the public way,

16 shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase awareness of vulnerable users of our roads.

[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.]