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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 430

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 14-283 of the  
4 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

6 (a) ["Emergency vehicle", as] As used in this section, "emergency  
7 vehicle" means any ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an  
8 emergency medical service organization responding to an emergency  
9 call, any vehicle used by a fire department or by any officer of a fire  
10 department while on the way to a fire or while responding to an  
11 emergency call but not while returning from a fire or emergency call,  
12 any state or local police vehicle operated by a police officer or

13 inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles answering an  
14 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators or any  
15 Department of Correction vehicle operated by a Department of  
16 Correction officer while in the course of such officer's employment and  
17 while responding to an emergency call.

18 (b) ~~(1)~~ The operator of any emergency vehicle may ~~[(1)]~~ (A) park or  
19 stand such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, ~~[(2)]~~  
20 (B) except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed  
21 past any red light or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing  
22 down or stopping to the extent necessary for the safe operation of such  
23 vehicle, ~~[(3)]~~ (C) exceed the posted speed limits or other speed limits  
24 imposed by or pursuant to section 14-218a or 14-219 as long as such  
25 operator does not endanger life or property by so doing, and ~~[(4)]~~ (D)  
26 disregard statutes, ordinances or regulations governing direction of  
27 movement or turning in specific directions.

28 (2) The operator of any emergency vehicle shall immediately bring  
29 such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when  
30 approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking  
31 or following any registered school bus on any highway or private road  
32 or in any parking area or on any school property when such school bus  
33 is displaying flashing red signal lights and such operator may then  
34 proceed as long as he or she does not endanger life or property by so  
35 doing.

36 (c) The exemptions ~~[herein]~~ granted in this section shall apply only  
37 when an emergency vehicle is making use of an audible warning  
38 signal device, including but not limited to a siren, whistle or bell which  
39 meets the requirements of subsection (f) of section 14-80, and visible  
40 flashing or revolving lights which meet the requirements of sections  
41 14-96p and 14-96q, and to any state or local police vehicle properly and  
42 lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device only.

43 (d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of an  
44 emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the

45 safety of all persons and property.

46 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-279 of the general statutes is  
 47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 48 *October 1, 2014*):

49 (a) The operator of any vehicle [,] or motor vehicle, [or] including an  
 50 authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, shall  
 51 immediately bring such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the  
 52 front when approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when  
 53 overtaking or following any registered school bus on any highway or  
 54 private road or in any parking area or on any school property when  
 55 such bus is displaying flashing red signal lights, except at the specific  
 56 direction of a traffic officer. Vehicles so stopped for a school bus shall  
 57 not proceed until such school bus no longer displays flashing red  
 58 signal lights, except that a stopped authorized emergency vehicle may  
 59 proceed as long as such authorized emergency vehicle is operated  
 60 pursuant to section 14-283, as amended by this act. At the intersection  
 61 of two or more highways vehicular turns toward a school bus  
 62 receiving or discharging passengers are prohibited. The operator of a  
 63 vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon  
 64 meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	14-283(a) to (d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	14-279(a)