



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1106

LCO No. 5290



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INDEMNIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-39a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 Whenever, in any prosecution of [an officer of the Division of State
4 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
5 Protection, or a member of the Office of State Capitol Police or] any
6 member of a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, any
7 person appointed under section 29-18 as a special policeman for the
8 State Capitol building and grounds, the Legislative Office Building
9 and parking garage and related structures and facilities, and other
10 areas under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on
11 Legislative Management, or [a local police department] any inspector
12 in the Division of Criminal Justice for a crime allegedly committed by
13 such [officer] person in the course of his or her duty, [as such,] the
14 charge is dismissed or the [officer] person found not guilty, such
15 [officer] person shall be indemnified by [his employing] the

16 governmental unit that brought such charge or prosecuted such person
17 for economic loss sustained by [him] such person as a result of such
18 prosecution, including the payment of attorney's fees and costs
19 incurred during the prosecution and the enforcement of this section.
20 Such [officer] person may bring an action in the Superior Court against
21 such [employing] governmental unit to enforce the provisions of this
22 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	53-39a

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that all law enforcement professionals who work for the state or a municipality are covered for purposes of indemnification and to shift the role of indemnifier from that of the employing agency to the agency that charged or prosecuted the law enforcement professional.

[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.]