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***Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles***  
***Commissioner Andres Ayala, Jr.***  
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**Proposed H.B. No. 6355- AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSE RENEWAL BY PERSONS WITH OLD, OUTSTANDING OUT-OF-STATE TICKETS**

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and other members of the Transportation Committee.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is submitting testimony respectfully opposing Proposed H.B. 6355 AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSE RENEWAL BY PERSONS WITH OLD, OUTSTANDING OUT-OF-STATE TICKETS. This legislation would permit people to renew their licenses despite being under suspension in another state for not paying a ticket in that state.

When a Connecticut operator has a privilege suspension or commits a moving violation in another state, and does not pay the ticket or appear in court, the resulting suspension is placed on the National Driver Registry/ Problem Driver Pointer System (NDR/ PDPS).

On renewal, Connecticut "pings" NDR/PDPS for the particular operator. If that operator is suspended, a message will be returned indicating that the operator is suspended and it will indicate the state that has posted the suspension. This system gives no other information to the DMV examiner who is processing the transaction. At that point, the operator is told that he or she will need to contact the reporting state to clear up the violation/suspension. The person is given a contact number to do so.

In order to know the reason for the suspension and/or the conviction or suspension date, DMV would be required to query the state which is reporting the suspension. In fact, the suspension may have been recent, and it is possible that the suspension was due to a serious violation rather than failure to pay an infractions ticket. DMV has the process to determine that, but it will add more complexity to license transactions and significantly increase the time that the transaction will take. It will also require training for DMV's branch personnel who are processing the transactions, further burdening DMV resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify with regard to this proposal. I would be happy to answer any questions that arise.