



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 123

LCO No. 1133



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR DELIVERY OF BODY ARMOR TO FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-341b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell or deliver body armor
4 to another person unless the transferee meets in person with the
5 transferor to accomplish the sale or delivery.

6 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
7 the sale or delivery of body armor to (1) a sworn member or
8 authorized official of an organized local police department, the
9 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
10 and Public Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department
11 of Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
12 Motor Vehicles, (2) an authorized official of a municipality or the
13 Department of Administrative Services [that] who purchases body

14 armor on behalf of an organized local police department, the Division
15 of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and
16 Public Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
17 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
18 Motor Vehicles, (3) an authorized official of the Judicial Branch who
19 purchases body armor on behalf of a probation officer or a judicial
20 marshal, [or] (4) a member of the National Guard or the armed forces
21 reserve, (5) an authorized official of a municipality who purchases
22 body armor on behalf of a firefighter, as defined in section 7-232j, or a
23 member of a volunteer fire company, or (6) an authorized official of an
24 emergency medical service organization, as defined in section 19a-175,
25 who purchases body armor on behalf of emergency medical services
26 personnel, as defined in section 20-206jj.

27 (c) As used in this section, "body armor" means any material
28 designed to be worn on the body and to provide bullet penetration
29 resistance.

30 (d) Any person, firm or corporation that violates the provisions of
31 this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	53-341b

Statement of Purpose:

To allow an authorized official of a municipality and an emergency medical services organization to purchase body armor on behalf of a firefighter and emergency medical services personnel without a face-to-face meeting with the transferor of the body armor at the time of sale or delivery.

[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.]