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Substitute House Bill No. 5392

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-192a of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (c) The Secretary of the State, in consultation with the advisory
5 committee, shall adopt criteria for the training, examination and
6 certification requirements of registrars pursuant to subsection (a) of
7 this section. In advising the Secretary of the State on the adoption of
8 such criteria, the committee (1) shall consider whether the prescribed
9 training leading to certification may, in part, be satisfied through
10 participation in the required two conferences a year called by the
11 Secretary of the State, pursuant to section 9-6, for purposes of
12 discussing the election laws, procedures or matters related to election
13 laws and procedures, and (2) may recommend programs at one or

14 more institutions of higher education that satisfy such criteria. The
 15 Secretary of the State shall include in such prescribed training
 16 procedures detailing the differences between a motor vehicle
 17 operator's license issued pursuant to section 14-36m and any other
 18 motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to subpart (B) of part
 19 III of chapter 246 and shall create reference materials to accompany
 20 such procedures. The Secretary of the State shall require that such
 21 procedures and materials be presented to each attendee at each
 22 conference called by the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-6.
 23 Any deputy or assistant registrar of voters may participate in the
 24 course of training prescribed by the Secretary of the State for
 25 certification as a certified Connecticut registrar of voters. The Secretary
 26 of the State shall certify any individual who completes such training
 27 and successfully completes any examination or examinations
 28 prescribed by the Secretary of the State as a certified Connecticut
 29 registrar of voters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	9-192a(c)

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the Secretary of the State to include in their prescribed training reference materials the differences between types of motor vehicle licenses, will not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5392*****AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that the secretary of the state (1) include in the certification program for registrars of voters procedures describing the differences between “drive only” licenses and all other driver’s licenses and (2) create reference materials to accompany the procedures. By law, the secretary establishes the mandatory program in consultation with an advisory committee and registrars must complete it to become certified.

Under the bill, the secretary of the state must ensure that the procedures and materials on drive only licenses are presented to each attendee at the biannual elections training conferences for registrars and town clerks. By law, the secretary calls these conferences.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

BACKGROUND***Drive Only Licenses***

Applicants for a driver’s license must provide certain documents to prove their identity. By law, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) may issue drive only licenses to individuals who cannot provide proof of legal U.S. presence or a Social Security number. The license only allows the holder to drive; he or she cannot use it for federal identification purposes (e.g., boarding a plane) or as proof of identity to vote. The back of each drive only license must have a statement indicating that it cannot be used for voter identification purposes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/11/2016)