

# Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-468

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF CIVIL PROCESS ON A MOTOR

**Title:** VEHICLE OPERATOR OR THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

**Vote Date:** 4/2/2018

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/14/2018

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Judiciary Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

The concept for this bill comes from the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, who intended it to make small, technical changes to Connecticut's service of process wherein an individual who is difficult to locate is also unlicensed and/or driving an unregistered vehicle.

## **PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:**

- (a) Adds a line restricting the bill's applicability to those persons whose "last known address is located in this state and who owns or operates a motor vehicle."
- (b) Describes what must be done in order to enact services of civil process upon "drivers licensed under the provisions of chapter 246" or "is unlicensed and has a last known address in this state."
- (c) Describes what must be done in order to enact services of civil process upon "the owner of a motor vehicle who (1) has registered such motor vehicle in this state, or (2) has not registered such motor vehicle and whose last known address is located in this state."

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

N/A

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**The Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association** supports this but respectfully requests a change that would allow those injured by unlicensed drivers to receive redress, which they assert “is needed for injured victim[s] in Connecticut who [are] simply attempting to be made whole after an unfortunate automobile accident.”

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

N/A

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