



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7126**

LCO No. 3925



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF DOUBLE OR TREBLE DAMAGES TO AN INJURED PARTY IN A CIVIL ACTION RESULTING FROM CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-295 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*  
3 *applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after the effective date*  
4 *of this act*):

5 In any civil action to recover damages resulting from personal  
6 injury, wrongful death or damage to property, the trier of fact may  
7 award double or treble damages if the injured party has specifically  
8 pleaded that another party has deliberately or with reckless disregard  
9 operated a motor vehicle in violation of section 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222,  
10 14-227a or 14-227m, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section  
11 14-227n or section 14-230, 14-234, 14-237, 14-239, [or] 14-240a or 14-  
12 296aa, and that such violation was a substantial factor in causing such  
13 injury, death or damage to property. The owner of a rental or leased  
14 motor vehicle shall not be responsible for such damages unless the

15 damages arose from such owner's operation of the motor vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after the effective date of this act</i>	14-295

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit an injured party to recover double or treble damages in civil actions involving a person who operates a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile device or other mobile electronic device in violation of section 14-296aa of the general statutes.

*[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.]*