OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 867

AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS, RECYCLING TRUCKS AND OIL AND TANK VEHICLES.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the actions that drivers must take when passing certain public service vehicles. It requires drivers of vehicles passing a stationary or slow-moving public service vehicle traveling in the same direction to immediately reduce their vehicles’ speed to a reasonable level below the posted speed limit.

Under the bill and existing law, a driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction is generally required to (1) pass on the left at a safe distance and (2) not move right until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle (CGS § 14-232). (This does not apply in situations when the driver is lawfully passing on the right or in a no-passing zone (CGS §§ 14-233 & 14-234).)

A violation of the bill’s requirements is an infraction.

The bill defines a “public service vehicle” as a (1) commercial motor vehicle equipped with a garbage compactor, detachable container, or curbside recycling body or (2) tank vehicle. By law, a tank vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle with a permanently or temporarily attached tank designed to transport liquid or gaseous material, but excludes a vehicle with a portable tank having a rated capacity not exceeding 1,000 gallons (CGS § 14-1(96)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea  36  Nay  0  (03/20/2019)