



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5353

LCO No. 5954



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any municipality having a
2 population of not less than fifty thousand may, by vote of its legislative
3 body, establish a traffic authority and appoint one or more members to
4 serve on such traffic authority. The qualifications, terms of office and
5 compensation, if any, of any such members shall be prescribed by such
6 legislative body. A traffic authority established pursuant to this section
7 shall replace any existing traffic authority in such municipality and
8 have the same powers and duties as a traffic authority described in
9 subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision (7) of section 14-297
10 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

11 Sec. 2. Subdivision (7) of section 14-297 of the general statutes is
12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
13 *1, 2023*):

14 (7) "Traffic authority" means (A) the board of police commissioners
15 of any city, town or borough, [or] (B) the city or town manager, [the]

16 chief of police, [the] superintendent of police or any legally elected or
 17 appointed official or board [, or any official] having similar powers
 18 and duties, of any city, town or borough that has no board of police
 19 commissioners but has a regularly appointed police force, [or] (C) the
 20 board of selectmen of any town in which there is no city or borough
 21 with a regularly appointed police force, or (D) a traffic authority
 22 established pursuant to section 1 of this act, except that, with respect to
 23 state highways and bridges, "traffic authority" means the Office of the
 24 State Traffic Administration, provided nothing contained in this
 25 section shall be construed to limit or detract from the jurisdiction or
 26 authority of the Office of the State Traffic Administration to adopt
 27 regulations establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals,
 28 devices, signs and markings as provided in section 14-298, and the
 29 requirement that no installation of any traffic control signal light shall
 30 be made by any city, town or borough until the installation has been
 31 approved by the Office of the State Traffic Administration as provided
 32 in section 14-299;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-297(7)

PD *Joint Favorable*