



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 have
8 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12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
13 *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 and
 18 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 with
 21 a regularly appointed police force, or (D) a traffic authority established
 22 pursuant to section 1 of this act, except that, with respect to state
 23 highways and bridges, "traffic authority" means the Office of the State
 24 Traffic Administration, provided nothing contained in this section shall
 25 be construed to limit or detract from the jurisdiction or authority of the
 26 Office of the State Traffic Administration to adopt regulations
 27 establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals, devices, signs
 28 and markings as provided in section 14-298, and the requirement that
 29 no installation of any traffic control signal light shall be made by any
 30 city, town or borough until the installation has been approved by the
 31 Office of the State Traffic Administration as provided 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*

TRA *Joint Favorable*