



General Assembly

**Raised Bill No. 6873**

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LCO No. 5455



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL TO DEVELOP AND PROMULGATE A MODEL POLICY REQUIRING THE USE OF A SEAT SAFETY BELT FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS BEING TRANSPORTED IN A MUNICIPAL POLICE VEHICLE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than December  
2 31, 2023, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established  
3 under section 7-294b of the general statutes shall develop and  
4 promulgate a model policy that provides guidelines on (1) the required  
5 use of a seat safety belt by any person who is being transported in a  
6 municipal police vehicle, and (2) standardized procedures to be  
7 utilized by a municipal police officer to ensure that any person who is  
8 being transported in a municipal police vehicle is secure in such  
9 vehicle through the use of a seat safety belt.

10 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, if the chief law enforcement officer  
11 of a municipal law enforcement unit finds, through procedures  
12 developed pursuant to subsection (g) of section 7-294d of the general  
13 statutes, that a municipal police officer has engaged in conduct that

14 constitutes a violation of the policy established pursuant to subsection  
15 (a) of this section and that such violation undermines public  
16 confidence in the municipal law enforcement unit, the chief law  
17 enforcement officer shall report such violation to the Police Officer  
18 Standards and Training Council. Said council shall thereafter conduct  
19 a de novo review of the matter. Whenever the council believes there is  
20 a reasonable basis for suspension, cancellation or revocation of the  
21 certification of a municipal police officer due to the reported violation,  
22 the council shall give notice and an adequate opportunity for a hearing  
23 to such officer prior to such suspension, cancellation or revocation.  
24 Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
25 chapter 54 of the general statutes. If the council finds by clear and  
26 convincing evidence that a violation of this section has occurred, the  
27 council may suspend, revoke or cancel the certificate of the certificate  
28 holder in accordance with the provisions of section 7-294d of the  
29 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*