



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 7519



Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1195

File No. 568

Cal. No. 340

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING SECONDARY TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 53a-213a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

5 (a) A person is guilty of smoking, otherwise inhaling or ingesting
6 cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, while operating a motor vehicle
7 when he or she smokes, otherwise inhales or ingests cannabis, as
8 defined in section 21a-420, while operating a motor vehicle upon a
9 public highway of this state or upon any road of any specially chartered
10 municipal association or of any district organized under the provisions
11 of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance
12 of roads and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more, or
13 upon any private road on which a speed limit has been established in
14 accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a or upon any school

15 property. No person shall be convicted of smoking or otherwise
 16 inhaling or ingesting cannabis while operating a motor vehicle and
 17 possessing or having under such person's control a controlled substance
 18 upon the same transaction. A person may be charged and prosecuted
 19 for either or each such offense, a violation of operating a motor vehicle
 20 while under the influence of any drug and any other applicable offense
 21 upon the same information.

22 (b) Smoking, otherwise inhaling or ingesting cannabis while
 23 operating a motor vehicle is a class C misdemeanor.

24 [(c) No peace officer shall stop a motor vehicle for a violation of this
 25 section if such violation is the sole reason for such stop.]"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 501	October 1, 2023	53a-213a
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