

Transportation Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5327

AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES CONCERNING TOWING
OCCUPIED VEHICLES, THE IMPROPER USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Title: REGISTRATION AND SCHOOL BUSES.

Vote Date: 3/20/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Transportation Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To avoid any potential risk factors that could come from a vehicle operated by an individual as their vehicle is being towed, this piece of legislation hopes to prevent such possibilities by not allowing towing operators to tow an occupied vehicle. Along with that, it is hoped that by increasing the penalty of improper usage of registrations or identifications, it will deter individuals from using vehicle registration or driver's licenses other than their own. It is lastly the goal of this bill to, with the help of the Department of Motor Vehicles, provide more clarity to guidelines when it comes to idling and inspecting school busses.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No agency or administration provided testimony on this bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Tim Vibert, President, Towing and Recovery Professionals of Connecticut (TPRC)

Provided testimony in support of the bill. TPRC favors section 1 specifically, as it would ensure the safety of the public and address a legal and ethical concern within the towing industry.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Jean Cronin, Executive Director, Connecticut School Transportation Association (COSTA)

Provided testimony in opposition to the bill. COSTA does not believe section 3 of the bill will accomplish its intended goals, and instead encourages the committee to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles to gather more information and look for a more effective solution.

Other individuals who expressed opposition for the bill

Nicholas Amato

Reported by: Garrett Smith

Date: 4/3/24