

File No. 203

Substitute Senate Bill No. 443

Senate, March 30, 1998. The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO, 9th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RUMBLE STRIPS.

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

1 (NEW) On and after October 1, 1998, the
2 Commissioner of Transportation shall require any
3 installation of rumble strips to be placed a
4 distance of one-half mile or more from a
5 residential dwelling.

6 TRA COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 13 NAY 10 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SSB 443

STATE IMPACT	Potential Savings (Transportation Fund), Potential Workload Increase, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Workload Increase, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	The Departments of Transportation and Public Safety

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Inasmuch as rumble strips will not be required to be installed in certain sections of Connecticut's limited access highways, passage of this bill could produce savings for the Department of Transportation (DOT). However, due to the inability to predict the nature of development in the state, exact savings are indeterminate. (The cost of installing rumble strips is \$2,000 per shoulder mile).

Since the number of run-off-the road accidents cannot be anticipated, the potential impact on law enforcement governmental entities cannot be determined.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING RUMBLE STRIPS

SUMMARY: This bill requires the transportation commissioner to assure that rumble strips installed on state highways on or after October 1, 1998 are placed at least one-half mile from any residential dwelling.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

BACKGROUND**Rumble Strips**

Rumble strips are a highway safety appurtenance consisting of evenly spaced, raised areas or indentations put into the roadway to cause vibration when a motor vehicle runs over them. They are frequently used across the roadway to alert drivers of approaching obstacles such as toll booths or construction areas or on road shoulders to warn motorists that they are leaving the travel lane as a means of preventing run-off-the-road-type accidents. The Department of Transportation has been installing shoulder rumble strips along many of the state's limited access highways.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 13 Nay 10