

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5328

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AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT IN WORK ZONES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 13a-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- For the purposes of this section and sections 13a-262 to 13a-268,
- 4 inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 6 of this act:
- 5 (1) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.
- 6 [(2) "Limited access state highway" means any state highway so designated under the provisions of section 13b-27.]
- 8 [(3)] (2) "Owner" means a person in whose name a motor vehicle is
- 9 registered under the provisions of chapter 246 or law of another
- 10 jurisdiction.
- 11 [(4)] (3) "Personally identifiable information" means information
- 12 created or maintained by the department or a vendor that identifies or
- describes an owner and includes, but need not be limited to, the owner's
- 14 address, telephone number, number plate, photograph, bank account
- 15 information, credit card number, debit card number or the date, time,
- location or direction of travel on a [limited access] highway.

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- [(5)] (4) "Vendor" means a person selected by the department (A) to
- provide services to the department described in sections 13a-262 to 13a-
- 19 268, inclusive, as amended by this act; (B) who operates, maintains,
- 20 leases or licenses a work zone speed control system; or (C) is authorized
- 21 to review and assemble the recorded images captured by the work zone
- 22 speed control system.
- [(6)] (5) "Highway work zone" has the same meaning as provided in
- 24 section 14-212d.
- [(7)] (6) "Work zone speed control system" means a device having one
- or more motor vehicle sensors connected to a camera system capable of
- 27 producing recorded images that indicate the date, time and location of
- 28 the image of each motor vehicle allegedly operating in violation of the
- 29 provisions of section 13a-263, as amended by this act.
- 30 [(8)] (7) "Work zone speed control system operator" means a person
- 31 who is trained and certified to operate a work zone speed control
- 32 system.
- [(9)] (8) "Driver", "highway" and "number plate" have the same
- meanings as provided in section 14-1.
- Sec. 2. Section 13a-262 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- 37 (a) The department may establish a [pilot] program to operate work
- 38 zone speed control systems in a highway work zone. [The pilot program
- 39 shall provide for such systems at not more than three locations in the
- 40 state at any one time.] A work zone speed control system may be used
- 41 to record the images of motor vehicles traveling on a [limited access]
- 42 highway (1) within a highway work zone, and (2) on which the speed
- 43 limit, established using generally accepted traffic engineering practices,
- 44 is forty-five miles per hour or greater. [The pilot program shall
- commence on or before January 1, 2022, and terminate on December 31,
- 46 2023.]

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(b) A work zone speed control system may be used provided (1) such system is operated by a work zone speed control system operator, (2) if, in accordance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices as approved and revised by the Office of State Traffic Administration, at least two conspicuous road signs are placed at a reasonable distance in advance of a highway work zone notifying drivers that a work zone speed control system may be in operation, (3) at least one of the signs described in subdivision (2) of this subsection indicates that the work zone speed control system is operational or is not operational, (4) an appropriate sign is conspicuously placed at the end of a highway work zone with a work zone speed control system that is operational, and (5) a notice identifying the location of a work zone speed control system is available on the Internet web site of the department.

- (c) A work zone speed control system shall be used in a manner to only record images of motor vehicles that are exceeding the posted highway work zone speed limit by [fifteen] ten miles per hour or more in violation of the provisions of section 13a-263, as amended by this act. Any recorded images collected as part of a work zone speed control system shall not be used for any surveillance purpose. [The] At least seven days prior to a work zone speed control system becoming operational, the department or work zone speed control system operator shall [certify] provide written notice of the date such system will be operational to the Division of State Police [when a work zone speed control system is operational] and the chief executive officer of the municipality where such system is to be located.
- (d) The Commissioner of Transportation may (1) enter into agreements with vendors for the design, operation or maintenance, or any combination thereof, of work zone speed control systems, and (2) retain and employ consultants and assistants on a contract or other basis for rendering legal, financial, professional, technical or other assistance and advice necessary for the design, operation and maintenance of work zone speed control systems. If a vendor provides, deploys or operates a work zone control system, the vendor's fee may not be contingent on the number of violations issued or fines paid pursuant to the provisions of

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81 section 13a-263, as amended by this act.

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- Sec. 3. Section 13a-263 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- (a) No person operating a motor vehicle shall exceed the posted speed limit by [fifteen] <u>ten</u> or more miles per hour, as detected by a work zone speed control system, within a highway work zone where a work zone speed control system is operational.
 - (b) [The] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle identified by a work zone speed [camera] control system as violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall, (1) for a first violation, receive a written warning, and (2) for a second or subsequent violation that occurs within one year of the date of such owner's most recent violation, be fined seventy-five dollars. [, (3) for a subsequent violation, be fined one hundred fifty dollars.] Any subsequent violation occurring after one year of such owner's most recent violation shall be considered a first violation.
 - (c) The owner of a motor vehicle identified by a work zone speed control system as violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and traveling at a rate of speed of eighty-five miles per hour or greater shall be fined seventy-five dollars.
- 101 (d) The owner shall be liable for any [such] fine imposed <u>pursuant to</u> 102 <u>subsection</u> (b) or (c) of this section unless the driver of the motor vehicle 103 received a citation from a law enforcement officer at the time of the 104 violation.
- [(c)] (e) All amounts received in respect to the violation of subsection
 (a) of this section shall be deposited into the Special Transportation
 Fund, established pursuant to section 13b-68 and maintained pursuant
 to article thirty-second of the amendments to the Constitution of the
 state.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 14-307c of the 2024 supplement to the

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- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- 113 (d) Any ordinance adopted under this section may: (1) Establish a fine 114 to be imposed against the owner of a motor vehicle committing a 115 violation of such ordinance, provided the amount of such fine is not 116 more than fifty dollars for a first violation and not more than seventy-117 five dollars for a second or subsequent violation that occurs within one 118 year of the date of the owner's most recent violation, and (2) impose a 119 reasonable fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for the costs associated with 120 the electronic processing of the payment of any such fine. Any 121 subsequent violation occurring after one year of the owner's most recent 122 violation shall be considered a first violation. Any funds received by a 123 municipality from fines imposed pursuant to an ordinance adopted 124 under this section shall be used for the purposes of improving 125 transportation mobility, investing in transportation infrastructure 126 improvements or paying the costs associated with the use of automated 127 traffic enforcement safety devices in the municipality.
- Sec. 5. Section 14-307f of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 130 1, 2024):

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- (a) No personally identifiable information shall be disclosed by the municipality or a vendor to any person or entity, including any law enforcement unit, except where the disclosure is made in connection with the charging, collection and enforcement of the fines imposed pursuant to an ordinance adopted under section 14-307c, as amended by this act.
- (b) No personally identifiable information shall be stored or retained by the municipality or a vendor unless such information is necessary for the charging, collection and enforcement of the fines imposed pursuant to an ordinance adopted under section 14-307c, as amended by this act.
- (c) The municipality or a vendor shall destroy personally identifiable information and other data that specifically identifies a motor vehicle

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and relates to a violation of an ordinance adopted under section 14-307c, 143 144 as amended by this act, not later than thirty days after any fine is 145 collected or the resolution of a hearing conducted for the alleged 146 commission of such violation, whichever is later, except a municipality 147 or vendor may retain a portion of personally identifiable information for 148 the limited purpose of determining whether a person committed a 149 second or subsequent violation of such ordinance. The municipality or 150 vendor shall destroy any retained portion of personally identifiable information not later than one year after the date of such person's most 151 152 recent violation.

(d) Any information and other data gathered from automated traffic enforcement safety devices shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, except no personally identifiable information may be disclosed.

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Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2024) Not later than February 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such report shall include the following information regarding the preceding calendar year: (1) The number of warnings and violations issued pursuant to section 13a-263 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for each work zone speed control system that was operational; (2) the number of such warnings and violations where the motor vehicle exceeded the posted speed limit by (A) at least eleven miles per hour, but not more than twenty miles per hour, (B) at least twenty-one miles per hour, but not more than thirty miles per hour, (C) at least thirty-one miles per hour, but not more than forty miles per hour, (D) forty-one miles per hour or greater; (3) the number of crashes that occurred in each highway work zone where a work zone speed control system was operational; (4) the amount of fines received pursuant to section 13a-263 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (5) the cost to the Department of Transportation to use work zone speed control systems; (6) the number of motor vehicles identified by a work zone speed control

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177 system that were the subject of one violation, two violations, three 178 violations or four or more violations; (7) a list of engineering and 179 educational measures undertaken by the department to improve safety in highway work zones with an operational work zone speed control 180 181 system; (8) a description of situations where recorded images produced 182 by a work zone speed control system could not be used or were not 183 used; and (9) the number of leased or rented motor vehicles, out-of-state 184 motor vehicles or other vehicles, including trucks, where enforcement 185 efforts were unsuccessful.

Sec. 7. Section 14-307g of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2024):

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(a) Not later than eighteen months following the date an automated traffic enforcement safety device becomes operational in a municipality pursuant to section 14-307c, as amended by this act, the municipality shall submit a report to the Department of Transportation and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The number of violations of sections 14-218a and 14-219 and subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 that occurred at the locations where such automated traffic enforcement safety devices were installed prior to the use of such devices; (2) the number of violations where a motor vehicle exceeded the posted speed limit by ten or more miles that were captured by such devices at such locations; (3) the number of violations where a motor vehicle failed to comply with the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 when facing a steady red signal on a traffic control signal that were captured by such devices at such locations; (4) if available, the number and type of related traffic violations and crashes that occurred at each location where an automated traffic enforcement safety device was installed prior to such installation and during the use of such devices; (5) the number of violations of sections 14-218a and 14-219 and subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 and related traffic violations and crashes

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211 that occurred at locations where such devices were used and at similar 212 locations where such devices were not used; (6) a description of 213 situations where recorded images could not be used or were not used; 214 (7) the number of leased or rented motor vehicles, out-of-state motor 215 vehicles or other vehicles, including trucks, where enforcement efforts 216 were unsuccessful; (8) the amount of revenue from the fines and 217 associated fees retained by the municipality; and (9) the cost to the 218 municipality to use such devices.

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- (b) Not later than a year after a municipality submits a report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and each year thereafter until an automated traffic enforcement safety device is no longer operational in the municipality, the municipality shall submit a report to the Department of Transportation and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Such annual report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the number of motor vehicles that were subject to one citation, two citations, three citations or four or more citations, (2) in the case of an automated traffic enforcement safety device that records images of motor vehicles failing to comply with the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 when facing a steady red signal on a traffic control signal, the number of citations at each location that were issued to motor vehicles making a right turn, proceeding through the intersection and making a left turn, (3) a list of engineering and educational measures undertaken by the municipality to improve safety in locations when automated traffic enforcement safety devices are operational, and (4) data regarding how many citations were issued, how many hearings were requested and the results of any such hearings.
- (c) The Department of Transportation shall make any report received pursuant to the provisions of this section available on the department's Internet web site.
- Sec. 8. Subsection (i) of section 13a-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,

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(i) The following defenses shall be available to the owner of a motor vehicle identified by a work zone speed [camera] control system as allegedly violating section 13a-263, as amended by this act: (1) The violation took place during a period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported as being stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the violation, and (2) the work zone speed control system used to determine speed was not in compliance with the provisions of this section relating to tests for accuracy, certification or calibration.

Sec. 9. Section 13a-265 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide the Department of Transportation and any vendor with information regarding the owner of a motor vehicle identified by a work zone speed [camera] control system as allegedly violating the provisions of section 13a-263, as amended by this act. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to, the make and number plate of such motor vehicle and the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	13a-261
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	13a-262
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	13a-263
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024	14-307c(d)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2024	14-307f
Sec. 6	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 7	July 1, 2024	14-307g
Sec. 8	July 1, 2024	13a-264(i)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2024	13a-265

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