



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6873***

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

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require 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 and create a process for addressing an alleged violation of such policy.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*