



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 266

LCO No. 1903



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING BODY ARMOR FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 53-341b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2020*):

4 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
5 the sale or delivery of body armor to (1) a sworn member or authorized
6 official of an organized local police department, the Division of State
7 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
8 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
9 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
10 Motor Vehicles, (2) an authorized official of a municipality or the
11 Department of Administrative Services that purchases body armor on
12 behalf of an organized local police department, the Division of State
13 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
14 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
15 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of

16 Motor Vehicles, (3) an authorized official of the Judicial Branch who
 17 purchases body armor on behalf of a probation officer or a judicial
 18 marshal, [or] (4) a member of the National Guard or the armed forces
 19 reserve, (5) a firefighter or an authorized official of a municipal fire
 20 department or volunteer fire company, or (6) emergency medical
 21 services personnel, as defined in section 20-206jj, or an authorized
 22 official of an emergency medical service organization licensed or
 23 certified pursuant to chapter 368d.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) Each municipal fire
 25 department, volunteer fire company and emergency medical service
 26 organization licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 368d of the
 27 general statutes, shall ensure that each vehicle operated by such
 28 department, company or organization is equipped with body armor, as
 29 defined in section 53a-217d of the general statutes, sufficient for the
 30 number of persons reasonably anticipated to occupy such vehicle at any
 31 one time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	53-341b(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) allow firefighters, fire departments, emergency services personnel and emergency medical service organizations to purchase or receive body armor without meeting the transferor of such body armor in person, and (2) require fire departments and emergency medical service organizations to equip their vehicles with body armor.

[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.]