



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 390**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5240

*House of Representatives, April 1, 2025*

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. BERGER-GIRVALO of the 111th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONES  
AROUND CERTAIN LANDSCAPING VEHICLES WHEN PARKED ON A  
PUBLIC HIGHWAY.***

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) No person shall park  
2       or leave stationary on a public highway a vehicle with a trailer used for  
3       landscaping purposes unless (1) such person places traffic cones around  
4       such vehicle, and (2) such traffic cones conform with the Federal  
5       Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
6       for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time, and are placed  
7       in a manner that conforms with said manual.

8       (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be  
9       deemed to have committed an infraction.

10       Sec. 2. Section 14-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
11       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

12 Terms used in this chapter and section 1 of this act shall be construed  
13 as follows, unless another construction is clearly apparent from the  
14 language or context in which the term is used or unless the construction  
15 is inconsistent with the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

16 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in  
17 section 14-1: "Agricultural tractor", "authorized emergency vehicle",  
18 "class 1 electric bicycle", "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle",  
19 "commissioner", "driver", "electric bicycle", "electric foot scooter",  
20 "fuels", "gross weight", "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle", "highway",  
21 "light weight", "limited access highway", "maintenance vehicle", "motor  
22 bus", "motorcycle", "motor vehicle registration", "nonresident", "nonskid  
23 device", "number plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor  
24 vehicle", "passenger and commercial motor vehicle", "person",  
25 "pneumatic tires", "pole trailer", "registration", "registration number",  
26 "second offense", "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop",  
27 "subsequent offense", "tail lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-  
28 trailer unit", "trailer", "truck" and "vanpool vehicle";

29 (2) "Carrier" means (A) any local or regional school district, any  
30 educational institution providing elementary or secondary education or  
31 any person, firm or corporation under contract to such district or  
32 institution engaged in the business of transporting students, or (B) any  
33 person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of transporting  
34 primarily persons under the age of twenty-one years for compensation;

35 (3) "Curb" includes the boundary of the traveled portion of any  
36 highway, whether or not the boundary is marked by a curbstone;

37 (4) "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation  
38 of the lateral curb lines of two or more highways which join one another  
39 at an angle, whether or not one of the highways crosses the other;

40 (5) "Motor vehicle" includes all vehicles used on the public highways;

41 (6) "Parking area" means lots, areas or other accommodations for the  
42 parking of motor vehicles off the street or highway and open to public

43 use with or without charge;

44 (7) "Rotary" or "roundabout" means a physical barrier legally placed  
45 or constructed at an intersection to cause traffic to move in a circuitous  
46 course;

47 (8) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one years  
48 who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school program  
49 of education;

50 (9) "Student transportation vehicle" means any motor vehicle other  
51 than a registered school bus used by a carrier for the transportation of  
52 students to or from school, school programs or school-sponsored events;  
53 and

54 (10) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as "motor vehicle".

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	14-212

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Section 2 was added for clarity.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
State Revenues	Various - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: Various=Various

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill requires stationary landscape vehicles with trailers to place cones around such vehicles and creates an infraction for failure to do so. This results in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent that such violations occur. Infractions are not crimes and are punishable by fines that usually range from \$100 to \$300.

#### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the actual number of violations.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5240*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONES AROUND CERTAIN LANDSCAPING VEHICLES WHEN PARKED ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires people who park (or leave stationary) a vehicle with a trailer used for landscaping purposes on a public road to place traffic cones around the vehicle. The cones must comply with and be placed in a way that conforms to the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The bill makes violating this requirement an infraction (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**BACKGROUND*****Infractions***

Infractions are punishable by fines, usually set by Superior Court judges, of between \$35 and \$90, plus a \$20 or \$35 surcharge and an additional fee based on the fine's amount. There may also be other applicable charges depending on the type of infraction. For example, certain motor vehicle infractions trigger a Special Transportation Fund surcharge of 50% of the fine. An infraction is not a crime, and violators can pay the fine by mail without making a court appearance.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35    Nay 0    (03/12/2025)