



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Committee Bill No. 5766**

LCO No. 4253



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES  
OF PARKING IN FRONT OF A FIRE HYDRANT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-251 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) No vehicle shall be permitted to remain stationary within ten feet  
4 of any fire hydrant, or upon the traveled portion of any highway except  
5 upon the right-hand side of such highway in the direction in which such  
6 vehicle is headed; and, if such highway is curbed, such vehicle shall be  
7 so placed that its right-hand wheels, when stationary, shall, when safety  
8 will permit, be within a distance of twelve inches from the curb, except  
9 if a bikeway, as defined in section 13a-153f, or such bikeway's buffer  
10 area, as described in the [federal] Federal Highway Administration's  
11 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways,  
12 is in place between the parking lane and the curb, such vehicle shall be  
13 so placed that its right-hand wheels, when stationary, shall, when safety  
14 will permit, be within a distance of twelve inches from the edge of such  
15 bikeway or buffer area.

16 (b) No vehicle shall be permitted to remain parked within twenty-  
17 five feet of an intersection or an approach to a marked crosswalk, except  
18 (1) within ten feet of such intersection or marked crosswalk if such  
19 intersection or marked crosswalk has a curb extension treatment with a  
20 width equal to or greater than the width of the parking lane, or (2) if  
21 there is an available parking space that was established on or before  
22 October 1, 2022. No vehicle shall be permitted to remain parked within  
23 twenty-five feet of a stop sign caused to be erected by the traffic  
24 authority in accordance with the provisions of section 14-301, except  
25 where permitted by the traffic authority of the city of New Haven at the  
26 intersection of one-way streets located in and comprised entirely of  
27 highways under the jurisdiction of the city of New Haven.

28 (c) No vehicle shall be permitted to remain stationary upon the  
29 traveled portion of any highway at any curve or turn or at the top of any  
30 grade where a clear view of such vehicle may not be had from a distance  
31 of at least one hundred fifty feet in either direction. The Commissioner  
32 of Transportation may post signs upon any highway at any place where  
33 the keeping of a vehicle stationary is dangerous to traffic, and the  
34 keeping of any vehicle stationary contrary to the directions of such signs  
35 shall be a violation of this section. No vehicle shall be permitted to  
36 remain stationary upon the traveled portion of any highway within fifty  
37 feet of the point where another vehicle, which had previously stopped,  
38 continues to remain stationary on the opposite side of the traveled  
39 portion of the same highway. No vehicle shall be permitted to remain  
40 stationary within the limits of a public highway in such a manner as to  
41 constitute a traffic hazard or obstruct the free movement of traffic  
42 thereon, provided a vehicle which has become disabled to such an  
43 extent that it is impossible or impracticable to remove it may be  
44 permitted to so remain for a reasonable time for the purpose of making  
45 repairs thereto or of obtaining sufficient assistance to remove it.

46 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to emergency  
47 vehicles and to maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights or to  
48 prohibit a vehicle from stopping, or being held stationary by any officer,

49 in an emergency to avoid accident or to give a right-of-way to any  
50 vehicle or pedestrian as provided in this chapter, or from stopping on  
51 any highway within the limits of an incorporated city, town or borough  
52 where the parking of vehicles is regulated by local ordinances.

53 (e) [Violation of] Any person who violates any provision of this  
54 section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and, for each  
55 subsequent offense of permitting a vehicle to remain stationary within  
56 ten feet of any fire hydrant, such person shall be fined not more than  
57 two hundred dollars.

58 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is  
59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
60 *1, 2025*):

61 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person  
62 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of  
63 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)  
64 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,  
65 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-  
66 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of  
67 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-  
68 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of  
69 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-  
70 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-  
71 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection  
72 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section  
73 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-  
74 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,  
75 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,  
76 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of  
77 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section  
78 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,  
79 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58  
80 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,

81 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,  
82 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,  
83 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-  
84 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b  
85 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-  
86 224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-251, as amended by this act, 14-253a, 14-  
87 261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-  
88 275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276,  
89 subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280,  
90 subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-  
91 283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-  
92 300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a,  
93 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-  
94 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,  
95 section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of  
96 section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h,  
97 section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of  
98 section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section  
99 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of  
100 section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107,  
101 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287,  
102 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340,  
103 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231,  
104 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b)  
105 of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610,  
106 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of  
107 section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2,  
108 subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision  
109 (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26, subsection (a) of  
110 section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77,  
111 subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154,  
112 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b,  
113 subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-415a, 21a-  
114 421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-430,

115 section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-  
116 36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of  
117 subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m,  
118 subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89,  
119 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-  
120 118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-  
121 279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b),  
122 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344,  
123 subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection (d) of section 22-344d,  
124 section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414,  
125 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250,  
126 section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or  
127 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449,  
128 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or  
129 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,  
130 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-  
131 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or  
132 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,  
133 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,  
134 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of  
135 section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141,  
136 subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-  
137 224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-  
138 232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-  
139 287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16,  
140 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or  
141 (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of  
142 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section  
143 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a,  
144 section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89,  
145 subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12,  
146 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-47 or  
147 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-  
148 52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70,

149 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-  
 150 273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412,  
 151 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57,  
 152 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-  
 153 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq,  
 154 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764,  
 155 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230, 42-470 or 42-480,  
 156 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634  
 157 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-  
 158 81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection  
 159 (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21,  
 160 section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-  
 161 362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-  
 162 290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331,  
 163 subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of  
 164 section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422  
 165 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2) a violation under the  
 166 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in  
 167 accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or  
 168 (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or  
 169 borough, except violations of building codes and the health code, for  
 170 which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two  
 171 hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established  
 172 a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section  
 173 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-251
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	51-164n(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To deter parking in front of a fire hydrant by increasing the penalty for subsequent offenses.

*[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.]*

Co-Sponsors: REP. PAOLILLO A., 97th Dist.

H.B. 5766