



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1388***

LCO No. 5404



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO MOVE OVER FOR AN  
EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF THE  
OPERATOR OR OTHER OCCUPANT OF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the first degree when: (1)  
4 With intent to cause serious physical injury to another person, he causes  
5 the death of such person or of a third person; or (2) with intent to cause  
6 the death of another person, he causes the death of such person or of a  
7 third person under circumstances which do not constitute murder  
8 because he committed the proscribed act or acts under the influence of  
9 extreme emotional disturbance, as provided in subsection (a) of section  
10 53a-54a, except that the fact that homicide was committed under the  
11 influence of extreme emotional disturbance constitutes a mitigating  
12 circumstance reducing murder to manslaughter in the first degree and  
13 need not be proved in any prosecution initiated under this subsection;  
14 or (3) under circumstances evincing an extreme indifference to human

15 life, he recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death  
16 to another person, and thereby causes the death of another person. For  
17 purposes of this subdivision, a violation of section 14-283b that results  
18 in the death of the operator or any occupant of an emergency vehicle  
19 constitutes circumstances evincing an extreme indifference to human  
20 life.

21 (b) Manslaughter in the first degree is a class B felony.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | October 1, 2025 | 53a-55 |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide that a violation of section 14-283b that results in the death of the operator or any occupant of an emergency vehicle constitutes circumstances evincing an extreme indifference to human life in a criminal prosecution for manslaughter in the first degree.

*[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.]*