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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM INVESTIGATION OF
ACCIDENT REPORT AND CERTAIN REPORTS BY PEACE OFFICERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "Model
2 Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria" means a voluntary guideline
3 developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that
4 represents a minimum, standardized set of data variables to describe
5 motor vehicle accidents, which may be used to identify traffic safety
6 problems and design countermeasures to improve traffic safety
7 nationally and in each state.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall conduct a study of any
9 changes necessary to conform the uniform investigation of accident
10 report prescribed by the commissioner pursuant to section 14-108a of
11 the general statutes to the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria. Not
12 later than July 1, 2026, the commissioner shall submit a report, in
13 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
14 on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation as
15 a result of such study to the joint standing committees of the General
16 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and
17 public safety and security.

18 Sec. 2. Section 7-294pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

20 (a) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition,
22 whether physical, behavioral or related to a substance use disorder or
23 mental health disorder, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient
24 severity, including severe pain, that in the absence of prompt medical
25 attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson who
26 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to result in
27 placing the health of the person in serious jeopardy, serious impairment
28 to body function or serious dysfunction of any body organ or part;

29 (2) "Medically unstable" means any condition, whether physical,
30 behavioral or related to a substance use disorder or mental health
31 disorder, that manifests in an unstable medical or mental health status,
32 which could reasonably be understood by a prudent layperson who
33 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to lead to an
34 emergency medical condition; and

35 (3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-
36 3.

37 (b) Any person who experiences an emergency medical condition or
38 is medically unstable while in direct audio or visual contact with, or
39 under the custody or control of, a peace officer shall have the right to be
40 provided with emergency medical services.

41 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a peace officer
42 shall immediately request emergency medical services for any person
43 who is under such officer's custody or control or otherwise in direct
44 audio or visual contact with the peace officer when such person: (1) Has
45 communicated to the peace officer that the person is (A) experiencing
46 an emergency medical condition, or (B) medically unstable, or (2) has
47 been observed by the peace officer to be (A) experiencing an emergency

48 medical condition, or (B) medically unstable.

49 (d) A peace officer shall not be required to request emergency
 50 medical services when such officer (1) has made a reasonable
 51 determination that the person is not (A) experiencing an emergency
 52 medical condition, or (B) medically unstable, and (2) knows that such
 53 person has been seen by a medical professional within the previous
 54 twenty-four hours and was released from such medical professional's
 55 care after a determination that such person was not (A) experiencing an
 56 emergency medical condition, or (B) medically unstable.

57 (e) For any matter in which a person experiences an emergency
 58 medical condition or is medically unstable while in direct audio or
 59 visual contact with, or under the custody or control of, a peace officer,
 60 the peace officer shall prepare a report describing the matter. Upon
 61 request by such person, the peace officer shall provide such person with
 62 a copy of the report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-294pp

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Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a study of any changes necessary to conform the uniform investigation of accident report to the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria, and (2) a peace officer to prepare a report when such officer requests emergency medical services for a person who experiences an emergency medical condition or is medically unstable while in direct audio or visual contact with, or under the custody or control of, such officer.

[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.]