

## Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY ROADSIDE SAFETY CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH WRECKERS AND TOWING AND  
**Title:** RECOVERY PROFESSIONALS.

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill seeks to address the concerns of wreckers and towing and recovery professionals regarding roadside safety. It will also establish a study to determine what color lights should be used on wreckers to enhance the protection and safety of these professionals while they are working at roadside scenes. As stated in testimony provided, many members of wrecking and towing companies have expressed concern over the lack of drivers adhering to "Move Over" laws in Connecticut and other applicable laws across the country. This bill was raised in order to better understand the concerns of these drivers and help find solutions to help keep them safe while on the job.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Paul Cicarella, State Senator, Connecticut General Assembly:](#) Senator Cicarella is in support of the bill. He states that despite existing "Move Over" laws and safety protocols, incidents between tow truck operators and other roadside responders continue to occur. He adds this incident endangers not just towing professionals, but also law enforcement, emergency responders, and the motoring public. He states that creating a working group is a

responsible step forward. He explains that the study will provide the data and recommendations necessary to determine whether additional measures are needed.

**Eric George, President, Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC), Kristina Baldwin, Vice President of the American Property and Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), Sean McLaughlin, Regional Vice President, State Affairs Northeast of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), Howard Handler, SR Director, National Insurance Crime Bureau:** Mr. George is in support of the bill however requests that the bill be amended to include a representative of the property and casualty insurance industry as a member of the working group. He explains that insurance companies are directly involved in the aftermath of motor vehicle accidents. As a result, he states, the insurance industry has experience with how towing practices affect motorists, safety, and the claims process. He states that the National Insurance Crime Bureau has raised concerns about operators arriving unsolicited at crashes and pressuring motorists into authorizing tows. He raises his own concerns about the use of blue emergency-style lights on tow trucks, which could create confusion and allow bad actors to appear as legitimate responders. He asks that the bill be amended to add one representative of the property and casualty insurance industry to the working group.

**John Carew, Legislative Representative, CSFA:** Mr. Carew is in support of the bill; however, he recommends that the bill be amended to include representation from other public safety organizations, specifically, law enforcement and the fire service. He states that first responders face many of the same dangers from passing traffic and are uniquely positioned to offer insight into the challenges and solutions.

**Salena Khan, Life On The Line:** Ms. Khan is in support of the bill. She states that she has testified in support of this bill many times because it is an important issue. She states that tow operators are killed at an increasing rate. She notes their work is centered around traffic during all times of the day and weather, making it a dangerous job. She explains that in 2024 she had a life changing experience, when she was towing a car and she had to lay on the ground in the travel lane, her ponytail was run over by a passing car, this could have ended her life. She adds that although Connecticut has not had a tow driver death recently, the issue is not solved. She states that what she is asking for is simple; the ability to activate blue emergency lights when loading vehicles in hazardous locations because amber lights are often ignored.

**Alec Slatky, Managing Director, Public and Government Affairs, AAA Northeast:** Mr. Slatky is in support of the bill. He states that a 2024 survey found that roadside professionals revealed that nearly 30% of towing industry respondents reported encountering near-miss incidents every day, and more than 55% experienced a near-miss every week. He adds that a different study from 2015-2021 found that 120 tow truck drivers and emergency roadside technicians were killed nationwide while helping motorists, over half of these fatalities occurred during darkness. He raises awareness to the lack of understanding and compliance with Slow Down, Move Over (SDMO). He states that a study from 2025 saw that 64% of vehicles either slowed down or moved over, while 36% did neither. He adds that when provided with greater warning of the presence of a tow truck at a scene, the odds of moving over were 95%.

**Fred Campanella, Accurate Auto:** Mr. Campanella is in support of the bill. He states that his dad and him have owned a small towing shop in Berlin for over 40 years. He states that despite legislation and efforts like "Slow Down, Move Over" wrecker operators are still at risk on highways. He states that Kentucky is advancing a similar law to allow wreckers to install green lights, called Troy's Law.

**C. Marcella Kurowski:** Ms. Kurowski is in support of the bill because she states, " we must hear from the workers that come to the rescue each day."

**Justin Moyers, Tow Operator:** Mr. Moyers is in support of the bill. He states that as an employee for a towing company he feels that rear facing blue lights would be very beneficial to his safety as motorists have become "numb" to amber lights. He states that he has been struck many times because people refuse to slow down and move over. He explains one incident where he was assisting a motorist and as he was laying on the ground to load the vehicle, a dump truck came within a foot of hitting him. He notes that this is one of many times.

#### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

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