



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Senate Bill No. **484**

File No. 591

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING AND THE SAFE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 14-296aa of the general statutes is amended by  
4 adding subsection (l) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 (NEW) (l) No person shall be subject to the prosecution for a violation  
6 of the provisions of this section and subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1)  
7 of subsection (a) of section 14-222, as amended by this act, because of  
8 the same offense.

9 Sec. 2. Section 14-222 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
10 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
11 *October 1, 2026*):

12 (a) (1) (A) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public  
13 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal  
14 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter  
15 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads  
16 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any  
17 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance  
18 with the provisions of section 14-218a or section 14-307a or upon any  
19 school property recklessly, having regard to the width, traffic and use  
20 of such highway, road, school property or parking area, the intersection  
21 of streets and the weather conditions.

22 (B) The operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or  
23 parking area for ten cars or more at such a rate of speed as to endanger  
24 the life of any person other than the operator of such motor vehicle, or  
25 the operation, downgrade, upon any highway, of any motor vehicle  
26 with a commercial registration with the clutch or gears disengaged, or  
27 the operation knowingly of a motor vehicle with defective mechanism,  
28 shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this subsection.

29 (C) The operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or  
30 parking area for ten cars or more at a rate of speed greater than eighty-  
31 five miles per hour but not greater than one hundred miles per hour  
32 shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this subsection.

33 (D) The operation of a motor vehicle in a highway work zone, as  
34 defined in section 14-212d, while engaged in any activity prohibited by  
35 section 14-296aa, as amended by this act, shall constitute a violation of  
36 the provisions of this section.

37 (2) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision (1) of this  
38 subsection shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more  
39 than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or  
40 be both fined and imprisoned for the first offense and for each  
41 subsequent offense shall be fined not more than six hundred dollars or  
42 imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and imprisoned.

43 (b) (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public  
 44 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal  
 45 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter  
 46 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads  
 47 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any  
 48 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance  
 49 with the provisions of section 14-218a or 14-307a or upon any school  
 50 property at a rate of speed greater than one hundred miles per hour.

51 (2) Any person who violates subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
 52 be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than six hundred  
 53 dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or be both fined and  
 54 imprisoned for the first offense and for each subsequent offense shall be  
 55 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
 56 one year or be both fined and imprisoned.

57 (3) Any police officer who arrests a person for a violation of  
 58 subdivision (1) of this subsection, who has previously been convicted of  
 59 a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall cause the motor  
 60 vehicle such person was operating at the time of the current offense to  
 61 be impounded for a period of forty-eight hours after such arrest. The  
 62 owner of such motor vehicle may reclaim such motor vehicle after the  
 63 expiration of such forty-eight-hour period upon payment of all towing  
 64 and storage costs.

65 (c) No person shall be subject to prosecution because of the same  
 66 offense for a violation of both (1) subsection (a) or (b) of this section, and  
 67 (2) subsection (a) of section 14-219."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	14-296aa(l)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	14-222