



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6676

House of Representatives, April 12, 2023

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON STATE PARKWAYS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 13a-26 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (NEW) (g) Any person who operates on a parkway in this state a
4 commercial motor vehicle that is not permitted on such parkway, as
5 provided in this section, or section 14-298-249 of the regulations of
6 Connecticut state agencies, shall be fined five hundred dollars for each
7 violation.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
10 *1, 2023*):

11 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
12 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of

13 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
14 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-148f, 7-148o, 7-283, 7-325, 7-
15 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-
16 230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision
17 (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or
18 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
19 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-71,
20 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-26, as
21 amended by this act, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-
22 39f, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection
23 (a) of section 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of
24 section 13b-324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or
25 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or
26 14-4, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
27 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
28 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
29 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
30 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
31 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
32 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
33 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a or 14-146, subsection
34 (b) of section 14-147, section 14-152, 14-153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection
35 (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section
36 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a,
37 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274,
38 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276,
39 subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280,
40 subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-
41 283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-
42 300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a,
43 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-
44 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,
45 section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of
46 section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h,
47 section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of

48 section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section
49 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of
50 section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107,
51 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287,
52 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340,
53 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231,
54 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b)
55 of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610,
56 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of
57 section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2,
58 subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision
59 (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30,
60 subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b
61 or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-
62 154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b,
63 subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-421eee, 21a-
64 421fff, 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-
65 13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-
66 39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of
67 section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of
68 subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98,
69 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167,
70 subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a,
71 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of
72 subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of
73 section 22-344b, section 22-344c, subsection (d) of section 22-344d,
74 section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414,
75 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250,
76 section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or
77 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449,
78 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
79 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
80 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-
81 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or
82 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,

83 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,
84 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of
85 section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141,
86 subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-
87 224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-
88 232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-
89 287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16,
90 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or
91 (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of
92 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section
93 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a,
94 section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89,
95 subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12,
96 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-38,
97 31-40, 31-44, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-
98 51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section
99 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134,
100 subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017,
101 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of
102 section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-
103 739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278,
104 section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713,
105 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230,
106 42-470 or 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283,
107 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,
108 section 46a-59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or
109 47-53, subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k)
110 of section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection
111 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-
112 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-
113 323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,
114 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a,
115 section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2)
116 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any
117 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,

118 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or
119 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes
120 and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but
121 does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or
122 borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such
123 violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set
124 forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	13a-26(g)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	51-164n(b)

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
State Resources	State Resources - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill changes driving commercial vehicles on state parkways from a regulatory violation to a statutory violation and raises the fine for these violations. The fine for this violation is currently \$50 with \$42 in surcharges. The increase is to \$500 which results in a potential gain in revenue.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6676*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON STATE PARKWAYS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill increases, from \$50 to \$500, the fine per violation for anyone who operates a commercial motor vehicle on a state parkway where the vehicle is not allowed. The law generally prohibits commercial motor vehicles from entering and using state highways designated as parkways (i.e., the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways and the Milford Parkway).

Under existing Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA) regulations, a “commercial motor vehicle” is any motor vehicle designed for the transporting of merchandise or freight and bearing a commercial registration (Conn. Agencies Regs., § 14-298-236).

The bill requires violators to follow the Superior Court’s Centralized Infractions Bureau’s procedures for payments or not guilty pleas (e.g., the fine may be paid by mail).

The bill also makes a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

BACKGROUND***Parkways***

By law, a “parkway” is any state highway receiving special treatment in landscaping and marginal planting, especially designed for, and devoted exclusively to, the use and accommodation of noncommercial motor vehicle traffic and to which access may be allowed only at highway intersections designated by the Department of Transportation

commissioner and designed to eliminate cross traffic of vehicles (CGA § 13a-26(a)). By law, OSTA has authority to adopt regulations on the use of state highways (including parkways), considering public safety and convenience, the width and character of the highways, and the density and character of traffic (CGS § 14-298).

Centralized Infractions Bureau’s Procedures

By law, under the bureau’s procedures, a Connecticut resident who commits an infraction or certain violations may plead not guilty or pay the set fine and any additional fee or cost. Violators who are nonresidents may do the same if they are residents of a state that has reciprocity with Connecticut’s Department of Motor Vehicles commissioner regarding driver’s license suspension. Otherwise, the law prohibits a nonresident violator from pleading or paying by mail but instead requires him or her to post a bond with the local police issuing the summons in the amount of the fine and any additional fees or costs (CGS § 51-164n).

Related Bill

sSB 15 (File 420), favorably reported by the Transportation Committee, (1) increases the fine for driving commercial vehicles on parkways from \$50 to \$500 for a first violation and \$1,000 for subsequent violations and (2) requires the fines to be assessed against commercial vehicle owners or lessees.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 1 (03/27/2023)