



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 755

January Session, 2015

Substitute House Bill No. 6863

House of Representatives, April 30, 2015

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 54-1f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (c) Members of any local police department or the Office of State
5 Capitol Police and constables and state marshals who are certified
6 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, and who
7 perform criminal law enforcement duties, when in immediate pursuit
8 of [one] a person who may be arrested under the provisions of this
9 section, except a person alleged to have violated only a municipal
10 ordinance, are authorized to pursue [the offender] such person outside
11 of their respective precincts into any part of the state in order to effect
12 the arrest. Such person may then be returned in the custody of such
13 officer to the precinct in which the offense was committed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	54-1f(c)

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which prevents any police officer from pursuing an offender across their precinct for violation of a municipal ordinance, has no fiscal impact. It is not anticipated to significantly change the number of arrests made for violations of municipal ordinances.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6863*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES.*****SUMMARY:**

Existing law allows local police officers and certain other law enforcement officers to pursue someone outside of their precincts, while in immediate pursuit of someone the officers have authority to arrest. This bill specifies that this does not apply if the person is alleged to have violated only a municipal ordinance.

The bill applies to local police officers, the State Capitol Police, and constables and state marshals who perform law enforcement duties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 474) to the Public Safety and Security Committee, which reported a substitute that makes minor and technical changes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/23/2015)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (04/21/2015)