



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 232

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
SEN. SEMINARA, 8th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC STOPS FOR SUSPECTED
CANNABIS USE BY DRIVERS AND TESTS FOR THE DETECTION OF
CANNABIS USE BY DRIVERS.**

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

- 1 That (1) section 53a-213a of the general statutes be amended to allow
- 2 a law enforcement officer to stop a motor vehicle when the sole reason
- 3 for the stop is a suspected violation of the prohibition on smoking,
- 4 otherwise inhaling or ingesting cannabis while driving; and (2) the
- 5 general statutes be amended to require the Police Officer Standards and
- 6 Training Council to study the use of mouth swabs and saliva tests for
- 7 detection of cannabis use by drivers and, if such use is feasible, adopt
- 8 policies to implement use of such swabs and tests by police officers.

Statement of Purpose:

To promote public safety by enhancing enforcement of driving while under the influence of cannabis.