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To: House Bill No. 6746

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Cal. No. 184

"AN ACT CONCERNING WRONG-WAY DRIVING DETECTION AND PREVENTION."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of
4 this section, (1) "wrong-way driving detection and notification system"
5 means a system capable of alerting a motor vehicle operator with the
6 use of flashing lights when such operator is driving in the wrong
7 direction and notifying a law enforcement unit when a wrong-way
8 operator is detected, and (2) "law enforcement unit" has the same
9 meaning as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

10 (b) The Department of Transportation shall expand efforts to
11 implement wrong-way driving countermeasures throughout the state.

12 Such efforts shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The installation
13 of wrong-way driving detection and notification systems on at least one
14 hundred twenty highway exit ramps that the department determines
15 are at high risk for motor vehicle operators driving in the wrong
16 direction; and (2) a public awareness campaign to educate the public
17 concerning ways to reduce incidents of operators driving in the wrong
18 direction and actions to take when an operator encounters a motor
19 vehicle being operated in the wrong direction."

20 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
21 internal references accordingly:

22 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section,
23 (1) "wrong-way driving detection, notification and broadcasting
24 system" means a system capable of (A) alerting a motor vehicle operator
25 with the use of flashing lights when such operator is driving in the
26 wrong direction, (B) notifying a law enforcement unit when a wrong-
27 way operator is detected, and (C) broadcasting the presence of a wrong-
28 way operator on electronic message boards along the highway, and (2)
29 "law enforcement unit" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-
30 294a of the general statutes.

31 (b) The Department of Transportation shall establish a pilot program
32 to test the use of wrong-way driving detection, notification and
33 broadcasting systems at highway exit ramps that the department
34 determines are appropriate and at high risk for motor vehicle operators
35 driving in the wrong direction. Not later than January 1, 2025, the
36 department shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of
37 the general statutes, concerning the results of the pilot program and any
38 recommendations for the broader use of such systems throughout the
39 state to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
40 cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

41 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation
42 shall provide a grant from available resources for implementing wrong-
43 way driving countermeasures to The University of Connecticut for the

44 purposes of testing and analyzing the use of directional rumble strips in
45 such a manner as to alert a motor vehicle operator through vibration
46 and sound that the operator is driving a motor vehicle in the wrong
47 direction. Not later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a
48 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
49 concerning the results of such testing and any recommendations for the
50 installation of directional rumble strips throughout the state to the joint
51 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
52 matters relating to transportation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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