



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5176

LCO No. 291



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
REP. HOWARD, 43rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING A POLICE OFFICER'S ABILITY TO REQUEST
CONSENT TO SEARCH A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

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

- 1 That section 54-33o of the general statutes be amended to restore a
- 2 police officer's ability to request consent to search a motor vehicle when
- 3 the officer has a reasonable and articulable suspicion that weapons,
- 4 contraband or other evidence of a crime is contained within the vehicle.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow police officers the ability to request consent to search a motor
vehicle in order to take illegal weapons and drugs off the street, as well
as assist in collecting evidence of a crime.