

John M. Bailey Seminar 2025

Traffic Safety Updates

General Statutes Sects. 53a-213a & 213b

- Neither drivers nor passengers can smoke in a motor vehicle.
- BUT Subsection (c) of both: This cannot be the SOLE reason that the vehicle is stopped.
- **NEW AMENDMENT To Subsection (c) (Effective Oct. 1, 2025):**
- “No peace officer shall stop a motor vehicle for a violation of [these statutes] if a violation is the sole reason for such stop, **unless such officer (1) observes active cannabis consumption by the OPERATOR of the motor vehicle, and (2) detects the odor of burnt cannabis.**”



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