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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REFLECTORIZED SAFETY NUMBER
PLATES ON MOTOR VEHICLES."**

1 After line 21 insert the following sections and renumber the
2 remaining section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (g) The commissioner [shall not] may elect not to register any motor
6 vehicle which is ten or more model years old and which has not been
7 previously registered in this state until the same has been presented, as
8 directed by the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of
9 the Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official
10 emissions inspection station or other business or firm, [except a
11 licensee of the department,] authorized by the Commissioner of Motor
12 Vehicles to conduct safety inspections, and has passed the inspection
13 as to its safety features as required by the commissioner. When a
14 motor vehicle owned by a resident of this state is garaged in another

15 jurisdiction and cannot be conveniently presented at an office of the
16 Department of Motor Vehicles, an authorized emissions inspection
17 station or other facility, the commissioner may accept an inspection
18 made by authorities in such other jurisdiction or by appropriate
19 military authorities, provided the commissioner determines that such
20 inspection is comparable to that conducted by the Department of
21 Motor Vehicles. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that
22 operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other
23 business or firm to conduct the safety inspections required by this
24 subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other
25 business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each
26 such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle
27 dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and
28 meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to perform an
29 inspection required by this section or to make repairs to any motor
30 vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the
31 commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety
32 and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer
33 or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to
34 the commissioner. [The provisions of this section shall not preclude the
35 commissioner from issuing a temporary registration or more than one
36 such registration for a period not to exceed ten days for each such
37 temporary registration for any motor vehicle without regard to the
38 inspection requirements of the general statutes.] If the commissioner
39 authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections,
40 such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in
41 such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to
42 compliance of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and
43 equipment standards and such certification may be accepted by the
44 commissioner as meeting the inspection requirements of this
45 subsection.

46 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 14-16a of the general statutes is
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

48 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,] The

49 commissioner may require that each motor vehicle registered in this
50 state which is ten model years old or older shall, within thirty days
51 before transfer of ownership or upon such transfer, be presented for
52 inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any state Department
53 of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station or
54 other facility authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to
55 conduct such inspection. The vehicle shall be inspected to determine
56 whether it is properly equipped and in good mechanical condition
57 before registration is issued to the new owner of the vehicle. If the
58 commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of
59 official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, [except
60 a licensee of the department,] to conduct the safety inspections
61 required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the
62 contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed
63 fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may
64 authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance
65 with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications established by the
66 commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to
67 make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety
68 inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is
69 in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for
70 registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any
71 additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner. If the
72 commissioner authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety
73 inspections, such licensee may provide written certification to the
74 commissioner, in such form and manner as the commissioner
75 prescribes, as to compliance of any motor vehicle in its inventory with
76 safety and equipment standards, and such certification may be
77 accepted by the commissioner as meeting the inspection requirements
78 of this subsection.

79 Sec. 4. (NEW) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall study the
80 feasibility of performing safety inspections of motor vehicles ten or
81 more model years of age, in accordance with the provisions of
82 subsection (g) of section 14-12 of the general statutes, as amended by

83 this act, and subsection (a) of section 14-16a of the general statutes, as
84 amended by this act, in conjunction with the inspections of such motor
85 vehicles for compliance with exhaust emissions standards performed
86 in accordance with the requirements of chapter 246a of the general
87 statutes. Said commissioner shall report such findings and
88 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
89 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation on
90 or before February 15, 2002."