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"AN ACT CONCERNING WEIGH STATIONS."

1 In line 1, before "The", insert "Section 1."

2 After line 15, insert the following:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 14-
4 164c and 14-164i of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Motor
5 Vehicles, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental
6 Protection, shall develop: (1) Exhaust emission standards for diesel-
7 powered motor vehicles; and (2) testing techniques, standards and
8 procedures for emission control features and equipment installed on a
9 motor vehicle with a gross weight greater than ten thousand pounds
10 that is equipped with a diesel engine, including, but not limited to, a
11 type I or type II school bus, that is registered or will be registered in
12 this state. Such testing techniques, standards and procedures shall
13 include, but not be limited to: (A) A requirement that on and after
14 January 1, 2005, all such motor vehicles shall be subject to emission
15 testing on a biennial basis, provided such testing take place at an
16 official weighing area or other location designated by the

17 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; (B) the procedures to be followed for
18 vehicles that do not meet the exhaust emission standards, including an
19 unreasonable cost of repair to bring any such vehicle into compliance,
20 above which the commissioner may grant a waiver from compliance
21 with such standards; and (C) a fee schedule for such testing. The
22 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, pursuant to
23 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement such emission
24 standards and testing techniques, standards and procedures. The
25 regulations may also provide that in lieu of such testing, said
26 commissioner may accept the results of any emission testing done: (i)
27 By agreement with an owner or operator of a fleet of diesel-powered
28 commercial vehicles licensed by said commissioner pursuant to
29 subsection (f) of section 14-164c of the general statutes; or (ii) by any
30 licensed motor vehicle dealer or repairer authorized by said
31 commissioner to establish a diesel-powered commercial motor vehicle
32 inspection station.

33 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety, in consultation with the
34 Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Motor Vehicles, shall
35 develop an enforcement program under which any motor vehicle,
36 other than a type I or type II school bus, traveling on a public highway
37 in this state, that is emitting visible exhaust may be stopped by a
38 member of the state police or a local police department and
39 immediately tested for compliance with emission standards. The
40 enforcement program shall include a schedule of fines for first and
41 subsequent violations of emissions standards. The Commissioner of
42 Public Safety shall adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54 of the
43 general statutes, for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this
44 subsection.

45 (c) The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and Environmental
46 Protection, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy
47 and Management, shall study the feasibility of creating a diesel
48 emissions reduction program under which grants would be provided
49 to local and regional boards of education to replace old diesel-fueled
50 school buses with newer buses and to retrofit existing buses with

51 diesel particulate filters. Said commissioners shall evaluate the
52 feasibility of such a program with respect to its potential effect upon
53 the emission of fine particulate matter, the potential reduction in sulfur
54 dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions to be achieved under such
55 program, and the resulting effect of such reductions upon the health of
56 children in Connecticut, particularly children with asthma. Said
57 commissioners shall submit their findings and recommendations to the
58 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
59 of matters relating to transportation and public health on or before
60 February 1, 2002."