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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM TO FACILITATE
THE PAYMENT OF FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) If any property tax, or any installment thereof, laid by any city,
4 town, borough or other taxing district upon a registered motor vehicle
5 or snowmobile remains unpaid, the tax collector of such city, town,
6 borough or other taxing district shall notify the Commissioner of
7 Motor Vehicles of such delinquency in accordance with listings and
8 schedules of dates established by the commissioner and on forms
9 prescribed and furnished by him, specifying the name and address of
10 the person against whom such tax has been assessed, the date when
11 such tax was due and the registration number, if known to the
12 collector. The commissioner shall not issue registration for such motor
13 vehicle or snowmobile for the next registration period if, according to
14 his records, it is then owned by the person against whom such tax has
15 been assessed or by any person to whom such vehicle has not been
16 transferred by bona fide sale. Unless notice has been received by the

17 commissioner under the provisions of section 14-33a, no such
18 registration shall be issued until a receipt evidencing the payment of
19 such tax or certificate of abatement of such tax or other satisfactory
20 evidence that the tax obligation has been legally discharged has been
21 presented to the commissioner; nor shall the commissioner register any
22 other motor vehicle or snowmobile in the name of such person until a
23 receipt evidencing the payment of such tax or a certificate of abatement
24 of such tax or other satisfactory evidence that the tax obligation has
25 been legally discharged has been presented to the commissioner,
26 except that the commissioner may continue to register other vehicles
27 owned by a leasing or rental firm licensed pursuant to section 14-15, if
28 he is satisfied that arrangements have been made to discharge such tax
29 obligation, and may issue such registration to any private owner of
30 three or more paratransit vehicles in direct proportion to the
31 percentage of total tax due on such vehicles which has been paid and
32 notice of payment on which has been received. The Commissioner of
33 Motor Vehicles may immediately suspend all motor vehicle or
34 snowmobile registrations issued in the name of any person (1) who has
35 been reported as delinquent and whose registration was renewed
36 through an error or through the production of false evidence that the
37 delinquent tax had been paid, or (2) who has been reported by a tax
38 collector as having paid a property tax on a motor vehicle or
39 snowmobile with a check which was dishonored by a bank and such
40 tax remains unpaid. Any person aggrieved by any action of the
41 commissioner under this section may appeal therefrom in the manner
42 provided in section 14-134. For the purposes of this subsection,
43 "paratransit vehicle" means a motor bus, taxicab or motor vehicle in
44 livery service operated under a certificate of convenience and necessity
45 issued by the Department of Transportation or by a transit district and
46 which is on call or demand or used for the transportation of
47 passengers for hire.

48 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
49 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
50 Treasurer and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,

51 may enter into an agreement with the tax collector of any city, town,
52 borough or other taxing district whereby the commissioner shall
53 collect any property tax or any installment thereof on a registered
54 motor vehicle which remains unpaid from any person against whom
55 such tax has been assessed who makes application for registration for
56 such motor vehicle. Each such agreement shall include a procedure for
57 the remission of taxes collected to the city, town, borough or other
58 taxing district, on a regular basis, and may provide that a fee be paid
59 by the city, town, borough or other taxing district to the commissioner
60 to cover any costs associated with the administration of the agreement.
61 In the event an agreement is in effect, the commissioner shall
62 immediately issue a registration for a motor vehicle owned by a person
63 against whom such tax has been assessed upon receipt of payment of
64 such tax and a service fee of two dollars, in addition to the fee
65 prescribed for the renewal of the registration.

66 (c) On and after March 1, 1989, any municipality may participate in
67 a program administered by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to
68 facilitate the payment of fines for parking violations. If any such
69 municipality elects to participate in such program, [it shall] such
70 municipality shall provide for a notice of violation to be served
71 personally upon the operator of a motor vehicle who is present at the
72 time of service. If the operator is not present, the notice shall be served
73 upon the owner of the motor vehicle by affixing notice to said vehicle
74 in a conspicuous place. A second notice of violation shall be mailed to
75 the address of record for any business engaged in the leasing or
76 renting of motor vehicles within thirty days of the initial notice of
77 violation. Upon receipt of a notice of violation, a lease or rental
78 company may notify the municipality as to who the lessee was at the
79 time of such issuance of the notice of violation and the municipality
80 shall then issue such notice of violation to such lessee. A participating
81 municipality shall notify the commissioner of every owner of a
82 registered motor vehicle who has unpaid fines for more than five
83 parking violations committed within such municipality on and after
84 March 1, 1989. Upon receipt of such notification, the commissioner

85 shall not issue or renew the motor vehicle registration of such person
86 until he receives notification from such municipality that the
87 delinquent fines have been paid.

88 (d) The provisions of [this subsection] subsection (c) of this section
89 shall not apply to any person, firm or corporation engaged in the
90 business of leasing or renting motor vehicles without drivers in this
91 state with respect to any motor vehicle which is leased or rented. The
92 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
93 to implement the provisions of [this subsection] subsection (c) of this
94 section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for service of a notice of violation upon the operator of the motor vehicle who may be subject to nonrenewal of registration for nonpayment of fines for parking violations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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