



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 812**

*January Session, 2003*

**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 Section 14-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 provide for a  
70 notice of violation to be served personally upon the operator of a  
71 motor vehicle who is present at the time of service. If the operator is  
72 not present, the notice shall be served upon the owner of the motor  
73 vehicle by affixing notice to said vehicle in a conspicuous place. Not  
74 more than thirty days after the initial notice, a second notice of  
75 violation shall be mailed to the address of record of the business  
76 leasing or renting the motor vehicle to such operator. No fines or  
77 penalties shall accrue for the violation for a period of sixty days after  
78 the second notice is mailed. A participating municipality shall notify  
79 the commissioner of every owner of a registered motor vehicle who  
80 has unpaid fines for more than five parking violations committed  
81 within such municipality on and after March 1, 1989. Upon receipt of  
82 such notification, the commissioner shall not issue or renew the motor  
83 vehicle registration of such person until he receives notification from  
84 such municipality that the delinquent fines have been paid.

85 (d) The provisions of [this subsection] subsection (c) of this section  
86 shall not apply to any person, firm or corporation engaged in the  
87 business of leasing or renting motor vehicles without drivers in this  
88 state with respect to any motor vehicle which is leased or rented. The

89 commissioner shall adopt regulations<sub>2</sub> in accordance with chapter 54<sub>2</sub>  
90 to implement the provisions of [this subsection] subsection (c) of this  
91 section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                        |
| Section 1                              | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |

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