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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."**

1 Strike lines 110 to 167, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 4. Section 14-16c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

5 (a) (1) (A) Any insurance company which takes possession of a  
6 motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this  
7 state, that has been declared a total loss [ , in] and that is offered for sale  
8 in this state by such insurance company or its agent as a result of the  
9 settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall stamp the word  
10 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in  
11 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such  
12 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such  
13 totalled motor vehicle, except that if the insurance company  
14 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component

15 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the  
16 insurance company shall stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY"  
17 in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in length on the  
18 vehicle's certificate of title. A copy of such certificate shall be sent by  
19 the insurance company to the Department of Motor Vehicles. (B) Any  
20 insurance company which takes possession of a motor vehicle for  
21 which a certificate of title has been issued in any state other than this  
22 state that has been declared a total loss and that is offered for sale in  
23 this state by such insurance company or its agent as a result of the  
24 settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall attach to such certificate  
25 of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such totalled motor  
26 vehicle.

27 (2) (A) Any person, firm or corporation which is a self-insurer and  
28 owns a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in  
29 this state, that has been declared a total loss and that is offered for sale  
30 in this state by such self-insurer or its agent, shall stamp the word  
31 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in  
32 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such  
33 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such  
34 totalled motor vehicle, except that if such self-insurer determines that  
35 such motor vehicle has ten or more major component parts which are  
36 damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the self-insurer shall  
37 stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters  
38 not to exceed three inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of  
39 title. Any person, firm or corporation which is insured other than by  
40 means of self-insurance and owns such a motor vehicle, shall forward  
41 the vehicle's certificate of title to the company insuring such vehicle or  
42 the company paying the totalled claim. Such insurer shall stamp the  
43 word "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in  
44 length on the certificate of title except that if the insurance company  
45 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component  
46 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the  
47 insurer taking possession of such motor vehicle shall stamp the words  
48 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three

49 inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of title and shall  
50 return such certificate to such person, firm or corporation. A copy of  
51 such certificate shall be sent by the person, firm or corporation to the  
52 Department of Motor Vehicles. (B) Any person, firm or corporation  
53 which is a self-insurer and owns a motor vehicle for which a certificate  
54 of title has been issued in any state other than this state that has been  
55 declared a total loss and that is offered for sale in this state by such  
56 self-insurer or its agent, shall attach to such certificate of title a copy of  
57 the appraiser's damage report for such totalled motor vehicle.

58 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "major component part" shall  
59 have the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
60 of section 14-149a.

61 (b) Any insurance company or its agent taking possession of a  
62 motor vehicle in accordance with subsection (a) of this section or any  
63 person, firm or corporation which owns such motor vehicle shall copy  
64 the [stamped] certificate and give the original of such certificate, with a  
65 copy of the appraiser's damage report attached thereto, to any  
66 subsequent purchaser of the motor vehicle that has been declared a  
67 total loss. The name and address of any such purchaser [must] shall be  
68 recorded on [the reverse side of] the original and the copy, as provided  
69 on the certificate. The copy shall serve only as a record of transfers of  
70 the total loss motor vehicle."

71 Strike lines 416 to 431, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
72 following in lieu thereof:

73 "(b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for Childhood Cancer  
74 Awareness commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular  
75 fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen  
76 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the  
77 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,  
78 issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five  
79 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the  
80 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of

81 section 10 of this act. No transfer fee shall be charged for the transfer of  
82 an existing registration to or from a registration with Childhood  
83 Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates. Such number  
84 plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of  
85 Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1)  
86 Number plates that contain the numbers and letters from a previously  
87 issued number plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of  
88 numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in  
89 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under section 14-  
90 40 of the general statutes; and (3) number plates that are low number  
91 plates issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes,  
92 in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under section  
93 14-160 of the general statutes. All fees established and collected  
94 pursuant to this section, except moneys designated for administrative  
95 costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the  
96 Childhood Cancer Awareness account established pursuant to section  
97 10 of this act."

98 In line 432, before "No" insert the following:

99 "A renewal fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for renewal or  
100 registration of a motor vehicle bearing Childhood Cancer Awareness  
101 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees  
102 prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars  
103 of the renewal fee shall be designated for administrative costs of the  
104 Department of Motor Vehicles."

105 In line 442, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof

106 In line 447, strike "childhood cancer" and insert "Childhood Cancer  
107 Awareness" in lieu thereof

108 In line 454, strike the semi-colon and insert a comma in lieu thereof

109 Strike lines 455 to 458, inclusive, in their entirety

110 In line 459, strike "issues with regard to children; and (4)" and insert

111 "and (2)" in lieu thereof

112 In line 476, after "of" insert "state"

113 Strike lines 481 to 488, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
114 following in lieu thereof:

115 "(b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for wildlife conservation  
116 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees  
117 prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of  
118 such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department  
119 of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing,  
120 renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five dollars of  
121 such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Secretary of  
122 the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of section 12 of this  
123 act. No transfer fee shall be charged for the transfer of an existing  
124 registration to or from a registration with wildlife conservation  
125 commemorative number plates. Such number plates shall have letters  
126 and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The  
127 commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1) Number plates that  
128 contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number  
129 plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of numbers as  
130 authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the  
131 fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section; and (3)  
132 number plates that are low number plates issued in accordance with  
133 section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees  
134 prescribed for registration under said section. All fees established and  
135 collected pursuant to this section, except moneys designated for  
136 administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be  
137 deposited in the wildlife conservation commemorative account  
138 established pursuant to section 12 of this act. Such number plates"

139 In line 516, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof

140 In line 520, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof

141 In line 522, strike "all"

142 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
143 internal references accordingly:

144 "Sec. 501. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) There is established a task force  
145 to study the use and display of flashing, revolving and other  
146 nonstandard lighting equipment on motor vehicles. The task force  
147 shall study the types of such nonstandard lights, the classes of motor  
148 vehicles on which such lights may be installed and the safety risks and  
149 benefits of the use of such lights. Such study shall include, but not be  
150 limited to (1) the feasibility of adopting standard colors for different  
151 classes of emergency vehicles, (2) limitations on revolving lights with  
152 respect to law enforcement and nonlaw enforcement vehicles, (3) the  
153 need to clarify existing statutory standards, (4) evaluation of the  
154 current process for permitting or authorizing the use of flashing or  
155 revolving lights, and (5) means and methods of enforcement standards  
156 and restrictions.

157 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
158 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee, (2)  
159 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's designee, (3)  
160 the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee,  
161 (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
162 secretary's designee, (5) a representative of the Connecticut Chiefs of  
163 Police Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
164 (6) a representative of a police trooper organization, appointed by the  
165 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, (7) a representative of a driving  
166 safety advocacy group, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor  
167 Vehicles, (8) an automotive engineer, appointed by the Commissioner  
168 of Motor Vehicles, (9) a representative of the Connecticut Firefighters  
169 Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and  
170 (10) a representative of a volunteer fire department, appointed by the  
171 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

172 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
173 August 1, 2003. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
174 authority. The task force shall elect the chairperson at its first meeting

175 from among its members.

176 (d) Not later than February 4, 2004, the task force shall submit a  
177 report on its findings and recommendations to the Department of  
178 Motor Vehicles and to the joint standing committee of the General  
179 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in  
180 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
181 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
182 on February 4, 2004, whichever is earlier."