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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003, but not*
5 *applicable to persons sixteen or seventeen years of age who applied for a*
6 *learner's permit on or before October 1, 2003*):

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,
8 as amended by this act, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any
9 public highway of this state or private road on which a speed limit has
10 been established in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a
11 until [he] such person has obtained a motor vehicle operator's license.

12 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older may operate a motor
13 vehicle without a motor vehicle operator's license if (A) [he] such
14 person has not had a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license

15 suspended or revoked, and (B) [he] such person is under the
16 instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's
17 license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty
18 years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four
19 years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as
20 the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her
21 motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner
22 during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (2) A person
23 holding a valid out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license may
24 operate a motor vehicle for a period of thirty days following [his] such
25 person's establishment of residence in Connecticut, if the motor vehicle
26 is of the same class as that for which his or her out-of-state motor
27 vehicle operator's license was issued. (3) No person may cause or
28 permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under sixteen
29 years of age.

30 (c) (1) On or after January 1, 1997, a person who is sixteen or
31 seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's
32 license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or
33 revoked may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
34 learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a learner's permit to an
35 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as
36 to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of
37 the road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49
38 and has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,
39 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the learner's permit and the
40 motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both parents or
41 foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, (B) the
42 legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the
43 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no
44 qualified spouse and [his] such applicant's parent or foster parent or
45 legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled without the state or
46 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the
47 applicant's stepparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or marriage, provided
48 such person is eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner may,

49 for the more efficient administration of [his] the commissioner's duties,
50 appoint any drivers' school licensed in accordance with the provisions
51 of section 14-69 or any secondary school providing instruction in
52 motor vehicle operation and highway safety in accordance with section
53 14-36e to issue a learner's permit, subject to such standards and
54 requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in regulations
55 adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each learner's permit shall
56 expire on the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle
57 operator's license or on the date the holder attains the age of eighteen
58 years, whichever is earlier. (2) The learner's permit shall entitle the
59 holder, while [he] such holder has the permit in his or her immediate
60 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, [except
61 as provided in this subdivision,] provided [he] such holder is under
62 the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an
63 instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a
64 person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate,
65 for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the
66 same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had
67 his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the
68 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction.
69 [The learner's permit shall entitle the holder to operate a motor vehicle
70 on a multiple-lane limited access highway sixty days from the date of
71 issuance, except that if the holder is under the instruction of a person
72 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section
73 14-73, the learner's permit shall entitle such holder to operate a motor
74 vehicle on such a highway thirty days from the date of issuance.] The
75 holder of a learner's permit who (A) is an active member of a certified
76 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced
77 an emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national
78 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of
79 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history
80 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the
81 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be
82 exempt from the provisions of this subdivision only when such holder
83 is en route to or from the location of the ambulance for purposes of

84 responding to an emergency call. (3) The commissioner may revoke
85 any learner's permit used in violation of the limitations imposed by
86 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

87 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
88 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
89 has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified
90 in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the commissioner
91 a certificate of the successful completion in a public secondary school,
92 a state vocational school or a private secondary school of a full course
93 of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in section 14-
94 36e or of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'
95 school approved by the commissioner, including, in each case,
96 successful completion of not less than eight clock hours of behind-the-
97 wheel, on-the-road instruction; (B) present to the commissioner a
98 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than
99 [five] eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a
100 minimum of [two] four hours on the nature and the medical, biological
101 and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the
102 operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation
103 of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the
104 operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for
105 alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an
106 examination which shall include a comprehensive test as to knowledge
107 of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road and an
108 on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time
109 of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license,
110 an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a
111 learner's permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that
112 an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A) of this
113 subdivision shall have held a learner's permit for not less than one
114 hundred twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training
115 and instruction by the handicapped driver training unit in accordance
116 with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for
117 the period of time required by said unit. The Commissioner of Motor

118 Vehicles shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at
119 drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Such [five]
120 eight hours of instruction [may] shall be included as part of or in
121 addition to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the
122 course required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not
123 exceed [forty dollars] an amount prescribed by the commissioner by
124 regulation, adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Any applicant
125 sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another
126 state, completed the course required in subparagraph (A) of this
127 subdivision, but did not complete the safe driving course required in
128 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving
129 course, and any fee charged for the course shall not exceed an amount
130 prescribed by the commissioner by regulation, adopted in accordance
131 with chapter 54. The commissioner may waive any requirement in this
132 subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in
133 the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a
134 valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state,
135 provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received
136 training and instruction of a similar nature. (2) The commissioner may
137 accept as evidence of sufficient training under subparagraph (A) of
138 subdivision (1) of this subsection home training as evidenced by a
139 written statement signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant,
140 or by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or the legal guardian of an
141 applicant which states that the applicant has obtained a learner's
142 permit and has successfully completed a driving course taught by the
143 person signing the statement and that the signer has had an operator's
144 license for at least four years preceding the date of the statement or, if
145 the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent, foster parent or
146 guardian so qualified and available to give the instruction, a statement
147 signed by the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by
148 blood or marriage, provided the person signing the statement is
149 qualified. (3) If the commissioner requires a written test of any
150 applicant under this section, the test shall be given in English or
151 Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the commissioner
152 shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient understanding of

153 English for the interpretation of traffic control signs. (4) The
154 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance
155 with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of this
156 subsection concerning the content of safe driving instruction at drivers'
157 schools, high schools and other secondary schools.

158 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)
159 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application
160 under oath, except that renewals from the year immediately preceding
161 need not be under oath, stating such information as the commissioner
162 requires, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is
163 sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the
164 license. (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license
165 shall, in the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a
166 copy of [his] such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie
167 evidence of [his] date of birth and evidence of identity. (3) Before
168 granting a license to any applicant who has not previously held a
169 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who has not operated
170 a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the commissioner
171 shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to [him, his] the
172 commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the
173 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the
174 applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for
175 which [he] such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
176 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
177 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
178 vehicles and the rules of the road. If any such applicant has held a
179 license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where
180 a similar examination is required, or if any such applicant is a person
181 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies
182 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the
183 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the
184 same class as that for which [he] such applicant has applied, the
185 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. [in his
186 discretion.] When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and

187 competency of any applicant, [he] the commissioner may issue to [him]
188 such applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such
189 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the
190 class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate. (4) If
191 any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem which
192 might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, the
193 commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to
194 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding
195 such problem, [he] such applicant or license holder is a proper person
196 to operate a motor vehicle, and [he] the commissioner may further
197 require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical
198 authority designated by [him] the commissioner, which certificate shall
199 in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license,
200 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may
201 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
202 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either
203 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person
204 whom [he] the commissioner determines to be incapable of safely
205 operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each
206 motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed by a deaf or
207 hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such person,
208 indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating
209 such impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and
210 signed by a licensed health care practitioner. (5) The issuance of a
211 motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant who is the holder of a
212 license issued by another state shall be subject to the provisions of
213 sections 14-111c and 14-111k, as amended by this act.

214 (f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor
215 vehicle in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2)
216 any motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which [his] such
217 person's right to operate is limited.

218 (g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
219 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
220 not less than seventy-five dollars nor more than ninety dollars and, for

221 any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
222 dollars nor more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not
223 more than thirty days or both.

224 [(h) As used in this section, the words "motor vehicle" shall not be
225 construed to include "motorcycle".]

226 [(i)] (h) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt
227 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
228 provisions of this section.

229 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is
230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
231 *October 1, 2003*):

232 (b) A class 1 or 2 operator's license which contains the endorsement
233 "P" evidences that the holder meets the requirements of section 14-44
234 to operate a taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, or service bus that
235 is not used for school transportation purposes. A class 1 or 2 operator's
236 license which contains the endorsement "S" evidences that the holder
237 meets the requirements of section 14-44 to operate a student
238 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. A class 1 or 2
239 operator's license which contains the endorsement "M" evidences that
240 the holder meets the requirements of section 14-40a, as amended by
241 this act, to operate a motorcycle.

242 Sec. 503. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-36d of the general
243 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
244 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

245 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and
246 subject to the provisions of section 14-41, as amended by this act, the
247 commissioner shall issue a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's
248 license containing a picture of the licensee. The license shall be of such
249 form and content as the commissioner may prescribe and shall be
250 signed by the licensee. The commissioner may acquire, by lease or
251 purchase, and install at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles

252 and at such other locations where operator's licenses are renewed, such
253 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
254 section.

255 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon the first
256 issuance of a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license to any
257 person less than twenty-one years of age, issue a license containing a
258 picture of the licensee. Such license shall indicate the date of such
259 person's twenty-first birthday, be of such form and content as the
260 commissioner may prescribe and be signed by the licensee.

261 Sec. 504. Section 14-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the
262 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

263 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no] No
264 person shall operate a motorcycle on any public highway of this state
265 until [he] such person has obtained a [motorcycle] motor vehicle
266 operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement from the
267 commissioner.

268 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not
269 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the
270 commissioner for a [learner's] training permit. The commissioner may
271 issue a [learner's] training permit, containing such limitation as he
272 deems advisable, to an applicant after the applicant has passed all
273 parts of the examination, other than the driving test, for a [motorcycle]
274 motor vehicle operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement as
275 required by subsection [(e)] (c) of this section. The [learner's] training
276 permit shall entitle the applicant, while he has the permit in his
277 immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle on the public highways,
278 other than multiple lane limited access highways, for a period of sixty
279 days. A [learner's] training permit may be renewed, or a new permit
280 issued, for an additional period of sixty days. On and after January 1,
281 1990, each applicant issued a [learner's] training permit shall, while
282 operating a motorcycle, wear protective headgear of a type which
283 conforms to the minimum specifications established by regulations

284 adopted under subsection (b) of section 14-289g.

285 [(c) No motorcycle operator's license shall be issued until (1) the
286 applicant for the license signs and files with the commissioner an
287 application under oath, except that renewals from the year
288 immediately preceding need not be under oath, stating such
289 information as the commissioner requires and (2) the commissioner is
290 satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a
291 suitable person to receive the license.

292 (d) (1) No motorcycle operator's license shall be issued to any
293 person between sixteen and eighteen years of age unless a certificate,
294 in such form as the commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting
295 to the issuance of the license has been signed and filed with the
296 commissioner by: (A) One or both parents or foster parents of the
297 applicant, as the commissioner requires, or (B) the legal guardian of
298 the applicant or (C) the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen
299 years of age or older. (2) No motorcycle operator's license shall be
300 issued to any person between sixteen and eighteen years of age unless
301 the applicant presents to the commissioner a certificate of the
302 successful completion in a public secondary school, a state vocational
303 school or private secondary school of a full course of study in motor
304 vehicle operation prepared as provided by section 14-36e or of training
305 of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers' school approved by
306 the commissioner, including, in each case, successful completion of not
307 less than six clock hours of actual road instruction. No person may
308 cause or permit the operation of a motorcycle by a person under
309 sixteen years of age. The commissioner may accept as evidence of
310 sufficient training a certificate signed by the spouse, being eighteen
311 years of age or older, of a married minor applicant, or by a parent or a
312 foster parent or the legal guardian of an applicant which states that the
313 applicant has successfully completed a driving course taught by the
314 person signing the certificate and that the signer has held an operator's
315 license for at least two years preceding the date of the certificate or, if
316 the applicant has no spouse, parent, foster parent or guardian so
317 qualified and available to give the instruction, a certificate signed by

318 the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or
319 marriage, provided the person signing the certificate is qualified and at
320 least eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner shall provide
321 forms for the certificates, which shall be called home training
322 certificates. If the commissioner requires a written examination of any
323 applicant under this section, the examination shall be given in English
324 or Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the commissioner
325 shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient understanding of
326 English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.]

327 [(e)] (c) Before granting a [license] motorcycle endorsement to any
328 applicant who has not [had a Connecticut motorcycle operator's
329 license] held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
330 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate
331 personally to [him, his] the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle
332 inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the
333 commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate a
334 motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of a
335 motorcycle to ensure its safe operation by [him] such applicant, and
336 has satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and
337 other motor vehicles, and the rules of the road. On and after January 1,
338 1990, an applicant under the age of eighteen shall also demonstrate
339 that [he] such applicant has successfully completed a novice
340 motorcycle training course offered by the Department of
341 Transportation or approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. If
342 an applicant has had a license or held such an endorsement from a
343 state where a similar examination or course is required, the
344 commissioner may waive part or all of any such requirement. When
345 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the
346 applicant, [he] the commissioner may issue [a license] an endorsement
347 to [him] such applicant, either unlimited or containing such limitations
348 as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or motorcycle
349 [operator license] endorsement holder has any health problem which
350 might affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the
351 commissioner may require the applicant or [license] endorsement

352 holder to demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem,
353 [he] such person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and [he]
354 the commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's
355 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by [him] the
356 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as
357 confidential by the commissioner. [A license] An endorsement,
358 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may
359 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
360 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing [a license] an
361 endorsement, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending
362 [a license] an endorsement of a person whom [he] the commissioner
363 deems incapable of safely operating a motorcycle.

364 [(f)] (d) No person shall operate a motorcycle in any manner in
365 violation of the limitations imposed in a limited [license] endorsement
366 issued to [him] such person.

367 [(g)] (e) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a), (b)
368 [, (c),] or (d) [or (f)] of this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to
369 have committed an infraction and be fined not less than thirty-five
370 dollars nor more than fifty dollars and, for any subsequent offense,
371 shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not
372 more than thirty days, or both.

373 Sec. 505. Section 14-40c of the general statutes is repealed and the
374 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

375 Any person denied an operator's license, or whose license is
376 suspended, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of section 14-
377 36, as amended by this act, [or subsection (e) of section 14-40a,] shall be
378 entitled to a hearing before the commissioner, in accordance with the
379 provisions of chapter 54 and section 14-4a.

380 Sec. 506. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the
381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

382 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, as amended by this act,

383 each motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license shall be renewed
384 every six years or every four years on the date of the operator's
385 birthday in accordance with a schedule to be established by the
386 commissioner. On and after July 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Motor
387 Vehicles shall screen the vision of each motor vehicle operator prior to
388 every other renewal of the operator's license of such operator in
389 accordance with a schedule adopted by the commissioner. Such
390 screening requirement shall apply to every other renewal following the
391 initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening by the commissioner,
392 such operator may submit the results of a vision screening conducted
393 by a licensed health care professional qualified to conduct such
394 screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner during the twelve
395 months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license
396 may be renewed unless the operator passes such vision screening. The
397 commissioner shall adopt regulations₂ in accordance with the
398 provisions of chapter 54₂ to implement the provisions of this
399 subsection relative to the administration of vision screening.

400 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not
401 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
402 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of
403 seventy-five cents per month except that the fee shall not exceed three
404 dollars and fifty cents for any six-month period, plus the sum of three
405 dollars; and on and after July 1, 1992, one dollar per month except that
406 the fee shall not exceed four dollars for any six-month period plus the
407 sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents.

408 (c) If a change is made in the records of the Department of Motor
409 Vehicles affecting the date of birth of an operator after the original
410 issuance or renewal of an operator's license, the expiration date shall
411 remain as originally issued or renewed until the license expires. The
412 operator shall then be issued a renewal license to expire on the date of
413 the operator's birthday. No renewal license shall be issued for a period
414 of less than twenty-four months or more than seventy-two months
415 depending on the year of the operator's birth. The fee for such renewal
416 license shall be computed at the rate of forty-five cents per month from

417 the last day of the month in which such license expired except that the
418 fee shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents for any six-month
419 period, plus the sum of one dollar.

420 (d) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
421 which each motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license expires,
422 notify the operator of the expiration date. Any previously licensed
423 operator who operates a motor vehicle within sixty days after the
424 expiration date of the operator's license without obtaining a renewal of
425 the license shall be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle
426 operator's license and shall be fined in accordance with the amount
427 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle
428 operator's license. Any operator so charged shall not be prosecuted
429 under section 14-36, as amended by this act, [or 14-40a] for the same
430 act constituting a violation under this section but [sections] section 14-
431 36, as amended by this act, [and 14-40a] shall apply after the sixty-day
432 period.

433 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration
434 date of any motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license or any
435 public passenger transportation permit falls on any day when offices
436 of the commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a
437 full business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until
438 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are
439 open for a full day of business.

440 Sec. 507. Section 14-41a of the general statutes is repealed and the
441 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

442 (a) An individual sixty-five years of age or older may renew a
443 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license for either a two-year
444 period or a six-year period. The fee for any license issued for a two-
445 year period shall be seventeen dollars. On and after July 1, 1992, the fee
446 shall be nineteen dollars.

447 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-
448 36d, as amended by this act, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may

449 waive the requirement that a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's
450 license issued to an operator sixty-five years of age or older bear a
451 photograph of the operator upon written application by such operator
452 and a showing of hardship, which shall include, but not be limited to,
453 the proximity of such operator's residence to a Department of Motor
454 Vehicles branch office providing license renewal services.

455 Sec. 508. Subsection (d) of section 14-44h of the general statutes is
456 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
457 *October 1, 2003*):

458 (d) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
459 which each commercial driver's license expires, notify the operator of
460 the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates a
461 commercial motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of
462 such operator license without obtaining a renewal of such license shall
463 be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license
464 and shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
465 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
466 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36, as
467 amended by this act, [or 14-40a] for the same act constituting a
468 violation under this section but said [sections] section 14-36 [and 14-
469 40a] shall apply after the sixty-day period.

470 Sec. 509. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-50 of the general
471 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
472 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

473 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-41, as
474 amended by this act, there shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars
475 and fifty cents for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license
476 issued for a period of four years, a fee of fifty-three dollars and twenty-
477 five cents for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license issued
478 for a period of six years and an additional fee of nine dollars for each
479 year for each passenger endorsement. [There shall be charged a fee of
480 thirty-seven dollars for each renewal of a motorcycle operator's license

481 issued for a period of four years and a fee of fifty-five dollars and fifty
482 cents for each renewal of a motorcycle operator's license issued for a
483 period of six years; except that a person who holds a motor vehicle
484 operator's license shall not be charged a fee for the renewal of a
485 motorcycle operator's license if such person renews said motor vehicle
486 operator's license.]

487 (b) There shall be charged for each examination of an operator of a
488 [motorcycle or other] motor vehicle a fee of thirty-six dollars. There
489 may be charged for each advance appointment for an operator's license
490 examination a fee of fifteen dollars which fee shall be paid to the
491 commissioner at least six business days prior to the date of the
492 appointment and shall be applied toward the examination fee if the
493 applicant keeps the appointment. If the applicant fails to keep the
494 appointment, the appointment fee shall be forfeited, unless (1) in the
495 judgment of the commissioner, the applicant's failure to keep the
496 appointment was due to exigent circumstances, or (2) the applicant
497 reschedules the appointment.

498 Sec. 510. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-111e of the general
499 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
500 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

501 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend, for a period
502 of one hundred fifty days, the motor vehicle operator's license [,
503 motorcycle operator's license] or nonresident operating privilege of
504 any person under the age of twenty-one who has been convicted of a
505 violation of section 30-88a, as amended by this act, involving the
506 misuse of an operator's license or section 30-89 involving the purchase
507 and possession of alcoholic liquor by a minor.

508 (b) Any person under the age of twenty-one who has not been
509 issued a motor vehicle operator's license under section 14-36, as
510 amended by this act, [or a motorcycle operator's license under section
511 14-40a] and who has been convicted of a violation of section 30-88a, as
512 amended by this act, involving the misuse of an operator's license,

513 section 30-89 involving the purchase and possession of alcoholic liquor
514 by a minor or subsection (e) of section 1-1h involving the misuse of an
515 identity card, shall not be issued a new operator's license by the
516 commissioner under section 14-36, as amended by this act, [or section
517 14-40a] until a period of one hundred fifty days has elapsed from the
518 date all applicable requirements for any such license have been
519 satisfied by the applicant.

520 Sec. 511. Subsection (b) of section 14-111k of the general statutes is
521 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
522 *October 1, 2003*):

523 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
524 the commissioner may issue a class 1 or class 2 operator's license [, or a
525 motorcycle operator's license,] to an applicant who is the subject of a
526 withdrawal of a commercial driver's license in any other member
527 jurisdiction if the conduct on which such withdrawal is based would
528 not have resulted in the withdrawal of the privilege to operate any
529 motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle.

530 Sec. 512. Subsection (d) of section 14-111l of the general statutes is
531 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
532 *October 1, 2003*):

533 (d) The commissioner shall maintain a record as to all convictions
534 and administrative actions for motor vehicle and traffic violations
535 committed in this state, and for any cases of failure to comply, as
536 reported to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of
537 sections 14-140 and 14-141, by any person who has not been issued a
538 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license by the commissioner
539 or by the licensing authority of any other member jurisdiction, or
540 whose license has expired or been cancelled. The commissioner shall
541 transmit such record to such licensing authority of another jurisdiction,
542 upon notification of the issuance of a license to such person.

543 Sec. 513. Subsection (b) of section 14-286 of the general statutes is
544 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

545 *October 1, 2003*):

546 (b) No person shall ride a bicycle with a helper motor unless that
547 person holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license, [or motorcycle
548 operator's license.] No person shall operate a bicycle with a helper
549 motor at a rate of speed exceeding thirty miles per hour; nor shall any
550 bicycle with a helper motor be operated on any sidewalk, limited
551 access highway or turnpike.

552 Sec. 514. Section 30-88a of the general statutes is repealed and the
553 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

554 Each person who attains the age of twenty-one years and has a
555 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license, containing a full-face
556 photograph of such person, may use and each permittee may accept
557 such license as legal proof of the age of the licensee for the purposes of
558 this chapter. Any person who misrepresents his or her age or uses or
559 exhibits, for the purpose of procuring alcoholic liquor, an operator's
560 license belonging to any other person, shall be fined not less than two
561 hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more
562 than thirty days or both.

563 Sec. 515. Section 36a-317b of the general statutes is repealed and the
564 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

565 Each bank, as defined in section 36a-2, shall cash, at its main office
566 or any of its branch offices within this state, for any person any check
567 payable at such bank or drawn on an account held at the bank in an
568 amount up to and including five hundred dollars, provided the check
569 is presented for payment by the payee of the check, there are sufficient
570 available funds in the account on which the check was drawn to pay
571 the check, and the person cashing the check provides adequate
572 identification, and any information necessary for the bank to meet any
573 reporting or recordkeeping requirements, as required by the bank. The
574 bank may not require more than two forms of identification if the
575 person provides one of the following forms of identification: (1) A
576 current passport issued by the State Department of the United States,

577 (2) a current motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to section
578 14-36, as amended by this act, [or a current motorcycle operator's
579 license issued pursuant to section 14-40a,] or (3) any current identity
580 card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with
581 section 1-1h. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the bank
582 may determine that it is reasonably necessary to refuse payment in
583 order to protect its customer or the bank against potential fraud or
584 loss, or to otherwise comply with applicable law.

585 Sec. 516. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003, but not applicable to persons*
586 *sixteen or seventeen years of age who applied for a learner's permit on or*
587 *before October 1, 2003*) (a) Each holder of a motor vehicle operator's
588 license who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall comply with the
589 following requirements:

590 (1) For a period of three months after the date of issuance of such
591 license, such person shall not transport more than one passenger, who
592 shall be such person's parent or legal guardian, who holds a motor
593 vehicle operator's license and is at least twenty-five years of age, or a
594 driving instructor licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

595 (2) For the period beginning three months after the date of issuance
596 of such license and ending six months after the date of issuance of such
597 license, such person shall not transport any passenger other than as
598 permitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection and any additional
599 member or members of such person's immediate family;

600 (3) No such person shall operate any motor vehicle for which a
601 public passenger transportation permit is required in accordance with
602 the provisions of section 14-44 of the general statutes or a van pool
603 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes;

604 (4) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor
605 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in
606 such motor vehicle; and

607 (5) For a period of six months after the date of issuance of such

608 license, no such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall
609 transport any passenger on a motorcycle.

610 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
611 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
612 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

613 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
614 section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. The
615 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, after notice and opportunity for a
616 hearing, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, may
617 suspend the motor vehicle operator's license of any person who
618 commits a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of
619 subsection (a) of this section until such person attains the age of
620 eighteen years."