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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CERTAIN
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FEES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) On and after January
4 1, 2005, no person shall use a mobile telephone while operating a
5 motor vehicle on a public highway or private road unless such person
6 is using a hands-free mobile telephone in its hands-free mode or such
7 person is: (1) An operator who is alone and reasonably fears for his or
8 her safety or reasonably believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated
9 against him or her; (2) an operator who is using such telephone to
10 contact an emergency system to report what such operator reasonably
11 believes is an emergency or the commission of a crime or motor vehicle
12 violation; (3) an operator of a school bus with passengers who uses
13 such telephone to call for assistance when the school bus experiences a
14 mechanical breakdown or an emergency arises that endangers the
15 operator or the passengers; or (4) a police officer, peace officer or

16 firefighter or an operator of an ambulance, authorized emergency
17 vehicle, as defined in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of
18 the general statutes, bus, school bus without passengers, taxi cab or
19 tow truck who uses such telephone while acting in the performance of
20 his or her duties and within the scope of his or her employment.
21 Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any passenger of a motor
22 vehicle, other than the operator, from using a mobile telephone while
23 the motor vehicle is in motion. For purposes of this subsection, a
24 "hands-free mobile telephone" means a telephone with speakerphone
25 capability or an attachment, add-on or addition to a mobile telephone
26 or other piece of equipment whether or not permanently installed in
27 the motor vehicle, that when used allows the operator of a motor
28 vehicle to maintain both hands on the steering device, and "mobile
29 telephone" includes, but is not limited to, a cellular, analog, wireless or
30 digital telephone capable of sending or receiving telephone
31 communications without an access line for service.

32 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
33 section shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not more
34 than seventy-five dollars for each violation. Each such violation shall
35 constitute a separate and distinct violation."