



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6702**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES FOR ENFORCING PROPERTY TAX  
DELINQUENCIES AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX COLLECTORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 14-33 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (e) (1) On and after July 1, 2004, each city and town shall make an  
5 annual payment to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in an amount  
6 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
7 in order to participate in the program administered by the Department  
8 of Motor Vehicles pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such  
9 amount shall be each city or town's proportionate cost of the  
10 administration of said program, to be determined as follows: The  
11 number obtained by multiplying said program's administrative cost by  
12 a fraction the numerator of which shall be the city or town's population  
13 and the denominator of which shall be the population of the state. As  
14 used in this section, "population" means the number of persons in the  
15 city or town according to the most recent estimate made, pursuant to  
16 section 19a-2a, by the Department of Public Health. The commissioner  
17 shall, on or before July fifteenth, annually, certify to said secretary the  
18 commissioner's cost to administer said program in such form and  
19 manner as the secretary may require. The secretary shall, on or before

20 August first, annually, notify the chief executive officer of each city  
21 and town of the amount such city or town is required to pay to the  
22 commissioner and such amount shall be payable not later than  
23 September first following said notification date. All amounts received  
24 by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited  
25 into the General Fund. If a city or town fails to annually pay its  
26 proportionate share of said program's administrative cost, the  
27 commissioner shall not be required to deny the issuance of a  
28 registration, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the person  
29 against whom such tax has been assessed by said city or town, or by a  
30 borough or other taxing district located therein.

31 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
32 subsection, the total amount that all towns and cities shall be required  
33 to pay to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in the fiscal year  
34 commencing July 1, 2005, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall not  
35 exceed the total amount determined as payable by all such towns and  
36 cities in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004.

37 Sec. 2. Section 12-130a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

39 (a) There shall be established within the Office of Policy and  
40 Management a committee for the purpose of developing and  
41 maintaining a program and procedures for the training, examination  
42 and certification of tax collection personnel, appointed by the Secretary  
43 of the Office of Policy and Management and consisting of seven  
44 members, six of whom shall be voting members who shall serve  
45 without pay and shall be appointed initially as follows: Two members  
46 for two-year terms; two members for four-year terms; and two  
47 members for six-year terms. At least one member shall be from a  
48 municipality with a population of more than fifty thousand, and at  
49 least one member shall be from a municipality with a population  
50 under ten thousand. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
51 Management shall thereafter appoint two members every two years  
52 for six-year terms. The seventh member shall be an employee of the

53 Office of Policy and Management, who shall be knowledgeable  
54 regarding Connecticut property tax collection practices and who shall  
55 serve as a nonvoting member of the committee. The six voting  
56 members of the committee shall have demonstrated competence in tax  
57 collection practices in Connecticut. Said committee shall elect its own  
58 chairman and [adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,]  
59 proposed standards to said secretary for the training, fees and  
60 examination of tax collection personnel, including standards for the  
61 certification and recertification of tax collectors. Such [regulations]  
62 proposed standards may include requirements for any type of training  
63 or experience, or combination thereof, the committee deems  
64 appropriate. The secretary shall review the proposed standards and  
65 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, implementing any of  
66 such standards approved by the secretary.

67 (b) Any person may participate in training courses on tax collection  
68 practices prescribed by said committee and upon completing such  
69 training courses and successfully completing any examination  
70 prescribed by said committee, shall be recommended to the Secretary  
71 of the Office of Policy and Management as a candidate for certification  
72 as a certified Connecticut municipal collector. The Secretary of the  
73 Office of Policy and Management shall certify any qualified candidate  
74 recommended by said committee as a certified Connecticut municipal  
75 collector and may rescind such certification for sufficient cause as said  
76 secretary may determine. Said secretary may certify a candidate who  
77 has not completed such training courses provided such candidate has  
78 experience in tax collection practices in Connecticut to such extent, as  
79 determined by said secretary, to make it unnecessary to complete such  
80 training courses, and provided further such candidate shall be  
81 required to successfully complete any examination prescribed by said  
82 committee. Such certification shall be valid for five years from the date  
83 of issuance, or until regulations are adopted pursuant to subsection (a)  
84 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	14-33(e)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	12-130a

**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*