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

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

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 Geospatial Information Systems Council consisting of the following
5 members, or their designees: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
6 and Management; (2) the Commissioners of Environmental Protection,
7 Economic and Community Development, Transportation, Public
8 Safety, Public Health, Public Works, Agriculture, Emergency
9 Management and Homeland Security and Social Services; (3) the Chief
10 Information Officer of the Department of Information Technology; (4)
11 the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University system; (5) the
12 president of The University of Connecticut; (6) the Executive Director
13 of the Connecticut Siting Council; (7) one member who is a user of
14 geospatial information systems appointed by the president pro

15 tempore of the Senate representing a municipality with a population of
16 more than sixty thousand; (8) one member who is a user of geospatial
17 information systems appointed by the minority leader of the Senate
18 representing a regional planning agency; (9) one member who is a user
19 of geospatial information systems appointed by the Governor
20 representing a municipality with a population of less than sixty
21 thousand but more than thirty thousand; (10) one member who is a
22 user of geospatial information systems appointed by the speaker of the
23 House of Representatives representing a municipality with a
24 population of less than thirty thousand; (11) one member appointed by
25 the minority leader of the House of Representatives who is a user of
26 geospatial information systems; (12) the chairperson of the Public
27 Utility Control Authority; (13) the Adjutant General of the Military
28 Department; and (14) any other persons the council deems necessary
29 appointed by the council. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
30 Management, or a designee of the secretary, shall serve as chairperson
31 and shall administer the affairs of the council. Vacancies shall be filled
32 by appointment by the authority making the appointment. The council
33 shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its
34 members. Members shall receive no compensation for their services on
35 said council, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred
36 in the performance of their duties. Said council shall hold one meeting
37 each month and such additional meetings as may be prescribed by
38 council rules. In addition, special meetings may be called by the
39 chairperson or by any three members upon delivery of forty-eight
40 hours written notice to each member.

41 (b) The council, within available appropriations, shall coordinate a
42 uniform geospatial information system capacity for municipalities,
43 regional planning agencies, the state and others, as needed, which
44 shall include provisions for (1) creation, maintenance and
45 dissemination of geographic information or imagery that may be used
46 to (A) precisely identify certain locations or areas, or (B) create maps or
47 information profiles in graphic or electronic form about particular
48 locations or areas, and (2) promotion of a forum in which geospatial

49 information may be centralized and distributed. In establishing such
50 capacity, the council shall consult with municipalities, regional
51 planning agencies, state agencies and other users of geospatial
52 information system technology. The purpose of any such system shall
53 be to provide guidance or assistance to municipal and state officials in
54 the areas of land use planning, transportation, economic development,
55 environmental, cultural and natural resources management, the
56 delivery of public services and other areas, as necessary.

57 (c) The council may apply for federal grants and may accept and
58 expend such grants on behalf of the state through the Office of Policy
59 and Management.

60 (d) The council, within available appropriations, shall administer a
61 program of technical assistance to municipalities and regional
62 planning agencies to develop geospatial information systems and shall
63 periodically recommend improvements to the geospatial information
64 system provided for in subsection (b) of this section.

65 (e) On or before January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the council
66 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a
67 report on activities under this section to the joint standing committee
68 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
69 planning and development.

70 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 15, 2006, the
71 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with
72 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Council on Soil
73 and Water Conservation, regional planning agencies organized under
74 the provisions of chapter 127 of the general statutes, regional councils
75 of governments and regional councils of elected officials organized
76 under the provisions of chapter 50 of the general statutes, the
77 Agricultural Extension Services of The University of Connecticut, the
78 Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Center
79 of Land Use Education and Research at The University of Connecticut
80 and the Rural Development Council, shall prepare a report on land use

81 training and education available to members of local land uses
82 agencies. Such report shall include a survey of existing programs and
83 their utilization and recommendations, if any, for enhancements and
84 additions to such programs including changes in state law."