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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-262 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The following vehicles shall not be operated upon any highway
4 or bridge without a special written permit from the Commissioner of
5 Transportation, as provided in section 14-270, as amended, specifying
6 the conditions under which they may be so operated:

7 (1) A vehicle, combination of vehicle and trailer or commercial
8 vehicle combination, including each such vehicle's load, which is
9 wider than one hundred two inches or its approximate metric
10 equivalent of two and six-tenths meters or one hundred two and
11 thirty-six-hundredths inches, including its load, but not including the
12 following safety devices: Reasonably sized rear view mirrors, turn
13 signals, steps and handholds for entry and egress, spray and splash
14 suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge and any other state-
15 approved safety device which the Commissioner of Transportation
16 determines is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of such a

17 vehicle or combination, provided no such state-approved safety device
18 protrudes more than three inches from each side of the vehicle or
19 provided no such device has by its design or use the capability to carry
20 cargo. Such permit shall not be required in the case of (A) farm
21 equipment, (B) a vehicle or combination of vehicle and trailer loaded
22 with hay or straw, (C) a school bus equipped with a folding stop sign
23 or exterior mirror, as approved by the Commissioner of Motor
24 Vehicles, which results in a combined width of bus and sign or bus
25 and mirror in excess of that established by this subsection, [or] (D) a
26 trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting boats when the
27 gross weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds, or
28 (E) a recreation vehicle with appurtenances, including safety devices
29 and retracted shade awnings, no greater than six inches on each side
30 for a maximum allowance of twelve inches; and

31 (2) A combination of truck and trailer which is longer than sixty-five
32 feet except (A) a combination of truck and trailer or tractor and
33 semitrailer loaded with utility poles, both trailer and semitrailer
34 having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility poles having a
35 maximum length of fifty feet and the overall length not to exceed
36 eighty feet, (B) a trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting
37 boats when the gross weight of such boats does not exceed four
38 thousand pounds, (C) a tractor-trailer unit, (D) a commercial vehicle
39 combination, (E) combinations of vehicles considered as specialized
40 equipment in 23 CFR 658.13(e), as amended, or (F) a tractor equipped
41 with a dromedary box operated in combination with a semitrailer
42 which tractor and semitrailer do not exceed seventy-five feet in overall
43 length.

44 (b) A special written permit may not be issued by the Commissioner
45 of Transportation for a combination of vehicles consisting of a vehicle
46 drawing a combination of three or more trailers or semitrailers, except
47 any such combination engaged in the transportation of an indivisible
48 load.

49 (c) The maximum length of a single unit vehicle shall be forty-five
50 feet and the maximum length of the semitrailer portion of a tractor-
51 trailer unit shall be forty-eight feet. A trailer greater than forty-eight
52 feet and less than or equal to fifty-three feet in length, that has a
53 distance of no more than forty-three feet between the kingpin and the
54 center of the rearmost axle with wheels in contact with the road
55 surface, may be operated on (1) unless posted otherwise, United States
56 and Connecticut routes numbered from 1 to 399, inclusive, 450, 476,
57 508, 693 and 695 and the national system of interstate and defense
58 highways, and (2) state and local roads for up to one mile from the
59 routes and system specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection for
60 access to terminals, facilities for food, fuel, repair and rest, and points
61 of loading and unloading. The Commissioner of Transportation shall
62 permit additional routes upon application of carriers or shippers
63 provided the proposed additional routes meet the permit criteria of the
64 Department of Transportation. Such length limitation shall be
65 exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, such as
66 refrigeration units, air compressors or air shields and other devices,
67 which the Secretary of the federal Department of Transportation may
68 interpret as necessary for the safe and efficient operation of such
69 vehicles, provided no such device has by its design or use the
70 capability to carry cargo.

71 (d) Violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine
72 of five hundred dollars.

73 Sec. 2. Section 14-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the
74 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

75 No vehicle, except a vehicle loaded with loose hay or straw or a
76 vehicle loaded with wooden structures, including, but not limited to,
77 gazebos or sheds, whose height, with its load, exceeds thirteen feet six
78 inches but is less than fourteen feet, shall be operated upon any
79 highway or bridge without a special written permit from the
80 Commissioner of Transportation as provided in section 14-270, as

81 amended, specifying the period for which and the other conditions
82 under which such vehicle shall be permitted to be so operated.
83 Violation of the provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of one
84 thousand five hundred dollars.

85 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) For the purposes described in
86 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
87 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
88 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
89 the aggregate ____ dollars.

90 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
91 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
92 Department of Transportation for the purpose of reconstructing Plains
93 and Oronoke Roads, including the Metro North railroad crossing, in
94 Milford.

95 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
96 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
97 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
98 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
99 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
100 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
101 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
102 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
103 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
104 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
105 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
106 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
107 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
108 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
109 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
110 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
111 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
112 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the

113 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
114 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
115 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
116 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
117 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
118 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-262
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-264
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify and revise certain Department of Transportation requirements and to improve transportation in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]