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Referred to Committee on Transportation

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CONNECTICUT MINI-MOTORCYCLE LAWS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the 2006 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless  
5 another construction is clearly apparent from the language or context  
6 in which the term is used or unless the construction is inconsistent  
7 with the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

8 (1) "Activity vehicle" means a student transportation vehicle that is  
9 used to transport students in connection with school-sponsored events  
10 and activities, but is not used to transport students to and from school;

11 (2) "Agricultural tractor" means a tractor or other form of  
12 nonmuscular motive power used for transporting, hauling, plowing,  
13 cultivating, planting, harvesting, reaping or other agricultural  
14 purposes on any farm or other private property, or used for the

15 purpose of transporting, from one farm to another, agricultural  
16 implements and farm products, provided the agricultural tractor is not  
17 used on any highway for transporting a pay load or for some other  
18 commercial purpose;

19 (3) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor  
20 vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of  
21 historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original  
22 manufacturer's specifications;

23 (4) "Apparent candle power" means an illumination equal to the  
24 normal illumination in foot candles produced by any lamp or lamps,  
25 divided by the square of the distance in feet between the lamp or  
26 lamps and the point at which the measurement is made;

27 (5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department  
28 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) a public service company or  
29 municipal department ambulance or emergency vehicle designated or  
30 authorized for use as an authorized emergency vehicle by the  
31 commissioner;

32 (6) "Auxiliary driving lamp" means an additional lighting device on  
33 a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the general illumination  
34 in front of a motor vehicle provided by the motor vehicle's head lamps;

35 (7) "Bulb" means a light source consisting of a glass bulb containing  
36 a filament or substance capable of being electrically maintained at  
37 incandescence;

38 (8) "Camp trailer" includes any trailer designed and used  
39 exclusively for camping or recreational purposes;

40 (9) "Camper" means any motor vehicle designed or permanently  
41 altered in such a way as to provide temporary living quarters for  
42 travel, camping or recreational purposes;

43 (10) "Combination registration" means the type of registration

44 issued to a motor vehicle used for both private passenger and  
45 commercial purposes if such vehicle does not have a gross vehicle  
46 weight rating in excess of twelve thousand five hundred pounds;

47 (11) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a license issued  
48 to an individual in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-44a to  
49 14-44m, inclusive, which authorizes such individual to drive a  
50 commercial motor vehicle;

51 (12) "Commercial driver's license information system" or "CDLIS"  
52 means the national database of holders of commercial driver's licenses  
53 established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
54 pursuant to section 12007 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act  
55 of 1986;

56 (13) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designed or used  
57 to transport passengers or property, except a vehicle used within one  
58 hundred fifty miles of a farm in connection with the operation of such  
59 farm, fire fighting apparatus or other authorized emergency vehicles,  
60 or a recreational vehicle in private use, which (A) has a gross vehicle  
61 weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more; (B) is  
62 designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver,  
63 or is designed to transport more than ten passengers, including the  
64 driver, and is used to transport students under the age of twenty-one  
65 years to and from school; or (C) is transporting hazardous materials  
66 and is required to be placarded in accordance with 49 CFR 172,  
67 Subpart F, as amended;

68 (14) "Commercial registration" means the type of registration  
69 required for any motor vehicle designed or used to transport  
70 merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business  
71 enterprise, unless a more specific type of registration is authorized and  
72 issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

73 (15) "Commercial trailer" means a trailer used in the conduct of a  
74 business to transport freight, materials or equipment whether or not

75 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

76 (16) "Commissioner" includes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
77 and any assistant to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles who is  
78 designated and authorized by, and who is acting for, the  
79 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under a designation; except that the  
80 deputy commissioners of motor vehicles and the Attorney General are  
81 deemed, unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles otherwise  
82 provides, to be designated and authorized by, and acting for, the  
83 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under a designation;

84 (17) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 21a-  
85 240 and the federal laws and regulations incorporated in chapter 420b;

86 (18) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a  
87 determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the  
88 law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative  
89 tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to  
90 secure the person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court  
91 cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of  
92 whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated;

93 (19) "Dealer" includes any person actively engaged in buying,  
94 selling or exchanging motor vehicles or trailers who has an established  
95 place of business in this state and who may, incidental to such  
96 business, repair motor vehicles or trailers, or cause them to be repaired  
97 by persons in his or her employ;

98 (20) "Disqualification" means a withdrawal of the privilege to drive  
99 a commercial motor vehicle, which occurs as a result of (A) any  
100 suspension, revocation, or cancellation by the commissioner of the  
101 privilege to operate a motor vehicle; (B) a determination by the Federal  
102 Highway Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier  
103 safety contained in 49 CFR 386, as amended, that a person is no longer  
104 qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under the standards of  
105 49 CFR 391, as amended; or (C) the loss of qualification which follows

106 any of the convictions or administrative actions specified in section 14-  
107 44k, as amended;

108 (21) "Drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a  
109 motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle being towed by another;

110 (22) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in  
111 physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or who is required to  
112 hold a commercial driver's license;

113 (23) "Driver's license" or "operator's license" means a valid  
114 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a license issued by  
115 another state or foreign jurisdiction authorizing the holder thereof to  
116 operate a motor vehicle on the highways;

117 (24) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,  
118 including full-time, regularly employed drivers, casual, intermittent or  
119 occasional drivers, drivers under contract and independent, owner-  
120 operator contractors, who, while in the course of operating a  
121 commercial motor vehicle, are either directly employed by, or are  
122 under contract to, an employer;

123 (25) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a  
124 state or any political subdivision thereof, who owns or leases a  
125 commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial  
126 motor vehicle;

127 (26) "Farm implement" means a vehicle designed and adapted  
128 exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising  
129 operations and which is not operated on a highway for transporting a  
130 pay load or for any other commercial purpose;

131 (27) "Felony" means any offense as defined in section 53a-25 and  
132 includes any offense designated as a felony under federal law;

133 (28) "Fatality" means the death of a person as a result of a motor  
134 vehicle accident;

135 (29) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than a state  
136 of the United States;

137 (30) "Fuels" means (A) all products commonly or commercially  
138 known or sold as gasoline, including casinghead and absorption or  
139 natural gasoline, regardless of their classification or uses, (B) any liquid  
140 prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and  
141 commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, which,  
142 when subjected to distillation in accordance with the standard method  
143 of test for distillation of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene and similar  
144 petroleum products by "American Society for Testing Materials  
145 Method D-86", shows not less than ten per cent distilled (recovered)  
146 below 347 Fahrenheit (175 Centigrade) and not less than ninety-five  
147 per cent distilled (recovered) below 464 Fahrenheit (240 Centigrade);  
148 provided the term "fuels" shall not include commercial solvents or  
149 naphthas which distill, by "American Society for Testing Materials  
150 Method D-86", not more than nine per cent at 176 Fahrenheit and  
151 which have a distillation range of 150 Fahrenheit, or less, or liquefied  
152 gases which would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60  
153 Fahrenheit and a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute,  
154 and (C) any liquid commonly referred to as "gasohol" which is  
155 prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and  
156 commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, consisting  
157 of a blend of gasoline and a minimum of ten per cent by volume of  
158 ethyl or methyl alcohol;

159 (31) "Garage" includes every place of business where motor vehicles  
160 are, for compensation, received for housing, storage or repair;

161 (32) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value  
162 specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a  
163 single or a combination (articulated) vehicle, or its registered gross  
164 weight, whichever is greater. The GVWR of a combination (articulated)  
165 vehicle commonly referred to as the "gross combination weight rating"  
166 or GCWR is the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the towed

167 unit or units;

168 (33) "Gross weight" means the light weight of a vehicle plus the  
169 weight of any load on the vehicle, provided, in the case of a tractor-  
170 trailer unit, "gross weight" means the light weight of the tractor plus  
171 the light weight of the trailer or semitrailer plus the weight of the load  
172 on the vehicle;

173 (34) "Hazardous materials" has the same meaning as in Section 103  
174 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 USC 1801 et seq.;

175 (35) "Head lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the front of a  
176 motor vehicle projecting a high intensity beam which lights the road in  
177 front of the vehicle so that it can proceed safely during the hours of  
178 darkness;

179 (36) "High-mileage vehicle" means a motor vehicle having the  
180 following characteristics: (A) Not less than three wheels in contact with  
181 the ground; (B) a completely enclosed seat on which the driver sits; (C)  
182 a single or two cylinder, gasoline or diesel engine or an electric-  
183 powered engine; and (D) efficient fuel consumption;

184 (37) "Highway" includes any state or other public highway, road,  
185 street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of  
186 the state or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated,  
187 appropriated or opened to public travel or other use;

188 (38) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition that  
189 presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe  
190 personal injury or a substantial endangerment to health, property, or  
191 the environment may occur before the reasonably foreseeable  
192 completion date of a formal proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that  
193 death, illness, injury or endangerment;

194 (39) "Intersecting highway" includes any public highway which  
195 joins another at an angle whether or not it crosses the other;

196 (40) "Light weight" means the weight of an unloaded motor vehicle  
197 as ordinarily equipped and ready for use, exclusive of the weight of  
198 the operator of the motor vehicle;

199 (41) "Limited access highway" means a state highway so designated  
200 under the provisions of section 13b-27;

201 (42) "Local authorities" includes the board of aldermen, common  
202 council, chief of police, warden and burgesses, board of selectmen or  
203 other officials having authority for the enactment or enforcement of  
204 traffic regulations within their respective towns, cities or boroughs;

205 (43) "Maintenance vehicle" means any vehicle in use by the state or  
206 by any town, city, borough or district, any state bridge or parkway  
207 authority or any public service company, as defined in section 16-1, as  
208 amended, in the maintenance of public highways or bridges and  
209 facilities located within the limits of public highways or bridges;

210 (44) "Manufacturer" means (A) a person, whether a resident or  
211 nonresident, engaged in the business of constructing or assembling  
212 new motor vehicles of a type required to be registered by the  
213 commissioner, for operation upon any highway, except a utility trailer,  
214 which are offered for sale in this state, or (B) a person who distributes  
215 new motor vehicles to new car dealers licensed in this state;

216 (45) "Median divider" means an intervening space or physical  
217 barrier or clearly indicated dividing section separating traffic lanes  
218 provided for vehicles proceeding in opposite directions;

219 [(46) "Minibike" or "minicycle" means any two or three wheel  
220 motorcycle having one or more of the following characteristics: (A)  
221 Ten inches (254 mm) or less nominal wheel rim diameter; (B) forty  
222 inches or less wheel base; (C) twenty-five inches or less seat height  
223 measured at the lowest point on the top of the seat cushion without  
224 rider; (D) a propelling engine having a piston displacement of 50 c.c. or  
225 less;]

226        [(47)] (46) "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
227        twenty years old or older which has been modified for safe road use,  
228        including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive train,  
229        suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus;

230        [(48)] (47) "Motor bus" includes any motor vehicle, except a taxicab,  
231        as defined in section 13b-95, operated in whole or in part on any street  
232        or highway in a manner affording a means of transportation by  
233        indiscriminately receiving or discharging passengers, or running on a  
234        regular route or over any portion of a regular route or between fixed  
235        termini;

236        [(49)] (48) "Motor home" means a vehicular unit designed to provide  
237        living quarters and necessary amenities which are built into an integral  
238        part of, or permanently attached to, a truck or van chassis;

239        [(50)] (49) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle, with or without a  
240        side car, having not more than three wheels in contact with the ground  
241        and a saddle or seat on which the rider sits or a platform on which the  
242        rider stands and includes bicycles having a motor attached, except  
243        bicycles propelled by means of a helper motor as defined in section  
244        14-286, but does not include a vehicle having or designed to have a  
245        completely enclosed driver's seat and a motor which is not in the  
246        enclosed area;

247        [(51)] (50) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by  
248        any nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers,  
249        baggage trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit  
250        facilities, electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by  
251        physically handicapped persons at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles  
252        per hour, golf carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of  
253        crossing from one part of the golf course to another, golf cart type  
254        vehicles operated on roads or highways on the grounds of state  
255        institutions by state employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements,  
256        such vehicles as run only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows,  
257        snow blowers and lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for

258 which they were designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four  
259 miles per hour, whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind  
260 such equipment, bicycles with helper motors as defined in section 14-  
261 286, special mobile equipment as defined in subsection (i) of section 14-  
262 165, as amended, mini-motorcycle, as defined in section 14-289j of the  
263 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, and  
264 any other vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway;

265 [(52)] (51) "National Driver Registry" or "NDR" means the licensing  
266 information system and database operated by the National Highway  
267 Traffic Safety Administration and established pursuant to the National  
268 Driver Registry Act of 1982, as amended;

269 [(53)] (52) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, the equitable  
270 or legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer,  
271 distributor or dealer to an ultimate consumer;

272 [(54)] (53) "Nonresident" means any person whose legal residence is  
273 in a state other than Connecticut or in a foreign country;

274 [(55)] (54) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or "nonresident  
275 CDL" means a commercial driver's license issued by a state to an  
276 individual who resides in a foreign jurisdiction;

277 [(56)] (55) "Nonskid device" means any device applied to the tires,  
278 wheels, axles or frame of a motor vehicle for the purpose of increasing  
279 the traction of the motor vehicle;

280 [(57)] (56) "Number plate" means any sign or marker furnished by  
281 the commissioner on which is displayed the registration number  
282 assigned to a motor vehicle by the commissioner;

283 [(58)] (57) "Officer" includes any constable, state marshal, inspector  
284 of motor vehicles, state policeman or other official authorized to make  
285 arrests or to serve process, provided the officer is in uniform or  
286 displays the officer's badge of office in a conspicuous place when  
287 making an arrest;

288        [[59]] (58) "Operator" means any person who operates a motor  
289        vehicle or who steers or directs the course of a motor vehicle being  
290        towed by another motor vehicle and includes a driver as defined in  
291        subdivision (22) of this section;

292        [[60]] (59) "Out-of-service order" means a temporary prohibition  
293        against driving a commercial motor vehicle or any other vehicle  
294        subject to the federal motor carrier safety regulations enforced by the  
295        commissioner pursuant to the commissioner's authority under section  
296        14-8;

297        [[61]] (60) "Owner" means any person holding title to a motor  
298        vehicle, or having the legal right to register the same, including  
299        purchasers under conditional bills of sale;

300        [[62]] (61) "Parked vehicle" means a motor vehicle in a stationary  
301        position within the limits of a public highway;

302        [[63]] (62) "Passenger and commercial motor vehicle" means a motor  
303        vehicle used for private passenger and commercial purposes which is  
304        eligible for combination registration;

305        [[64]] (63) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for  
306        the private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,  
307        designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, with a capacity of  
308        carrying not more than ten passengers including the operator thereof;

309        [[65]] (64) "Passenger registration" means the type of registration  
310        issued to a passenger motor vehicle unless a more specific type of  
311        registration is authorized and issued by the commissioner for such  
312        class of vehicle;

313        [[66]] (65) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited  
314        liability company, association, copartnership, company, firm, business  
315        trust or other aggregation of individuals but does not include the state  
316        or any political subdivision thereof, unless the context clearly states or  
317        requires;

318        [(67)] (66) "Pick-up truck" means a motor vehicle with an enclosed  
319 forward passenger compartment and an open rearward compartment  
320 used for the transportation of property;

321        [(68)] (67) "Pneumatic tires" means tires inflated or inflatable with  
322 air;

323        [(69)] (68) "Pole trailer" means a trailer which is (A) intended for  
324 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, logs, pipes  
325 or structural members, which loads are capable of sustaining  
326 themselves as beams between supporting connections, and (B)  
327 designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and attached or secured  
328 directly to the motor vehicle by any means including a reach, pole or  
329 boom;

330        [(70)] (69) "Recreational vehicle" includes the camper, camp trailer  
331 and motor home classes of vehicles;

332        [(71)] (70) "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle  
333 registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with  
334 such registration;

335        [(72)] (71) "Registration number" means the identifying number or  
336 letters, or both, assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

337        [(73)] (72) "Resident", for the purpose of registering motor vehicles,  
338 includes any person having a place of residence in this state, occupied  
339 by such person for more than six months in a year, or any person, firm  
340 or corporation owning or leasing a motor vehicle used or operated in  
341 intrastate business in this state, or a firm or corporation having its  
342 principal office or place of business in this state;

343        [(74)] (73) "School bus" means any school bus, as defined in section  
344 14-275, including a commercial motor vehicle used to transport  
345 preschool, elementary school or secondary school students from home  
346 to school, from school to home, or to and from school-sponsored  
347 events, but does not include a bus used as a common carrier;

348        [(75)] (74) "Second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an  
349 offense committed not more than three years after the date of an arrest  
350 which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same  
351 statutory provision, except in the case of a violation of section 14-215,  
352 as amended, or 14-224 or subsection (a) of section 14-227a, as amended,  
353 "second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an offense  
354 committed not more than ten years after the date of an arrest which  
355 resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same statutory  
356 provision;

357        [(76)] (75) "Semitrailer" means any trailer type vehicle designed and  
358 used in conjunction with a motor vehicle so that some part of its own  
359 weight and load rests on or is carried by another vehicle;

360        [(77)] (76) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the  
361 following offenses: (A) Speeding in excess of fifteen miles per hour or  
362 more over the posted speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-  
363 219; (B) reckless driving in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too  
364 closely in violation of section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic  
365 lane changes, in violation of section 14-236; (E) driving a commercial  
366 motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license in violation  
367 of section 14-36a, as amended, or 14-44a; (F) failure to carry a  
368 commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-44a; (G) failure to  
369 have the proper class of license or endorsement, or violation of a  
370 license restriction in violation of section 14-44a; or (H) arising in  
371 connection with an accident related to the operation of a commercial  
372 motor vehicle and which resulted in a fatality;

373        [(78)] (77) "Service bus" includes any vehicle except a vanpool  
374 vehicle or a school bus designed and regularly used to carry ten or  
375 more passengers when used in private service for the transportation of  
376 persons without charge to the individual;

377        [(79)] (78) "Service car" means any motor vehicle used by a  
378 manufacturer, dealer or repairer for emergency motor vehicle repairs  
379 on the highways of this state, for towing or for the transportation of

380 necessary persons, tools and materials to and from the scene of such  
381 emergency repairs or towing;

382 [(80)] (79) "Shoulder" means that portion of a highway immediately  
383 adjacent and contiguous to the travel lanes or main traveled portion of  
384 the roadway;

385 [(81)] (80) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber, or other elastic material  
386 approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, which do not  
387 depend on confined air for the support of the load;

388 [(82)] (81) "Spot lamp" or "spot light" means a lighting device  
389 projecting a high intensity beam, the direction of which can be readily  
390 controlled for special or emergency lighting as distinguished from  
391 ordinary road illumination;

392 [(83)] (82) "State" means any state of the United States and the  
393 District of Columbia unless the context indicates a more specific  
394 reference to the state of Connecticut;

395 [(84)] (83) "Stop" means complete cessation of movement;

396 [(85)] (84) "Tail lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the rear of a  
397 motor vehicle showing a red light to the rear and indicating the  
398 presence of the motor vehicle when viewed from behind;

399 [(86)] (85) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle  
400 designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank that  
401 is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its  
402 chassis which shall include, but not be limited to, a cargo tank and  
403 portable tank, as defined in 49 CFR 383.5, as amended, provided it  
404 shall not include a portable tank with a rated capacity not to exceed  
405 one thousand gallons;

406 [(87)] (86) "Tractor" or "truck tractor" means a motor vehicle  
407 designed and used for drawing a semitrailer;

408        [(88)] (87) "Tractor-trailer unit" means a combination of a tractor and  
409 a trailer or a combination of a tractor and a semitrailer;

410        [(89)] (88) "Trailer" means any rubber-tired vehicle without motive  
411 power drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle;

412        [(90)] (89) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used or  
413 maintained primarily for the transportation of property;

414        [(91)] (90) "Ultimate consumer" means, with respect to a motor  
415 vehicle, the first person, other than a dealer, who in good faith  
416 purchases the motor vehicle for purposes other than resale;

417        [(92)] (91) "United States" means the fifty states and the District of  
418 Columbia;

419        [(93)] (92) "Used motor vehicle" includes any motor vehicle which  
420 has been previously separately registered by an ultimate consumer;

421        [(94)] (93) "Utility trailer" means a trailer designed and used to  
422 transport personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not  
423 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer, with a manufacturer's  
424 GVWR of ten thousand pounds or less;

425        [(95)] (94) "Vanpool vehicle" includes all motor vehicles, the primary  
426 purpose of which is the daily transportation, on a prearranged  
427 nonprofit basis, of individuals between home and work, and which:  
428 (A) If owned by or leased to a person, or to an employee of the person,  
429 or to an employee of a local, state or federal government unit or agency  
430 located in Connecticut, are manufactured and equipped in such  
431 manner as to provide a seating capacity of at least seven but not more  
432 than fifteen individuals, or (B) if owned by or leased to a regional ride-  
433 sharing organization in the state recognized by the Commissioner of  
434 Transportation, are manufactured and equipped in such manner as to  
435 provide a seating capacity of at least six but not more than nineteen  
436 individuals;

437        [(96)] (95) "Vehicle" includes any device suitable for the conveyance,  
438 drawing or other transportation of persons or property, whether  
439 operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other means.  
440 The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human  
441 power or devices used exclusively on tracks;

442        [(97)] (96) "Vehicle identification number" or "VIN" means a series of  
443 Arabic numbers and Roman letters that is assigned to each new motor  
444 vehicle that is manufactured within or imported into the United States,  
445 in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR 565, unless another  
446 sequence of numbers and letters has been assigned to a motor vehicle  
447 by the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-  
448 149;

449        [(98)] (97) "Wrecker" means a vehicle which is registered, designed,  
450 equipped and used for the purposes of towing or transporting  
451 wrecked or disabled motor vehicles for compensation or for related  
452 purposes by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with  
453 the provisions of subpart (D) of part III of this chapter;

454        [(99)] (98) "Camp vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is regularly  
455 used to transport persons under eighteen years of age in connection  
456 with the activities of any youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420.

457        Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-286 of the general statutes is  
458 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
459 *passage*):

460        (e) As used in this section: (1) "Sidewalk" means any sidewalk laid  
461 out as such by any town, city or borough, and any walk which is  
462 reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians, or which has been  
463 specially prepared for their use. "Sidewalk" does not include  
464 crosswalks and does not include footpaths on portions of public  
465 highways outside thickly settled parts of towns, cities and boroughs,  
466 which are worn only by travel and are not improved by such towns,  
467 cities or boroughs or by abutters; (2) "bicycle" includes all vehicles

468 propelled by the person riding the same by foot or hand power or a  
469 helper motor; and (3) ["helper motor" means a motor having a capacity  
470 of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement, rated not more  
471 than two brake horsepower, capable of a maximum speed of no more  
472 than thirty miles per hour and equipped with automatic transmission]  
473 "bicycle with a helper motor" means a bicycle with a seat height of not  
474 less than twenty-six inches that is powered by a motor having a  
475 capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement, rated  
476 not more than two brake horsepower, capable of a maximum speed of  
477 no more than thirty miles per hour and equipped with automatic  
478 transmission.

479 Sec. 3. Section 14-289j of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes  
480 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
481 *from passage*):

482 (a) For the purposes of this section, "mini-motorcycle" means a  
483 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act, that (1) has  
484 not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, (2) [is  
485 equipped with or is designed to have a seat on which the rider may  
486 sit,] has a manufactured seat height of less than twenty-six inches  
487 measured at the lowest point on top of the seat cushion without the  
488 rider, and (3) is propelled by an engine having a piston displacement  
489 of 50 c.c. or less. [, (4) is capable of a speed in excess of twenty miles  
490 per hour, and (5) is not eligible to be registered as a motor vehicle  
491 under section 14-12.]

492 (b) No person shall operate a mini-motorcycle or ride as a passenger  
493 on a mini-motorcycle on any highway [,] or public sidewalk. [or public  
494 property of this state.] No owner of a mini-motorcycle shall permit a  
495 person to operate the owner's mini-motorcycle or to ride as a  
496 passenger on the owner's mini-motorcycle on any highway [,] or  
497 public sidewalk. [or public property of this state.]

498 (c) Except on private property owned by the operator of a mini-  
499 motorcycle, no person shall operate a mini-motorcycle or ride as a

500 passenger on a mini-motorcycle on any private property in this state  
501 unless such operator has in the operator's possession written  
502 permission from the owner of the private property to operate such  
503 mini-motorcycle and, as the case may be, to carry a passenger on such  
504 property.

505 (d) Except on private property owned by the owner of the mini-  
506 motorcycle, no owner of a mini-motorcycle shall permit a person to  
507 operate the owner's mini-motorcycle or to ride as a passenger on the  
508 owner's mini-motorcycle on any private property in this state unless  
509 such operator has in the operator's possession written permission from  
510 the owner of the private property to operate such mini-motorcycle  
511 and, as the case may be, to carry a passenger on such property.

512 (e) Any police officer who issues a summons for the alleged  
513 violation of subsection (b), (c) or (d) of this section shall cause the mini-  
514 motorcycle that was being operated to be impounded for a period of  
515 forty-eight hours after the issuance of such summons. The owner of  
516 such mini-motorcycle may reclaim such mini-motorcycle after the  
517 expiration of such forty-eight-hour period upon payment of all  
518 transportation and storage costs.

519 (f) No person may offer for sale, lease or rent a mini-motorcycle  
520 unless such mini-motorcycle has a warning label that gives warning  
521 information about the safe and legal use of a mini-motorcycle and  
522 about the limitations on use and the possible consequences of use in  
523 violation of such limitations, set forth in subsections (b) to (e),  
524 inclusive, of this section. Such person, on sale, lease or rent of a mini-  
525 motorcycle, shall give a written clear and conspicuous statement,  
526 separate from the warning label, to the purchaser, lessee or renter of  
527 such mini-motorcycle containing such warning information.  
528 Advertisements for mini-motorcycles and oral communications of a  
529 person offering for sale, lease or rent a mini-motorcycle shall not  
530 contain information inconsistent with any information required in this  
531 section. Until regulations required in subsection (g) of this section are

532 adopted, persons offering for sale, lease or rent of a mini-motorcycle  
533 shall display such warning information, advertise and make oral  
534 communications in a manner consistent with the provisions of this  
535 section. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any person  
536 selling fewer than five used mini-motorcycles in one calendar year,  
537 provided any person claiming inapplicability of the provisions of this  
538 subsection shall have the burden of proving such inapplicability.

539 (g) On or before [January] October 1, 2006, the Department of Motor  
540 Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
541 chapter 54, that set forth the warning information required in this  
542 section and manner of display of such warning information, establish  
543 reasonable transportation and storage fees and otherwise implement  
544 the provisions of this section.

545 (h) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a municipality from  
546 adopting more restrictive limitations on the use and sale, lease or rent  
547 of mini-motorcycles.

548 (i) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-1(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-286(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	14-289j

**Statement of Purpose:**

To clarify Connecticut's mini-motorcycle laws.

*[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.]*