AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY TRANSPORTATION.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2008):

(c) The commissioner shall waive any operator's license or registration fee, including any renewal fee in the case of any person (1) in the active service of the armed forces of the United States, (2) who [was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction; and for one licensing period to any person] is a member of the Connecticut National Guard, or (3) honorably separated from such service who applies therefor within two years following the date of separation; [and was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction.] The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-96p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):
(b) A blue light may not be illuminated upon a motor vehicle, except that a vehicle being operated by an active member of a volunteer fire department or company or an active member of an organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company or the National Guard civil support team who has been authorized in writing by the chief executive officer of such department or company or by the commander of the civil support team may use such a light, including a flashing blue light, while on the way to the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring his services. Such authorization may be revoked by such officer or commander or his successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer fire department or company or organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company or the commander of the civil support team shall certify annually during the month of January, on forms provided by the commissioner, the names and addresses of members whom [he] such officer or commander has authorized to use a blue light as provided in this subsection. Such listing shall also designate the registration number on the number plate or plates of the vehicle on which the authorized blue light is to be used.

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-296aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsections (c) and (d) of this section, no person shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call or while using a mobile electronic device while such vehicle is in motion. (2) An operator of a motor vehicle who holds a hand-held mobile telephone to, or in the immediate proximity of, his or her ear while such vehicle is in motion is presumed to be engaging in a call within the meaning of this section. The presumption established by this subdivision is rebuttable by evidence tending to show that the operator was not engaged in a call. (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as
authorizing the seizure or forfeiture of a hand-held mobile telephone
or a mobile electronic device, unless otherwise provided by law. (4)
Subdivision (1) of this subsection does not apply to: (A) The use of a
hand-held mobile telephone for the sole purpose of communicating
with any of the following regarding an emergency situation: An
emergency response operator; a hospital, physician's office or health
clinic; an ambulance company; a fire department; or a police
department, or (B) any of the following persons while in the
performance of their official duties and within the scope of their
employment: A peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of section
53a-3 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, a firefighter or an
operator of an ambulance or authorized emergency vehicle, as defined
in subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general
statutes, or a member of the armed forces of the United States,
including the National Guard, or (C) the use of a hands-free mobile
telephone.

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

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To exempt members of the National Guard from any operator's license
fee or registration fee, including any renewals; to permit the National
Guard civil support team to use a blue light illuminated upon a motor
vehicle; and to exempt from the hands-free mobile phone requirement,
a member of the armed forces, including the National Guard, while in
the performance of his official duties and within the scope of
employment.

[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.]