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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 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 for living or  
39 sleeping purposes and used exclusively for camping or recreational  
40 purposes;

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

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

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

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

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

57 (13) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designed or used  
58 to transport passengers or property, except a vehicle used for farming  
59 purposes in accordance with 49 CFR 383.3(d), fire fighting apparatus  
60 or an emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-283, or a recreational  
61 vehicle in private use, which (A) has a gross vehicle weight rating of  
62 twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, or a gross combination  
63 weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more,  
64 inclusive of a towed unit or units with a gross vehicle weight rating of  
65 more than ten thousand pounds; (B) is designed to transport sixteen or  
66 more passengers, including the driver, or is designed to transport more  
67 than ten passengers, including the driver, and is used to transport  
68 students under the age of twenty-one years to and from school; or (C)  
69 is transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in  
70 accordance with 49 CFR 172, Subpart F, as amended, or any quantity of  
71 a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR Part 73;

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

77 (15) "Commercial trailer" means a trailer used in the conduct of a  
78 business to transport freight, materials or equipment whether or not  
79 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

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

88 (17) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 21a-  
89 240 and the federal laws and regulations incorporated in chapter 420b;

90 (18) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a  
91 determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the  
92 law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative  
93 tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to  
94 secure the person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court  
95 cost, including payment to the Centralized Infractions Bureau in  
96 accordance with section 51-164n or 51-164o, or violation of a condition  
97 of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is  
98 rebated, suspended or probated;

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

104 (20) "Disqualification" means a withdrawal of the privilege to drive  
105 a commercial motor vehicle, which occurs as a result of (A) any  
106 suspension, revocation, or cancellation by the commissioner of the  
107 privilege to operate a motor vehicle; (B) a determination by the Federal

108 Highway Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier  
109 safety contained in 49 CFR 386, as amended, that a person is no longer  
110 qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under the standards of  
111 49 CFR 391, as amended; or (C) the loss of qualification which follows  
112 any of the convictions or administrative actions specified in section 14-  
113 44k of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes;

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

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

119 (23) "Driver's license" or "operator's license" means a valid  
120 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a license issued by  
121 another state or foreign jurisdiction authorizing the holder thereof to  
122 operate a motor vehicle on the highways;

123 (24) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,  
124 including full-time, regularly employed drivers, casual, intermittent or  
125 occasional drivers, drivers under contract and independent owner-  
126 operator contractors, who, while in the course of operating a  
127 commercial motor vehicle, are either directly employed by, or are  
128 under contract to, an employer;

129 (25) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a  
130 state or any political subdivision thereof, who owns or leases a  
131 commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial  
132 motor vehicle;

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

137 (27) "Felony" means any offense as defined in section 53a-25 and

138 includes any offense designated as a felony under federal law;

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

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

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

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

167 (32) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value  
168 specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a

169 single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a  
170 combination (articulated) vehicle commonly referred to as the "gross  
171 combination weight rating" or GCWR is the GVWR of the power unit  
172 plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

173 (33) "Gross weight" means the light weight of a vehicle plus the  
174 weight of any load on the vehicle, provided, in the case of a tractor-  
175 trailer unit, "gross weight" means the light weight of the tractor plus  
176 the light weight of the trailer or semitrailer plus the weight of the load  
177 on the vehicle;

178 (34) "Hazardous materials" has the same meaning as in 49 CFR  
179 383.5;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

210 (43) "Maintenance vehicle" means any vehicle in use by the state or  
211 by any town, city, borough or district, any state bridge or parkway  
212 authority or any public service company, as defined in section 16-1 of  
213 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, in the maintenance of  
214 public highways or bridges and facilities located within the limits of  
215 public highways or bridges;

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

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

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

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

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

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

246 (50) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any  
247 nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage  
248 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities,  
249 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by physically  
250 handicapped persons at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour,  
251 golf carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing  
252 from one part of the golf course to another, golf-cart-type vehicles  
253 operated on roads or highways on the grounds of state institutions by  
254 state employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles  
255 as run only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers  
256 and lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were  
257 designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour,  
258 whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment,  
259 bicycles with helper motors as defined in section 14-286, as amended  
260 by this act, special mobile equipment as defined in subsection (i) of

261 section 14-165, mini-motorcycles, as defined in section 14-289j of the  
262 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and any other vehicle not  
263 suitable for operation on a highway;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

287 (58) "Operator" means any person who operates a motor vehicle or  
288 who steers or directs the course of a motor vehicle being towed by  
289 another motor vehicle and includes a driver as defined in subdivision

290 (22) of this section;

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

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

298 (61) "Parked vehicle" means a motor vehicle in a stationary position  
299 within the limits of a public highway;

300 (62) "Passenger and commercial motor vehicle" means a motor  
301 vehicle used for private passenger and commercial purposes which is  
302 eligible for combination registration;

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

307 (64) "Passenger registration" means the type of registration issued to  
308 a passenger motor vehicle unless a more specific type of registration is  
309 authorized and issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

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

315 (66) "Pick-up truck" means a motor vehicle with an enclosed  
316 forward passenger compartment and an open rearward compartment  
317 used for the transportation of property;

318 (67) "Pneumatic tires" means tires inflated or inflatable with air;

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

326 (69) "Recreational vehicle" includes the camper, camp trailer and  
327 motor home classes of vehicles;

328 (70) "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle  
329 registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with  
330 such registration;

331 (71) "Registration number" means the identifying number or letters,  
332 or both, assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

333 (72) "Resident", for the purpose of registering motor vehicles,  
334 includes any person [having a place of residence in] who is a legal  
335 resident of this state, [occupied by] as the commissioner may presume  
336 from that such person occupies a place of dwelling in this state for  
337 more than six months in a year, or any person, firm or corporation  
338 owning or leasing a motor vehicle used or operated in intrastate  
339 business in this state, or a firm or corporation having its principal  
340 office or place of business in this state;

341 (73) "School bus" means any school bus, as defined in section 14-275  
342 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, including a commercial  
343 motor vehicle used to transport preschool, elementary school or  
344 secondary school students from home to school, from school to home,  
345 or to and from school-sponsored events, but does not include a bus  
346 used as a common carrier;

347 (74) "Second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an offense

348 committed not more than three years after the date of an arrest which  
349 resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same statutory  
350 provision, except in the case of a violation of section 14-215 of the 2008  
351 supplement to the general statutes or 14-224 or subsection (a) of section  
352 14-227a, "second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an offense  
353 committed not more than ten years after the date of an arrest which  
354 resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same statutory  
355 provision;

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

359 (76) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the  
360 following offenses: (A) Speeding in excess of fifteen miles per hour or  
361 more over the posted speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-  
362 219; (B) reckless driving in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too  
363 closely in violation of section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic  
364 lane changes, in violation of section 14-236; (E) driving a commercial  
365 motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license in violation  
366 of section 14-36a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as  
367 amended by this act, or 14-44a; (F) failure to carry a commercial  
368 driver's license in violation of section 14-44a; (G) failure to have the  
369 proper class of license or endorsement, or violation of a license  
370 restriction in violation of section 14-44a; or (H) arising in connection  
371 with an accident related to the operation of a commercial motor  
372 vehicle and which resulted in a fatality;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

407 (87) "Tractor-trailer unit" means a combination of a tractor and a

408 trailer or a combination of a tractor and a semitrailer;

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

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

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

416 (91) "United States" means the fifty states and the District of  
417 Columbia;

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

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

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

436 (95) "Vehicle" includes any device suitable for the conveyance,

437 drawing or other transportation of persons or property, whether  
438 operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other means.  
439 The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human  
440 power or devices used exclusively on tracks;

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

448 (97) "Wrecker" means a vehicle which is registered, designed,  
449 equipped and used for the purposes of towing or transporting  
450 wrecked or disabled motor vehicles for compensation or for related  
451 purposes by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with  
452 the provisions of subpart (D) of part III of this chapter or a vehicle  
453 contracted for the consensual towing or transporting of one or more  
454 motor vehicles to or from a place of sale, purchase, salvage or repair;

455 (98) "Camp vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is regularly used  
456 to transport persons under eighteen years of age in connection with the  
457 activities of any youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420 of the 2008  
458 supplement to the general statutes;

459 (99) "Camp trailer registration" means the type of registration issued  
460 to any trailer that is for nonbusiness use and is limited to camp trailers  
461 and utility trailers;

462 (100) "Commercial trailer registration" means the type of  
463 registration issued to any commercial trailer;

464 (101) "Motor-driven cycle" means any motorcycle, motor scooter, or  
465 bicycle with attached motor with a seat height of not less than twenty-  
466 six inches and a motor that produces five brake horsepower or less;

467 and

468 (102) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one years  
469 who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school program  
470 of education.

471 Sec. 2. Section 14-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
472 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

473 Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless  
474 another construction is clearly apparent from the language or context  
475 in which the term is used or unless the construction is inconsistent  
476 with the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

477 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in  
478 section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended  
479 by this act: "Authorized emergency vehicle", "commissioner", "driver",  
480 "fuels", "gross weight", "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle",  
481 "highway", "light weight", "limited access highway", "maintenance  
482 vehicle", "motor bus", "motorcycle", "motor vehicle registration",  
483 "nonresident", "nonskid device", "number plate", "officer", "operator",  
484 "owner", "passenger motor vehicle", "passenger and commercial motor  
485 vehicle", "person", "pneumatic tires", "pole trailer", "registration",  
486 "registration number", "second offense", "semitrailer", "shoulder",  
487 "solid tires", "stop", "subsequent offense", "tail lamp", "tractor", "tractor-  
488 trailer unit", "trailer", "truck" and "vanpool vehicle";

489 (2) "Carrier" means (A) any local or regional school district, any  
490 educational institution providing elementary or secondary education  
491 or any person, firm or corporation under contract to such district or  
492 institution engaged in the business of transporting school children; (B)  
493 any person, firm or corporation providing transportation for  
494 compensation exclusively to persons under the age of twenty-one  
495 years; or (C) any corporation, institution or nonprofit organization  
496 providing transportation as an ancillary service primarily to persons  
497 under the age of eighteen years;

498 (3) "Curb" includes the boundary of the traveled portion of any  
499 highway, whether or not the boundary is marked by a curbstone;

500 (4) "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation  
501 of the lateral curb lines of two or more highways which join one  
502 another at an angle, whether or not one of the highways crosses the  
503 other;

504 (5) "Motor vehicle" includes all vehicles used on the public  
505 highways;

506 (6) "Parking area" means lots, areas or other accommodations for the  
507 parking of motor vehicles off the street or highway and open to public  
508 use with or without charge;

509 (7) "Rotary" or "roundabout" means a physical barrier legally placed  
510 or constructed at an intersection to cause traffic to move in a circuitous  
511 course;

512 (8) "Student transportation vehicle" means any motor vehicle other  
513 than a registered school bus used by a carrier for the transportation of  
514 students, including children requiring special education; [and]

515 (9) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one years  
516 who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school program  
517 of education; and

518 [(9)] (10) "Vehicle" is synonymous with "motor vehicle".

519 Sec. 3. Section 14-10 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is  
520 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
521 *October 1, 2008*):

522 (a) For the purposes of this section:

523 (1) "Disclose" means to engage in any practice or conduct to make  
524 available and make known, by any means of communication, personal  
525 information or highly restricted personal information contained in a

526 motor vehicle record pertaining to an individual to any other  
527 individual, organization or entity;

528 (2) "Motor vehicle record" means any record that pertains to an  
529 operator's license, learner's permit, identity card, registration,  
530 certificate of title or any other document issued by the Department of  
531 Motor Vehicles;

532 (3) "Personal information" means information that identifies an  
533 individual and includes an individual's photograph or computerized  
534 image, Social Security number, operator's license number, name,  
535 address other than the zip code, telephone number, or medical or  
536 disability information, but does not include information on motor  
537 vehicle accidents or violations, or information relative to the status of  
538 an operator's license, registration or insurance coverage;

539 (4) "Highly restricted personal information" means an individual's  
540 photograph or computerized image, Social Security number or medical  
541 or disability information; and

542 (5) "Express consent" means an affirmative agreement given by the  
543 individual who is the subject of personal information that specifically  
544 grants permission to the department to release such information to the  
545 requesting party. Such agreement shall (A) be in writing or such other  
546 form as the commissioner may determine in regulations adopted in  
547 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, and (B) specify a  
548 procedure for the individual to withdraw such consent, as provided in  
549 regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

550 (b) A number shall be assigned to each motor vehicle registration  
551 and operator's license and a record of all applications for motor vehicle  
552 registrations and operators' licenses issued shall be kept by the  
553 commissioner at the main office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

554 (c) (1) All records of the Department of Motor Vehicles pertaining to  
555 the application for registration, and the registration, of motor vehicles

556 of the current or previous three years shall be maintained by the  
557 commissioner at the main office of the department. Any such records  
558 over three years old may be destroyed at the discretion of the  
559 commissioner. (2) Before disclosing personal information pertaining to  
560 an applicant or registrant from such motor vehicle records or allowing  
561 the inspection of any such record containing such personal information  
562 in the course of any transaction conducted at such main office, the  
563 commissioner shall ascertain whether such disclosure is authorized  
564 under subsection (f) of this section, and require the person or entity  
565 making the request to (A) complete an application that shall be on a  
566 form prescribed by the commissioner, and (B) provide two forms of  
567 acceptable identification. An attorney-at-law admitted to practice in  
568 this state may provide his or her juris number to the commissioner in  
569 lieu of the requirements of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The  
570 commissioner may disclose such personal information or permit the  
571 inspection of such record containing such information only if such  
572 disclosure is authorized under subsection (f) of this section.

573 (d) The commissioner may disclose personal information from a  
574 motor vehicle record pertaining to an operator's license or a driving  
575 history or permit the inspection or copying of any such record or  
576 history containing such information in the course of any transaction  
577 conducted at the main office of the department only if such disclosure  
578 is authorized under subsection (f) of this section. Any such records  
579 over five years old may be destroyed at the discretion of the  
580 commissioner.

581 (e) In the event (1) a federal court judge, federal court magistrate or  
582 judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the  
583 state, (2) a member of a municipal police department or a member of  
584 the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, (3)  
585 an employee of the Department of Correction, (4) an attorney-at-law  
586 who represents or has represented the state in a criminal prosecution,  
587 (5) a member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, (6) a  
588 judicial branch employee regularly engaged in court-ordered

589 enforcement or investigatory activities, (7) a federal law enforcement  
590 officer who works and resides in this state, [or] (8) a state referee under  
591 section 52-434, or (9) an inspector or a chief inspector of the Division of  
592 Criminal Justice submits a written request and furnishes such  
593 individual's business address to the commissioner, such business  
594 address only shall be disclosed or available for public inspection to the  
595 extent authorized by this section.

596 (f) The commissioner may disclose personal information from a  
597 motor vehicle record to:

598 (1) Any federal, state or local government agency in carrying out its  
599 functions or to any individual or entity acting on behalf of any such  
600 agency, or

601 (2) Any individual, organization or entity that signs and files with  
602 the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided in  
603 section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the  
604 commissioner, together with such supporting documentation or  
605 information as the commissioner may require, that such information  
606 will be used for any of the following purposes:

607 (A) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and  
608 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,  
609 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and  
610 dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers, motor vehicle market research  
611 activities including survey research, motor vehicle product and service  
612 communications and removal of nonowner records from the original  
613 owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers to implement the  
614 provisions of the federal Automobile Information Disclosure Act, 15  
615 USC 1231 et seq., the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq., and 49 USC  
616 Chapters 301, 305 and 321 to 331, inclusive, as amended from time to  
617 time, and any provision of the general statutes enacted to attain  
618 compliance with said federal provisions;

619 (B) In the normal course of business by the requesting party, but

620 only to confirm the accuracy of personal information submitted by the  
621 individual to the requesting party;

622 (C) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral  
623 proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self-  
624 regulatory body, including the service of process, an investigation in  
625 anticipation of litigation by an attorney-at-law or any individual acting  
626 on behalf of an attorney-at-law and the execution or enforcement of  
627 judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court provided  
628 the requesting party is a party in interest to such proceeding;

629 (D) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and  
630 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,  
631 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and  
632 motor vehicle parts and dealers, producing statistical reports and  
633 removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of  
634 motor vehicle manufacturers, provided the personal information is not  
635 published, disclosed or used to contact individuals except as permitted  
636 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

637 (E) By any insurer or insurance support organization or by a self-  
638 insured entity or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection  
639 with the investigation of claims arising under insurance policies,  
640 antifraud activities, rating or underwriting;

641 (F) In providing any notice required by law to owners or lienholders  
642 named in the certificate of title of towed, abandoned or impounded  
643 motor vehicles;

644 (G) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify  
645 information relating to a holder of a passenger endorsement or  
646 commercial driver's license required under 49 USC Chapter 313, and  
647 sections 14-44 to 14-44m, inclusive, of the 2008 supplement to the  
648 general statutes;

649 (H) In connection with any lawful purpose of a labor organization,

650 as defined in section 31-77, provided (i) such organization has entered  
651 into a contract with the commissioner, on such terms and conditions as  
652 the commissioner may require, and (ii) the information will be used  
653 only for the purposes specified in the contract other than campaign or  
654 political purposes;

655 (I) For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitations  
656 provided the commissioner has obtained the express consent of the  
657 individual to whom such personal information pertains;

658 (J) For the purpose of preventing fraud by verifying the accuracy of  
659 personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, including an  
660 individual's photograph or computerized image, as submitted by an  
661 individual to a legitimate business or an agent, employee or contractor  
662 of a legitimate business, provided the individual has provided express  
663 consent in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this  
664 section;

665 (K) Inclusion of personal information about persons who have  
666 indicated consent to become organ and tissue donors in a donor  
667 registry established by a procurement organization, as defined in  
668 section 19a-279a;

669 (L) By any private detective or private detective licensed in  
670 accordance with the provisions of chapter 534, in connection with an  
671 investigation involving matters concerning motor vehicles.

672 (g) Any person receiving personal information or highly restricted  
673 information from a motor vehicle record pursuant to subsection (f) of  
674 this section shall be entitled to use such information for any of the  
675 purposes set forth in said subsection for which such information may  
676 be disclosed by the commissioner. No such person may resell or  
677 redisclose the information for any purpose that is not set forth in  
678 subsection (f) of this section, or reasonably related to any such  
679 purpose.

680 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the disclosure of  
681 personal information from a motor vehicle record pursuant to  
682 subsection (f) of this section shall be subject to the provisions of section  
683 14-50a concerning (1) the fees that shall be charged for copies of or  
684 information pertaining to motor vehicle records and (2) the authority  
685 of the commissioner to establish fees for information furnished on a  
686 volume basis in accordance with such terms and conditions regarding  
687 the use and distribution of such information as the commissioner may  
688 prescribe.

689 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section that restricts or  
690 prohibits the disclosure of personal information from a motor vehicle  
691 record, the commissioner may disclose personal information contained  
692 in any such record to any individual who is the subject of such  
693 personal information or to any person who certifies under penalty of  
694 false statement that such person has obtained the express consent of  
695 the subject of such personal information.

696 (j) Notwithstanding any provision of this section that permits the  
697 disclosure of personal information from a motor vehicle record, the  
698 commissioner may disclose highly restricted personal information  
699 contained in any such record only in accordance with the provisions of  
700 18 USC 2721 et seq., as amended.

701 (k) Any person, including any officer, employee, agent or contractor  
702 of the Department of Motor Vehicles, who sells, transfers or otherwise  
703 discloses personal information or highly restricted personal  
704 information obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles for any  
705 purpose not authorized by the provisions of this section shall be guilty  
706 of a class A misdemeanor.

707 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance  
708 with chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.

709 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is  
710 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

711 *October 1, 2008*):

712 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated or towed on any highway,  
713 except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered with the  
714 commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for repairs  
715 or necessary work if it bears the markers of a licensed and registered  
716 dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided any motor vehicle  
717 which is validly registered in another state may, for a period of sixty  
718 days following establishment by the owner of residence in this state, be  
719 operated on any highway without first being registered with the  
720 commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1) a  
721 person commits an infraction if he registers a motor vehicle he does  
722 not own or if he operates, or allows the operation of, an unregistered  
723 motor vehicle on a public highway or (2) a resident of this state who  
724 operates a motor vehicle he owns with marker plates issued by another  
725 state shall be fined not less than one hundred fifty dollars nor more  
726 than three hundred dollars. If the owner of a motor vehicle previously  
727 registered on an annual or biennial basis, the registration of which  
728 expired not more than thirty days previously, operates or allows the  
729 operation of such a motor vehicle, he shall be fined the amount  
730 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but his  
731 right to retain his operator's license shall not be affected. No operator  
732 other than the owner shall be subject to penalty for the operation of  
733 such a previously registered motor vehicle. As used in this subsection,  
734 the term "unregistered motor vehicle" includes any vehicle that is not  
735 eligible for registration by the commissioner due to the absence of  
736 necessary equipment or other characteristics of the vehicle that make it  
737 unsuitable for highway operation, unless the operation of such vehicle  
738 is expressly permitted by another provision of this chapter or chapter  
739 248.

740 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-16a of the general statutes is  
741 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
742 *October 1, 2008*):

743 (b) The following vehicles, upon transfer of ownership, shall be  
744 presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any  
745 Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions  
746 inspection station authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
747 to conduct such inspection: (1) All motor vehicles ten model years old  
748 or older which are registered in this state and which were originally  
749 used or designed as fire apparatus and which are of historical or  
750 special interest as determined by the commissioner, (2) all antique, rare  
751 or special interest motor vehicles, and (3) all modified antique motor  
752 vehicles. Any such vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is  
753 in good mechanical condition before registration can be issued to the  
754 new owner of such vehicle. The determination of the mechanical  
755 condition of a vehicle described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this  
756 subsection shall be made by inspecting only the vehicle's original  
757 equipment and parts or the functional reproductions of the original  
758 equipment and parts. The mechanical condition of modified antique  
759 motor vehicles shall be determined by inspecting the original  
760 equipment and any functioning replacements of such equipment. The  
761 model year designation for the purpose of registration of a modified  
762 antique motor vehicle shall be the model year that the body of such  
763 vehicle most closely resembles. If the commissioner authorizes the  
764 contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection  
765 stations or other business or firm, except a licensee of the department,  
766 to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the  
767 commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm  
768 to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection.  
769 The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer,  
770 licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications  
771 established by the commissioner, to make repairs to any motor vehicle  
772 that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the  
773 commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety  
774 and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer  
775 or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to  
776 the commissioner.

777 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 14-34a of the general statutes is  
778 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
779 *October 1, 2008*):

780 (d) At such time as the state of Connecticut may enter into and  
781 become a member of the International Registration Plan pursuant to  
782 subsection (a) of this section, the provisions of said plan, as it may be  
783 amended from time to time, which are concerned with the registration  
784 of any vehicle or the fees which relate to any such registration shall  
785 control whenever any special act or any provision of the general  
786 statutes, except subsection (c) of this section, conflicts with any  
787 provision of said plan. A copy of the plan, as it may be amended from  
788 time to time, shall be maintained on file by the Commissioner of Motor  
789 Vehicles at the main office of the department, and shall be available for  
790 public inspection.

791 Sec. 7. Subsection (g) of section 14-44e of the 2008 supplement to the  
792 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
793 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

794 (g) The commissioner may issue a commercial driver's instruction  
795 permit to any person who holds a valid operator's license. Said permit  
796 may not be issued for a period to exceed six months. Only one renewal  
797 or reissuance may be granted within a two-year period. The holder of a  
798 commercial driver's instruction permit, may, unless otherwise  
799 disqualified or suspended, drive a commercial motor vehicle only  
800 when accompanied by the holder of a commercial driver's license  
801 [with] of the appropriate class and bearing endorsements for the type  
802 of vehicle being driven who occupies a seat beside the individual for  
803 the purpose of giving instruction in driving the commercial motor  
804 vehicle.

805 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 14-42a of the general statutes is  
806 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
807 *October 1, 2008*):

808 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include in regulations  
809 adopted pursuant to [section] sections 14-36f and 14-78 a requirement  
810 that a description of the purposes and procedures of procurement  
811 organizations, as defined in section 19a-279a, be included in driver  
812 education programs.

813 Sec. 9. Subsection (w) of section 14-49 of the 2008 supplement to the  
814 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
815 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

816 (w) In addition to the fee established for the issuance of motor  
817 vehicle number plates and except as provided in subsection (a) of  
818 section 14-21b and subsection (c) of section 14-253a of the 2008  
819 supplement to the general statutes there shall be an additional safety  
820 fee of five dollars charged at the time of issuance of any reflectorized  
821 safety number plate or set of plates. All moneys derived from said  
822 safety fee shall be deposited in the Special Transportation Fund. The  
823 commissioner may waive said safety fee in the case of any person who  
824 submits a police report to the commissioner indicating that the number  
825 plate or set of number plates have been stolen or mutilated. [for the  
826 purpose of obtaining the sticker attached to the plate denoting the  
827 expiration date of the registration.]

828 Sec. 10. Section 14-67l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
829 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

830 (a) Upon receiving such certificate of approval, each applicant for a  
831 motor vehicle recycler's license shall present such certificate to the  
832 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, together with a fee of [eighty] two  
833 hundred eighty dollars for the examination of the location or proposed  
834 location of each such motor vehicle recycler's yard or business, and  
835 shall pay a license fee of [two hundred] seven hundred five dollars to  
836 said commissioner for each motor vehicle recycler's yard or business.  
837 [On and after July 1, 1985, the fee for such examination shall be one  
838 hundred twenty dollars, on and after July 1, 1989, one hundred eighty  
839 dollars, on and after July 1, 1991, two hundred twenty-five dollars, and

840 on and after July 1, 1993, two hundred eighty dollars. On and after July  
841 1, 1985, the license fee shall be three hundred dollars, on and after July  
842 1, 1989, four hundred fifty dollars, on and after July 1, 1991, five  
843 hundred sixty-three dollars, and on and after July 1, 1993, seven  
844 hundred and five dollars. Upon] Except as provided in subsection (b)  
845 of this section, upon receipt of such certificate of approval, the  
846 payment of the required license fee and observance of regulations  
847 required, a license shall be issued by the commissioner provided,  
848 however, the commissioner may refuse to grant a license to a person,  
849 firm or corporation to engage in the business of operating a motor  
850 vehicle recycler's yard if the applicant for such business license or an  
851 officer or major stockholder, if the applicant is a firm or corporation,  
852 has been convicted of a violation of any provision of laws pertaining to  
853 the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer, including a motor  
854 vehicle recycler, in the courts of the United States or of this state or any  
855 state of the United States, in accordance with the hearing requirements  
856 provided for in section 14-67p. Any license may be renewed from year  
857 to year upon payment of a fee of [one hundred] three hundred fifty  
858 dollars. [On and after July 1, 1985, the renewal fee shall be one  
859 hundred fifty dollars, on and after July 1, 1989, two hundred twenty-  
860 five dollars, on and after July 1, 1991, two hundred eighty dollars, and  
861 on and after July 1, 1993, three hundred fifty dollars.] Each such license  
862 shall be renewed annually according to renewal schedules established  
863 by the commissioner so as to effect staggered renewal of all such  
864 licenses. If the adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration  
865 of any license more or less than one year from its issuance, the  
866 commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such license fee. Each  
867 such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned by  
868 him, make application to the commissioner for a general  
869 distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to  
870 the applicant a certificate of registration containing the distinguishing  
871 number and mark assigned to such licensee and, thereupon, each  
872 motor vehicle owned by such licensee shall be regarded as registered  
873 under such general distinguishing number and mark. No licensee may

874 be issued more than three registrations under a general distinguishing  
875 number and mark in a year, unless he makes application for an  
876 additional registration to the commissioner, in such form and  
877 containing such information as he may require to substantiate such  
878 request. The commissioner may issue to each such licensee such  
879 additional registrations as he deems necessary. The licensee shall issue  
880 to each person driving such motor vehicle a document indicating that  
881 such person is validly entrusted with the vehicle, which document  
882 shall be carried in the motor vehicle. The commissioner shall  
883 determine the form and contents of this document. For the registration  
884 of motor vehicles under a general distinguishing number and mark,  
885 the commissioner shall charge a fee of [twenty] seventy dollars for  
886 each number plate furnished. [On and after July 1, 1985, such fee shall  
887 be thirty dollars, on and after July 1, 1989, forty-five dollars, on and  
888 after July 1, 1991, fifty-six dollars, and on and after July 1, 1993,  
889 seventy dollars.] Such licensee shall furnish financial responsibility  
890 satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112. Such  
891 number plates may be used as provided for under section 14-67n.

892 (b) Each applicant for a recycler's license shall be required to certify  
893 that, to the best of such applicant's knowledge and belief, all the  
894 property to be used for the operation of the yard and business is in  
895 compliance with the provisions of all applicable provisions of title 22a  
896 and all regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental  
897 Protection pursuant to the provisions of said title. Upon receipt of such  
898 certification and completed application, the Commissioner of Motor  
899 Vehicles shall notify the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.  
900 The notification shall include a statement of the location of the subject  
901 property and a legal description thereof. Within forty-five days of  
902 receipt of such notification, the Commissioner of Environmental  
903 Protection shall inform the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles if there is  
904 any reason to believe that the property that is proposed to be licensed  
905 is not in compliance with the above referenced statutory and  
906 regulatory requirements. If the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is  
907 informed that there is any such reason to believe that the subject

908 location is not in compliance with such requirements, said  
909 commissioner may (1) refuse to issue the license, or (2) issue the license  
910 subject to such conditions, including, but not limited to, the  
911 remediation of the conditions causing the suspected violation or  
912 violations, as are acceptable to the Commissioner of Environmental  
913 Protection.

914 Sec. 11. Section 14-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
915 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

916 (a) No person shall be employed by any such school licensee to give  
917 instruction in driving a motor vehicle unless [he] such person is  
918 licensed to act as an instructor by the commissioner.

919 (b) Application for an instructor's license shall be in writing and  
920 shall contain such information as the commissioner requires. The  
921 applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that  
922 [he] such applicant (1) is of good moral character [and has never been  
923 convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude] considering such  
924 person's criminal record and record, if any, on the state child abuse  
925 and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k, as  
926 obtained and reviewed by the commissioner in accordance with the  
927 standards of section 14-44; (2) has held a license to drive a motor  
928 vehicle for the past four consecutive years and has a driving record  
929 satisfactory to the commissioner, including no record of a conviction  
930 for a drug or alcohol-related offense during such four-year period; (3)  
931 has had a recent medical examination by a physician licensed to  
932 practice within the state and the physician certifies that the applicant is  
933 physically fit to operate a motor vehicle and instruct in driving; (4) has  
934 received a high school diploma or has an equivalent academic  
935 education; and (5) has completed an instructor training course of forty-  
936 five clock hours given by a school or agency approved by the  
937 commissioner, except that any such course given by an institution  
938 under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of the Connecticut State  
939 University system must be approved by the commissioner and the

940 State Board of Education.

941 (c) The commissioner may deny the application of any person for an  
942 instructor's license if he determines that the applicant has made a  
943 material false statement or concealed a material fact in connection with  
944 his application for the instructor's license.

945 (d) The commissioner shall conduct such written, oral and practical  
946 examinations as he deems necessary to determine whether an  
947 applicant has sufficient skill in the operation of motor vehicles to  
948 ensure their safe operation, a satisfactory knowledge of the motor  
949 vehicle laws and the ability to impart such skill and knowledge to  
950 others. If the applicant successfully completes the examinations and  
951 meets all other requirements of this section, the commissioner shall  
952 cause him to be fingerprinted and shall issue to him an instructor's  
953 license. The license shall be valid for use only in connection with the  
954 business of the drivers' school or schools listed on the license. If the  
955 applicant fails the examination, he may apply for reexamination after  
956 three months have elapsed. The license shall be valid for the calendar  
957 year within which it is issued, and renewals shall be for succeeding  
958 calendar years.

959 (e) The licensee shall be reexamined periodically in accordance with  
960 standards specified in regulations adopted under section 14-78.  
961 Persons licensed for the first time as instructors shall, in the three years  
962 following their initial licensure, attend seminars, annually, in traffic  
963 safety sponsored by the Department of Motor Vehicles or take an  
964 advanced instructor course of not less than forty-five clock hours in  
965 traffic safety. The course shall have been approved by the  
966 commissioner. Proof of compliance with the requirement for  
967 attendance at seminars or the taking of instruction shall be made  
968 before license renewals are issued. The seminars shall be self-  
969 sustaining.

970 (f) The fee for an instructor's license, or for any renewal thereof,  
971 shall be fifty dollars.

972 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 14-105 of the general statutes is  
973 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
974 *October 1, 2008*):

975 (a) No television screen or other device of a similar nature, except a  
976 video display unit used for instrumentation purposes or a closed video  
977 monitor for backing, provided such monitor screen is disabled blank  
978 no later than fifteen seconds after the transmission of a vehicle so  
979 equipped is shifted out of reverse, shall be installed or used in this  
980 state in any position or location in a motor vehicle where it may be  
981 visible to the driver or where it may in any other manner interfere with  
982 the safe operation and control of the vehicle. The provisions of this  
983 subsection shall not apply to (1) a closed video monitor that is used  
984 only for backing or parking, or (2) a video display unit or device that is  
985 capable of operation only when the vehicle is stationary and is  
986 automatically disabled whenever the wheels of the vehicle are in  
987 motion.

988 Sec. 13. Section 14-164i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
989 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

990 (a) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation  
991 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall review the technical  
992 information concerning testing techniques, standards and instructions  
993 for emission control features and equipment relative to diesel-powered  
994 commercial motor vehicles, including such information available from  
995 the United States Environmental Protection Agency and information  
996 regarding standards issued by the Society of Automotive Engineers  
997 and shall, not later than January 1, 1997, establish a standard of  
998 minimum exhaust emission for all diesel-powered commercial motor  
999 vehicles operated on the highways of this state. In establishing such  
1000 standard, the commissioner shall also review standards in effect in  
1001 other states and in regions subject to federal air quality requirements  
1002 and shall endeavor to maintain consistency with such standards. The  
1003 standard shall be reviewed by the commissioner periodically and may

1004 be revised as the commissioner deems appropriate. Not later than July  
1005 1, 1997, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the  
1006 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall select a method or  
1007 methods for testing the exhaust emissions of diesel-powered  
1008 commercial motor vehicles.

1009 (b) [Not later than October 1, 1997, the] The Commissioner of Motor  
1010 Vehicles shall provide for the [commencement] conduct of emissions  
1011 inspections of diesel-powered commercial motor vehicles operated on  
1012 the highways of this state using the method or methods selected by the  
1013 commissioner under subsection (a) of this section. Such inspections  
1014 [shall] may be performed in conjunction with any safety or weight  
1015 inspection at any official weighing area or other location designated by  
1016 the commissioner. In lieu of any such inspection performed by the  
1017 commissioner, the commissioner may accept the results of an  
1018 inspection performed (1) by agreement with an owner or operator of a  
1019 fleet of diesel-powered commercial motor vehicles licensed by the  
1020 commissioner pursuant to subsection (h) of section 14-164c of the 2008  
1021 supplement to the general statutes, or (2) by any licensed motor  
1022 vehicle dealer or repairer authorized by the commissioner, pursuant to  
1023 this section, to establish a diesel-powered commercial motor vehicle  
1024 inspection station. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall design a  
1025 sticker to be affixed to the windshield of a diesel-powered commercial  
1026 motor vehicle inspected in accordance with the provisions of this  
1027 section, which shall bear the date of inspection.

1028 (c) Any person, as defined in subsection (g) of this section, whose  
1029 vehicle fails to pass an inspection under subsection (b) of this section  
1030 shall have the vehicle repaired and, within forty-five consecutive  
1031 calendar days, present proof of emissions-related repairs of such  
1032 vehicle in such form as the commissioner shall require. The  
1033 commissioner shall issue a two-year intrastate waiver from compliance  
1034 with emissions standards to any such vehicle failing to meet such  
1035 standards but complying with the minimum repair requirements. For  
1036 purposes of this section, the minimum repair requirements for diesel-

1037 powered commercial motor vehicles shall be the expenditure of one  
1038 thousand dollars towards emissions-related repairs of such vehicle.  
1039 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the commercial  
1040 registration, issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, of any  
1041 vehicle for which no proof of emissions-related repairs has been  
1042 submitted within such forty-five-day period.

1043 (d) When a diesel-powered commercial motor vehicle fails to [stop  
1044 and] submit to an emissions inspection [performed] requested in  
1045 conjunction with any safety or weight inspection at any official  
1046 weighing area or other location designated by the commissioner, or  
1047 fails to comply with any provision of this section, the commissioner  
1048 shall (1) suspend the registration privilege to operate the vehicle on the  
1049 highways of the state, and (2) notify the jurisdiction in which the  
1050 vehicle is registered and request said jurisdiction to suspend the  
1051 registration of the vehicle.

1052 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in  
1053 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the  
1054 provisions of this section.

1055 (f) No diesel-powered commercial motor vehicle shall be operated  
1056 on the highways of this state unless such vehicle complies with the  
1057 provisions of this section and the regulations adopted by the  
1058 commissioner. Any person who operates or permits the operation of  
1059 any such vehicle in violation of the provisions of this section or the  
1060 regulations adopted by the commissioner shall be fined not more than  
1061 two hundred dollars for a first violation and not more than five  
1062 hundred dollars for a second or subsequent violation committed  
1063 within one year after a previous violation.

1064 (g) For the purposes of this section, (1) "commercial motor vehicle"  
1065 shall not be construed to include a school bus, and (2) "person" shall  
1066 mean the person holding title to the vehicle or having legal right to  
1067 register the same, including a purchaser under a conditional bill of sale  
1068 and a lessee for a term of more than thirty days.

1069 Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 14-171 of the general statutes is  
1070 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1071 *October 1, 2008*):

1072 (c) If the application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in  
1073 another state or country, or by a native American Indian tribe  
1074 recognized by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, the  
1075 application shall contain or be accompanied by: (1) Any certificate of  
1076 title issued by [the] such other state, [or] country or Indian tribe; (2)  
1077 any other information and documents the commissioner reasonably  
1078 requires to establish the ownership of the vehicle and the existence or  
1079 nonexistence of security interests in it; and (3) evidence that the  
1080 manufacturer's identification number of the vehicle was verified, by a  
1081 means acceptable to the commissioner, or inspected by a licensed  
1082 dealer in accordance with subsection (d) of section 14-99h.

1083 Sec. 15. Subsection (c) of section 14-192 of the general statutes is  
1084 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1085 *October 1, 2008*):

1086 (c) Motor vehicles leased to an agency of this state and motor  
1087 vehicles owned by the state, [or] an agency of the state, or a  
1088 municipality, as defined in section 7-245, shall be exempt from the fees  
1089 imposed by this section.

1090 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 14-262 of the general statutes is  
1091 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1092 *October 1, 2008*):

1093 (a) The following vehicles shall not be operated by any person nor  
1094 permitted to be operated by any owner, including a motor carrier, as  
1095 defined in 49 CFR Part 390.5, as amended, upon any highway or  
1096 bridge without a special written permit from the Commissioner of  
1097 Transportation, as provided in section 14-270, specifying the  
1098 conditions under which they may be so operated:

1099 (1) A vehicle, combination of vehicle and trailer or commercial  
1100 vehicle combination, including each such vehicle's load, which is  
1101 wider than one hundred two inches or its approximate metric  
1102 equivalent of two and six-tenths meters or one hundred two and  
1103 thirty-six-hundredths inches, including its load, but not including the  
1104 following safety devices: Reasonably sized rear view mirrors, turn  
1105 signals, steps and handholds for entry and egress, spray and splash  
1106 suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge and any other state-  
1107 approved safety device which the Commissioner of Transportation  
1108 determines is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of such a  
1109 vehicle or combination, provided no such state-approved safety device  
1110 protrudes more than three inches from each side of the vehicle or  
1111 provided no such device has by its design or use the capability to carry  
1112 cargo. Such permit shall not be required in the case of (A) farm  
1113 equipment, (B) a vehicle or combination of vehicle and trailer loaded  
1114 with hay or straw, (C) a school bus equipped with a folding stop sign  
1115 or exterior mirror, as approved by the Commissioner of Motor  
1116 Vehicles, which results in a combined width of bus and sign or bus  
1117 and mirror in excess of that established by this subsection, (D) a trailer  
1118 designed and used exclusively for transporting boats when the gross  
1119 weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds, or (E) a  
1120 recreation vehicle with appurtenances, including safety devices and  
1121 retracted shade awnings, no greater than six inches on each side for a  
1122 maximum allowance of twelve inches; and

1123 (2) A combination of truck and trailer which is longer than sixty-five  
1124 feet except (A) a combination of truck and trailer or tractor and  
1125 semitrailer loaded with utility poles, both trailer and semitrailer  
1126 having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility poles having a  
1127 maximum length of fifty feet and the overall length not to exceed  
1128 eighty feet, (B) a trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting  
1129 boats when the gross weight of such boats does not exceed four  
1130 thousand pounds, (C) a tractor-trailer unit, (D) a commercial vehicle  
1131 combination, (E) combinations of vehicles considered as specialized  
1132 equipment in 23 CFR 658.13(e), as amended, or (F) a tractor equipped

1133 with a dromedary box operated in combination with a semitrailer  
1134 which tractor and semitrailer do not exceed seventy-five feet in overall  
1135 length.

1136 Sec. 17. Section 14-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

1138 (a) Each person operating a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk or  
1139 across any roadway upon and along a crosswalk shall yield the right-  
1140 of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal within a  
1141 reasonable distance before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. Each  
1142 person operating a bicycle or a motor-driven cycle upon a roadway  
1143 shall within a reasonable distance give an audible signal before  
1144 overtaking and passing a pedestrian or another bicycle operator. No  
1145 person shall operate a bicycle upon or along a sidewalk or across a  
1146 roadway upon and along a crosswalk if such operation is prohibited  
1147 by any ordinance of any city, town or borough or by any regulation of  
1148 the State Traffic Commission issued or adopted pursuant to the  
1149 provisions of section 14-298.

1150 (b) No person shall ride a [bicycle with a helper motor] motor-  
1151 driven cycle unless that person holds a valid motor vehicle operator's  
1152 license. No person shall operate a [bicycle with a helper motor at a rate  
1153 of speed exceeding thirty miles per hour; nor shall any bicycle with a  
1154 helper motor be operated] motor-driven cycle on any sidewalk, limited  
1155 access highway or turnpike.

1156 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
1157 section, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue to a person  
1158 who does not hold a valid operator's license a special permit that  
1159 authorizes such person to ride a [bicycle with a helper motor] motor-  
1160 driven cycle if (A) such person presents to the commissioner a  
1161 certificate by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state that  
1162 such person is physically disabled, as defined in section 1-1f, other  
1163 than blind, and that, in the physician's opinion, such person is capable  
1164 of riding a [bicycle with a helper motor] motor-driven cycle, and (B)

1165 such person demonstrates to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that  
1166 he is able to ride a bicycle [(i) without a helper motor] on level terrain,  
1167 and [(ii) with a helper motor] a motor-driven cycle. (2) Such permit  
1168 may contain limitations that the commissioner deems advisable for the  
1169 safety of such person and for the public safety, including, but not  
1170 limited to, the maximum speed of the [helper] motor such person may  
1171 use. No person who holds a valid special permit under this subsection  
1172 shall operate a [bicycle with a helper motor] motor-driven cycle in  
1173 violation of any limitations imposed in the permit. Any person to  
1174 whom a special permit is issued shall carry the permit at all times  
1175 while operating the [bicycle with a helper motor] motor-driven cycle.  
1176 Each permit issued under this subsection shall expire one year from  
1177 the date of issuance.

1178 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of any statute or regulation to  
1179 the contrary, the State Traffic Commission shall adopt regulations in  
1180 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 determining the  
1181 conditions and circumstances under which bicycle traffic may be  
1182 permitted on those bridges in the state on limited access highways  
1183 which it designates to be safe for bicycle traffic. Bicycle traffic shall not  
1184 be prohibited on any such bridges under such conditions and  
1185 circumstances.

1186 (e) As used in this section: (1) "Sidewalk" means any sidewalk laid  
1187 out as such by any town, city or borough, and any walk which is  
1188 reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians, or which has been  
1189 specially prepared for their use. "Sidewalk" does not include  
1190 crosswalks and does not include footpaths on portions of public  
1191 highways outside thickly settled parts of towns, cities and boroughs,  
1192 which are worn only by travel and are not improved by such towns,  
1193 cities or boroughs or by abutters; (2) "bicycle" includes all vehicles  
1194 propelled by the person riding the same by foot or hand power; [or a  
1195 helper motor;] and (3) ["bicycle with a helper motor" means a bicycle  
1196 with a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches that is powered by  
1197 a motor having a capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston

1198 displacement, rated not more than two brake horsepower, capable of a  
1199 maximum speed of no more than thirty miles per hour and equipped  
1200 with automatic transmission] "motor-driven cycle" means any  
1201 motorcycle, motor scooter or bicycle with an attached motor with a  
1202 seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a motor that  
1203 produces five brake horsepower or less.

1204 (f) A person shall operate a motor-driven cycle on any public  
1205 highway, the speed limit of which is greater than the maximum speed  
1206 of the motor-driven cycle only in the right hand lane available for  
1207 traffic or upon a usable shoulder on the right side of the highway,  
1208 except when preparing to make a left turn at an intersection or into or  
1209 from a private road or driveway.

1210 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Any person who pleads not guilty of a violation of any [of  
1211 the provisions] provision of this section shall be prosecuted within  
1212 fifteen days of such plea.

1213 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) No person may operate a high-mileage vehicle as defined in  
1214 section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended  
1215 by this act, on any sidewalk, limited access highway or turnpike.

1216 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an  
1217 infraction.

1218 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 14-289g of the general statutes is  
1219 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1220 *October 1, 2008*):

1221 (a) [On and after January 1, 1990, no] No person under eighteen  
1222 years of age may operate a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as  
1223 defined in section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes,  
1224 as amended, and no person under the age of eighteen may be a  
1225 passenger on a motorcycle, unless such person is wearing protective  
1226 headgear of a type which conforms to the minimum specifications  
1227 established by regulations adopted under subsection (b) of this section.

1228       Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) In the case of any  
1229 emergency situation described by the provisions of section 3-6a of the  
1230 general statutes or section 28-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1231 statutes, or any other reason for which the Department of Motor  
1232 Vehicles is closed or is unable to perform transactions with the public  
1233 in an effective or secure manner, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
1234 with the approval of the Governor, may extend the expiration date or  
1235 the period of validity of any registration, license, permit, certificate or  
1236 other form or credential issued by said commissioner in accordance  
1237 with any provision of the general statutes. In any such case in which  
1238 the commissioner exercises the authority granted by this section, the  
1239 commissioner shall take such actions, as said commissioner deems  
1240 necessary or appropriate, to inform the public and all law enforcement  
1241 agencies of the extension of such expiration date or period of validity.

1242       Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) Except as provided in  
1243 subsection (b) of this section, no person in any building or upon any  
1244 grounds of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall possess any  
1245 weapon, loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or  
1246 any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument, or any  
1247 explosive, incendiary or other dangerous device.

1248       (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to  
1249 (1) any state or local police officer, motor vehicle inspector, member of  
1250 the Office of State Capitol Police, or police officer of any other state or  
1251 of the federal government, who is performing such officer's or  
1252 inspector's official duties in this state, (2) to any person summoned by  
1253 any such officer or inspector to assist in making arrests or preserving  
1254 the peace while such person is engaged in assisting such officer or  
1255 inspector in the performance of such officer's or inspector's official  
1256 duties, or (3) any member of the armed forces of the United States, as  
1257 defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, or of this state, as  
1258 defined in section 27-2 of the general statutes, in the performance of  
1259 such member's official duties.

1260 (c) A violation of any provision of subsection (a) of this section is a  
1261 class D felony.

1262 Sec. 21. Section 14-163d of the of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1263 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1264 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

1265 (a) At least once every six months, each owner of a motor vehicle  
1266 described in subsection (a) of section 14-163c shall file with the  
1267 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles evidence that the owner has in effect  
1268 the security requirements imposed by law for each such motor vehicle.  
1269 The evidence shall be filed in such form as the commissioner  
1270 prescribes in accordance with a schedule established by the  
1271 commissioner. At least once every two years, the evidence of security  
1272 shall be accompanied by a motor carrier identification report that  
1273 meets the requirements of 49 CFR 390.19, as amended from time to  
1274 time. The report shall be in such form as the commissioner prescribes.

1275 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a system to  
1276 verify, by means of electronic communication, that an owner of a  
1277 motor vehicle described in subsection (a) of section 14-163c has the  
1278 security requirements imposed by law. If the commissioner uses such  
1279 system to make an inquiry to any insurance company that is licensed  
1280 to issue automobile liability insurance in this state, or to any data  
1281 source maintained by the United States Department of Transportation  
1282 pursuant to the provisions of Title 49, Part 387 of the Code of Federal  
1283 Regulations, as amended, the commissioner may accept the results of  
1284 such inquiry in lieu of a filing by the owner pursuant to subsection (a)  
1285 of this section, for the period for which such filing is required.

1286 [(b)] (c) In addition to other penalties provided by law, the  
1287 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, after notice and opportunity for  
1288 hearing in accordance with chapter 54, shall suspend the registration  
1289 of each motor vehicle registered in the name of any owner who fails to  
1290 file a motor carrier identification report or to provide satisfactory  
1291 evidence of the security requirements imposed by law.

1292 [(c)] (d) Each filing made in accordance with the provisions of  
1293 subsection (a) of this section by each for-hire motor carrier or private  
1294 motor carrier of property or passengers, and each owner of any motor  
1295 vehicle that transports hazardous materials, as described in subsection  
1296 (a) of section 14-163c, shall provide satisfactory evidence of insurance  
1297 coverage or other security in amounts not less than are required by the  
1298 provisions of Title 49, Part 387 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as  
1299 amended. Such requirement concerning the amount of security that  
1300 must be evidenced to the commissioner may be made applicable by the  
1301 commissioner to the initial registration of any such motor vehicle,  
1302 including the registration of any motor vehicle under the International  
1303 Registration Plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-34a,  
1304 as amended by this act.

1305 Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 14-36a of the 2008 supplement to  
1306 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1307 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

1308 (b) A commercial driver's license which contains the endorsement  
1309 "S" evidences that the holder meets the requirements of section 14-44 to  
1310 operate a school bus or any vehicle described in subsection (c) of this  
1311 section. A commercial driver's license may contain any of the  
1312 following additional endorsements:

1313 "P"- authorizes the operation of commercial motor vehicles designed  
1314 to carry passengers;

1315 "H"- authorizes the operation of vehicles transporting hazardous  
1316 materials;

1317 "N"- authorizes the operation of tank vehicles;

1318 "X"- authorizes both hazardous materials and tank vehicles; and

1319 "T"- authorizes the operation of vehicles with up to three trailing,  
1320 nonpower units.

1321 The commissioner may establish one or more restrictions on  
1322 commercial driver's licenses of any class, in regulations adopted in  
1323 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Subject to the provisions  
1324 of subsection (b) of section 14-44d, a commercial driver's license of any  
1325 class authorizes the holder of such license to operate any motor vehicle  
1326 that may be operated by the holder of a Class D operator's license.

1327 Sec. 23. Section 14-65a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1328 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

1329 The provisions of sections 14-51 to 14-65, inclusive, of the 2008  
1330 supplement to the general statutes, shall not apply to dealers in trailers  
1331 in the following classes: (a) Trailers having a gross weight of three  
1332 thousand pounds or less, and (b) trailers sold as an accessory to and  
1333 for the transportation of (1) any snowmobile, (2) any all-terrain vehicle,  
1334 (3) any boat, or (4) any other powered or self-propelled recreational  
1335 vehicle not required to be registered under this chapter but which is  
1336 subject to the provisions of section 14-380. The Commissioner of Motor  
1337 Vehicles, for the more efficient performance of said commissioner's  
1338 duties, may allow a dealer, registered with the Commissioner of  
1339 Environmental Protection to sell any trailers required to be registered  
1340 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, to issue temporary  
1341 registrations and submit applications for permanent registrations in  
1342 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-12, and  
1343 sections 14-61 and 14-61a.

1344 Sec. 24. Section 14-188 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1345 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

1346 (a) Upon the satisfaction of a security interest in a vehicle for which  
1347 the certificate of title is in the possession of the lienholder, the  
1348 lienholder shall, within ten days after demand and, in any event,  
1349 within thirty days, execute a release of the security interest, in the  
1350 space provided therefor on the certificate or as the commissioner  
1351 prescribes, and mail or deliver the certificate and release to the next  
1352 lienholder named therein, or, if none, to the owner or any person who

1353 delivers to the lienholder an authorization from the owner to receive  
1354 the certificate. The owner, other than a dealer holding the vehicle for  
1355 resale, shall promptly cause the certificate and release to be mailed or  
1356 delivered to the commissioner, who shall release the lienholder's rights  
1357 on the certificate or issue a new certificate.

1358 (b) If the security interest of the lienholder is maintained in the  
1359 electronic title file pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-175, such  
1360 lienholder shall, upon the satisfaction of such security interest, [notify  
1361 the commissioner within ten days of such satisfaction] execute a  
1362 release of such security interest, and mail, deliver or electronically  
1363 transmit such release to the next lienholder or, if none, to the owner or  
1364 to any person who delivers or electronically transmits to the  
1365 lienholder, an authorization from the owner to receive a certificate of  
1366 title. Such [notification] release shall be provided in not more than ten  
1367 days and shall be in such form and manner, and [shall] contain such  
1368 information necessary to evidence the release of the lien and to identify  
1369 the motor vehicle and the record of the certificate of title, as the  
1370 commissioner [prescribes] may prescribe. The commissioner shall  
1371 issue a certificate of title and present or mail such certificate to the  
1372 owner or to the second lienholder, if any.

1373 (c) Upon the satisfaction of a security interest in a vehicle for which  
1374 the certificate of title is in the possession of a prior lienholder, the  
1375 lienholder whose security interest is satisfied shall within ten days  
1376 after demand and, in any event, within thirty days execute a release in  
1377 the form the commissioner prescribes and deliver the release to the  
1378 owner or any person who delivers to the lienholder an authorization  
1379 from the owner to receive it. The lienholder in possession of the  
1380 certificate of title shall either deliver the certificate to the owner, or the  
1381 person authorized by the owner, for delivery to the commissioner or,  
1382 upon receipt of the release, mail or deliver it with the certificate to the  
1383 commissioner, who shall release the subordinate lienholder's rights on  
1384 the certificate or issue a new certificate.

1385 (d) A lienholder who does not comply with subsection (b) or (c) of  
1386 this section and who has disappeared and cannot be located by the  
1387 debtor shall be deemed for purposes of this section only to have  
1388 released such security interest, if evidence satisfactory to the  
1389 commissioner is filed concerning the disappearance of the lienholder,  
1390 and the commissioner shall so note on the records of the department.

1391 Sec. 25. Subsection (d) of section 14-276a of the 2008 supplement to  
1392 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1393 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

1394 (d) A carrier shall require each person whom it intends to employ to  
1395 operate a school bus, as defined in section 14-275 of the 2008  
1396 supplement to the general statutes, or a student transportation vehicle,  
1397 as defined in section 14-212, as amended by this act, to submit to a  
1398 urinalysis drug test in accordance with the provisions of sections 31-  
1399 51v and 31-51w and shall require each person it employs to operate  
1400 such vehicles to submit to a urinalysis drug test on a random basis in  
1401 accordance with the provisions of section 31-51x of the 2008  
1402 supplement to the general statutes, and the standards set forth in 49  
1403 CFR Parts 382 and 391. No carrier may employ any person who has  
1404 received a positive test result for such test which was confirmed as  
1405 provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of section 31-51u. No carrier may  
1406 continue to employ as a driver, for two years, any person who has  
1407 received a positive test result for such test which was confirmed as  
1408 provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 31-51u.  
1409 No carrier may continue to employ as a driver, permanently, any  
1410 person who has received a second positive test result for such test  
1411 which was confirmed as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of  
1412 subsection (a) of section 31-51u. The commissioner may, after notice  
1413 and hearing, impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand  
1414 dollars for the first offense and two thousand five hundred dollars for  
1415 each subsequent offense on any carrier which violates any provision of  
1416 this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-1
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-212
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-10
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-12(a)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-16a(b)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-34a(d)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-44e(g)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-42a(b)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-49(w)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-67l
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-73
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-105(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-164i
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-171(c)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-192(c)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-262(a)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-286
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-289g(a)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	the14-163d
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To revise certain motor vehicle laws.

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