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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. STAPLES of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLES,
HIGHWAY SAFETY AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) On and after July 1, 2009,
2 the holder of a motor vehicle operator's license who accumulates seven
3 or more points on his or her driving record for motor vehicle violations
4 shall be assessed an annual driver responsibility fee of one hundred
5 dollars for two consecutive years. For each additional point
6 accumulated above seven points an additional annual fee of fifty
7 dollars shall be assessed. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
8 collect the fees described in this subsection.

9 (b) In addition to the fees assessed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
10 section, any person, whether or not such person is a licensed motor
11 vehicle operator, found guilty of any offense listed in this subsection
12 shall be assessed, by the commissioner, an annual driver responsibility
13 fee of one thousand dollars for two consecutive years:

14 (1) Manslaughter, negligent homicide or a felony resulting from the
15 operation of a motor vehicle;

16 (2) Driving while impaired in violation of subsection (b) of section
17 14-227a of the general statutes;

18 (3) Failing to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident
19 when required by law; or

20 (4) Fleeing or eluding an officer.

21 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall send a notice of the
22 driver responsibility assessment, as prescribed under subsection (a) or
23 (b) of this section, to the individual by regular mail to the address on
24 the records of said commissioner. If payment is not received within
25 thirty days after the notice is mailed, the commissioner shall send a
26 second notice that indicates that, if payment is not received within the
27 next thirty days, the driver's driving privileges will be suspended.

28 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may authorize payment by
29 installment for an amount of five hundred dollars or more for a period
30 not to exceed twelve months.

31 (e) If payment is not received or an installment plan is not
32 established after the time limit required by the second notice
33 prescribed under subsection (c) of this section expires, the
34 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driving privileges
35 until the assessment and any other fees prescribed under this section
36 are paid.

37 (f) A fee shall not be assessed under this section for seven points or
38 more on a driving record on July 1, 2009. Points assigned after said
39 date shall be assessed as prescribed under subsections (a) and (b) of
40 this section.

41 Sec. 2. Section 14-270 of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

43 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation or other authority having
44 charge of the repair or maintenance of any highway or bridge is
45 authorized to grant permits for transporting vehicles or combinations
46 of vehicles or vehicles and load, or other objects not conforming to the
47 provisions of sections 14-98, 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a and 14-269 but, in
48 the case of motor vehicles, only the Commissioner of Transportation
49 shall be authorized to issue such permits. Such permits shall be
50 written, and may limit the highways or bridges which may be used,
51 the time of such use and the maximum rate of speed at which such
52 vehicles or objects may be operated, and may contain any other
53 condition considered necessary by the authority granting the same,
54 provided the Department of Transportation shall not suffer any loss of
55 revenue granted or to be granted from any agency or department of
56 the federal government for the federal interstate highway system or
57 any other highway system.

58 (b) Any permit issued in respect to any vehicle or combination of
59 vehicles or vehicle and trailer on account of its excessive weight shall
60 be limited to the gross weight shown or to be shown on the
61 registration certificate. A permit granted under this section for a
62 vehicle or load, greater than twelve feet, but no greater than thirteen
63 feet six inches in width and traveling on undivided highways, shall
64 require a single escort motor vehicle to precede such vehicle or load.
65 No escort motor vehicle shall be required to follow such vehicle or
66 load on such highways.

67 (c) Any permit issued under this section or a legible copy or
68 facsimile shall be retained in the possession of the operator of the
69 vehicle or combination of vehicles or vehicle and trailer for which such
70 permit was issued, except that an electronic confirmation of the
71 existence of such permit or the use of the special number plates
72 described in section 14-24 and any regulations adopted thereunder
73 shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of this section.

74 (d) (1) The owner or lessee of any vehicle may pay either a
75 nonrefundable fee of [twenty-three] thirty dollars for each permit

76 issued for such vehicle under this section or a fee as described in
77 subdivision [(3)] (7) of this subsection for such vehicle, payable to the
78 Department of Transportation.

79 (2) Vehicles required to pay an engineering fee are authorized to use
80 approved routing for a six-month period, as long as the vehicle
81 configuration or routing is not changed.

82 (3) A fifty-dollar engineering fee shall be assessed to any single unit
83 vehicle that exceeds any of the following gross weight limits: One
84 hundred ten thousand pounds on four axles, one hundred fourteen
85 thousand five hundred pounds on five axles or one hundred fifteen
86 thousand pounds on six axles when routing requires such vehicle to
87 traverse a structure with a nonposted limit.

88 (4) A one-hundred-dollar engineering fee shall be assessed to any
89 vehicle combination for: (A) An overweight permit request for a
90 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than one hundred sixty
91 thousand pounds and less than two hundred thousand pounds; or (B)
92 an oversize permit request for a vehicle with a height or width in
93 excess of fifteen feet or an overall length in excess of one hundred forty
94 feet.

95 (5) (A) A two-hundred-dollar engineering fee shall be assessed to
96 any vehicle combination weighing two hundred thousand pounds or
97 more and less than five hundred thousand pounds.

98 (B) A five-hundred-dollar engineering fee shall be assessed to any
99 vehicle combination weighing five hundred thousand pounds or more.

100 [(2)] (6) An additional transmittal fee of [three] five dollars shall be
101 charged for each permit issued under this section and transmitted via
102 [transceiver or facsimile] electronic equipment.

103 [(3)] (7) The commissioner may issue an annual permit for any
104 vehicle transporting (A) a divisible load, (B) an overweight or
105 oversized-overweight indivisible load, or (C) an oversize indivisible
106 load. The owner or lessee shall pay an annual fee of [seven] nine

107 dollars per thousand pounds or fraction thereof for each such vehicle.
108 A permit may be issued in any increment up to one year, provided the
109 owner or lessee shall pay a fee of [one-tenth of the annual fee] one
110 hundred dollars for such vehicle for each month or fraction thereof.

111 [(4)] (8) The annual permit fee for any vehicle transporting an
112 oversize indivisible load shall not be less than [five hundred] six
113 hundred fifty dollars.

114 (9) Such fees are payable to the Department of Transportation and
115 are not prorated, transferable or refundable.

116 [(5)] (10) The commissioner may issue permits for divisible loads in
117 the aggregate not exceeding fifty-three feet in length.

118 (e) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations in
119 accordance with chapter 54 prescribing standards for issuance of
120 permits for vehicles with divisible or indivisible loads not conforming
121 to the provisions of section 14-267a.

122 (f) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to
123 the federal government, the state, municipalities or fire departments.

124 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of any permit issued
125 under this section or fails to obtain such a permit, when operating a
126 commercial motor vehicle under the provisions of section 14-163c,
127 shall be subject to the following penalties:

128 (1) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this
129 section that exceeds the weight specified in such permit shall be subject
130 to a penalty calculated by subtracting the permitted weight from the
131 actual vehicle weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per
132 one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

133 (2) A person who fails to obtain a permit issued under section 14-
134 262 or 14-264 and who is operating a vehicle at a weight that exceeds
135 the statutory limit for weight shall be subject to a penalty calculated by
136 subtracting the statutory limit for weight from the actual vehicle

137 weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred
138 pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

139 (3) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this
140 section that exceeds the length specified in such permit shall be subject
141 to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;

142 (4) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this
143 section that exceeds the width specified in such permit shall be subject
144 to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;

145 (5) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this
146 section that exceeds the height specified in such permit shall be subject
147 to a minimum fine of one thousand dollars;

148 (6) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this
149 section on routes not specified in such permit, shall be fined (A) one
150 thousand five hundred dollars for each violation of the statutory limit
151 for length, width, height or weight, and (B) shall be subject to a penalty
152 calculated by subtracting the statutory weight limit of subsection (b) of
153 section 14-267a from the actual vehicle weight and such weight
154 difference shall be fined at the rate provided for in subparagraph (G)
155 of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 14-267a; or

156 (7) A person (A) operating a vehicle with an indivisible load and
157 violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6),
158 inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to obtain a permit, or (B)
159 operating a vehicle with a divisible load and violating one or more of
160 the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection
161 shall be required to be off loaded to the permit limit.

162 (h) (1) If the origin, destination, load description, tractor
163 registration, trailer registration, hours of travel, number of escorts,
164 signs or flags of a vehicle with a permit issued under this section differ
165 from those stated on such permit or required by regulations adopted
166 pursuant to this section, a minimum fine of two hundred dollars shall
167 be assessed for each such violation.

168 (2) If the days of travel of a vehicle with a permit issued under this
169 section differ from those stated on such permit or the vehicle is
170 operated under a false or fraudulent permit, a minimum fine of one
171 thousand five hundred dollars shall be assessed for such violation in
172 addition to any other penalties assessed.

173 Sec. 3. Section 1-1h of the general statutes is repealed and the
174 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

175 (a) Any person who does not possess a valid motor vehicle
176 operator's license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for
177 an identity card. The application for an identity card shall be
178 accompanied by the birth certificate of the applicant or a certificate of
179 identification of the applicant issued and authorized for such use by
180 the Department of Correction. Such application shall include: (1) The
181 applicant's name; (2) the applicant's address; (3) whether the address is
182 permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's date of birth; (5) notice to
183 the applicant that false statements on such application are punishable
184 under section 53a-157b; and (6) such other pertinent information as the
185 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles deems necessary. A fee of [twenty-
186 two dollars and fifty cents] twenty-nine dollars shall be paid to the
187 department upon issuance to the applicant of an identity card which
188 contains a picture of the applicant and specifies the applicant's height,
189 sex and eye color. The applicant shall sign the application in the
190 presence of an official of the department. The commissioner may
191 waive the fee for any applicant who has voluntarily surrendered such
192 applicant's motor vehicle operator's license or whose license has been
193 refused by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection
194 (e) of section 14-36. The commissioner may waive the fee for any
195 applicant who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for
196 homeless persons. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
197 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the
198 procedure and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to any
199 such homeless applicant.

200 (b) An identity card shall expire within a period not exceeding six

201 years from the date of issuance of such card. Each such card shall
202 indicate its date of expiration. Any person who holds an identity card
203 shall be notified by the commissioner before its expiration and may
204 renew such card in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe
205 upon payment of a fee of [twenty-two dollars and fifty cents] twenty-
206 nine dollars.

207 (c) A distinctive identity card shall be issued to any applicant less
208 than twenty-one years of age. The identity card shall contain a
209 statement that it is issued subject to the same verification of the
210 applicant's identity as required for the issuance of a motor vehicle
211 operator's license. The card may thereafter be exhibited to establish the
212 age and identity of the person to whom it was issued.

213 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
214 Liquor Control Commission, shall adopt regulations in accordance
215 with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this
216 section and section 30-86.

217 (e) Any person who misrepresents his age or practices any other
218 deceit in the procurement of an identity card, or uses or exhibits an
219 identity card belonging to any other person, shall be fined not more
220 than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.

221 Sec. 4. Section 14-12g of the general statutes is repealed and the
222 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

223 (a) When a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance
224 policy has been cancelled and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
225 determines that the owner of a registered motor vehicle is in violation
226 of the mandatory security requirements of sections 14-12c and 38a-371,
227 the commissioner shall issue to such owner a notice of suspension of
228 the registration involved, provided the commissioner may decline to
229 issue such notice if the registration of the motor vehicle is cancelled or
230 if the commissioner cannot establish that such violation occurred for a
231 period of more than fourteen days.

232 (b) If a registered owner to whom notice of suspension was issued
233 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section does not contest the
234 determination that he or she has failed to maintain mandatory
235 security, the commissioner may enter into a consent agreement with
236 the owner, provided the owner presents satisfactory evidence of
237 mandatory security and pays a civil penalty of two hundred fifty
238 dollars. The consent agreement shall provide that the registration of
239 the motor vehicle shall not be suspended, or that any suspension
240 imposed previously, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall be
241 rescinded, unless (1) the commissioner determines that on or after the
242 effective date of the consent agreement the owner failed to
243 continuously maintain the required security, and (2) the owner cannot
244 establish to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the owner
245 continuously maintained the required security after said effective date.
246 Such consent agreement shall not operate to prevent the commissioner
247 from cancelling, suspending or revoking a registration pursuant to any
248 other provision of the general statutes.

249 (c) The commissioner may suspend the motor vehicle operator's
250 license of any person whose registration has been suspended in
251 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, or
252 section 14-12c and who, not later than thirty days after the date of such
253 suspension, has not entered into a consent agreement, in accordance
254 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, cancelled the
255 registration or transferred ownership of the motor vehicle. Any person
256 aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner to suspend his license
257 under this subsection shall, prior to the effective date of such
258 suspension, be afforded an opportunity for a hearing in accordance
259 with the provisions of chapter 54.

260 Sec. 5. Section 14-12s of the general statutes is repealed and the
261 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

262 For the registration of each motor vehicle that has passed an
263 inspection in accordance with the requirements of subsection (g) of
264 section 14-12 or section 14-16a or that has passed an inspection of its

265 manufacturer's vehicle identification number, the commissioner shall
266 charge an administrative fee of [ten] fifteen dollars, in addition to the
267 fee or fees prescribed for such registration.

268 Sec. 6. Section 14-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the
269 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

270 (a) A motor vehicle registration expires upon transfer of ownership
271 of the motor vehicle. The person in whose name the motor vehicle is
272 registered shall return to the commissioner, within twenty-four hours
273 of the motor vehicle's transfer, the certificate of registration, the
274 number plate or plates issued for the vehicle together with a written
275 notice, subject to the penalties of false statement, containing the date
276 that ownership of the vehicle was transferred and the name, residence
277 and post-office address of the owner. The following statement shall
278 appear directly above the space provided for the signature of the
279 person filing the form: "I declare under the penalties of false statement
280 that this notice has been examined by me and to the best of my
281 knowledge and belief is complete, and the statements made herein are
282 true and correct."

283 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural
284 person, such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on
285 the certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who
286 shall assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the
287 owner and upon the making of an application pursuant to this
288 subsection. The owner making such designation shall have all rights of
289 ownership of such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the
290 beneficiary shall have no rights in such motor vehicle until such time
291 as the owner dies and an application is made pursuant to this
292 subsection. Not later than sixty days after the death of the owner, the
293 beneficiary may make application to the commissioner for the issuance
294 of a certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor
295 vehicle in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be
296 accompanied by: (1) The original certificate of registration in which the
297 beneficiary is designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death

298 certificate for the deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's
299 identity as the commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required
300 by subsection (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for
301 registration, title and number plates as required under this chapter and
302 chapter 247. If the beneficiary fails to make such application within the
303 time period specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no
304 right to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this
305 subsection after the expiration of such time period. The right of the
306 beneficiary to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle
307 under this subsection shall be subordinate to the rights of each
308 lienholder whose security interest in such motor vehicle is duly
309 recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The commissioner may adopt
310 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
311 provisions of this subsection.

312 (c) If the owner of a registered motor vehicle dies, the registration
313 for the vehicle shall, unless the vehicle is destroyed, continue in force
314 as a valid registration until the end of the registration period unless: (1)
315 Ownership of the vehicle is transferred pursuant to subsection (b) of
316 this section or by the deceased owner's executor, administrator, legatee
317 or distributee prior to the end of the registration period, in which case
318 the registration shall continue in force until the time of the transfer; or
319 (2) ownership of the vehicle is transferred to the brother, sister, father,
320 mother, child or spouse of the owner, in which case the registration
321 shall, upon the payment of a fee of [twenty] twenty-five dollars,
322 continue in force until the end of the registration period or until the
323 ownership is sooner transferred to a person other than such a relative.
324 If at the end of the registration period the relative has not transferred
325 ownership of the vehicle and the relative applies for registration of the
326 vehicle, the registration shall not be subject to the provisions of
327 subsection (a) of section 12-71b.

328 (d) If a motor vehicle is transferred in connection with the
329 organization, reorganization or dissolution, or because of the partial
330 liquidation, of an incorporated or unincorporated business in which
331 gain or loss to the transferor is not recognized for federal income tax

332 purposes under the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury regulations
333 and rulings issued thereunder, the registration of the vehicle shall,
334 upon the payment of a fee of [twenty] twenty-five dollars, continue in
335 force until the end of the registration period or until the registration is
336 sooner transferred to anyone outside the original business
337 organization. If the transferee of the motor vehicle has not transferred
338 ownership of the motor vehicle to anyone outside the original business
339 organization at the end of the registration period and the transferee
340 applies for a registration for the vehicle, the registration shall not be
341 subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 12-71b.

342 (e) A person who transfers ownership of a registered motor vehicle
343 to another may have registered in his name, upon the filing of a new
344 application and the payment of the fee required by subsection (i) of
345 section 14-49, as amended by this act, another motor vehicle for the
346 remainder of the registration period if the gross weight of the other
347 motor vehicle is the same or less than that of the transferred motor
348 vehicle and the registration of the transferred motor vehicle has been
349 surrendered. If the gross weight of the other motor vehicle is greater
350 than the gross weight of the motor vehicle the registration of which has
351 been surrendered, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such fee, the
352 difference between the fee paid by him for the surrendered registration
353 and the fee for the registration of the motor vehicle of greater gross
354 weight. The minimum fee for any such transfer shall be [twenty]
355 twenty-five dollars.

356 (f) Any person may transfer an unexpired registration of a motor
357 vehicle such person owns or leases for a period of one year or more, to
358 another motor vehicle owned or so leased by such person upon
359 payment of the fee required by subsection (i) of section 14-49, as
360 amended by this act. Any person transferring such a leased motor
361 vehicle shall provide the commissioner with evidence that the lessor
362 has granted permission for such transfer. If a transfer is made to a
363 motor vehicle of greater gross weight or from one class of registration
364 to another, credit shall be given toward the new registration in
365 accordance with schedules established by the commissioner. The

366 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
367 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

368 (g) Any person who sells any motor vehicle, other than a new motor
369 vehicle, for which a certificate of title has not been issued and which is
370 not registered under the provisions of subsections (e) or (g) of section
371 14-12, shall, within forty-eight hours of the sale, certify under oath to
372 the commissioner, on blanks provided by him, such information as the
373 commissioner may require. Until the commissioner receives the
374 certification under oath required by this subsection, he shall not issue a
375 registration other than for a new motor vehicle and shall not renew a
376 registration other than for the same owner.

377 (h) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
378 section shall be subject to the penalty provided for false statement.
379 Any person who violates any provision of subsection (g) of this section
380 shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction,
381 and, for a subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than five
382 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

383 Sec. 7. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the
384 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

385 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, each motor vehicle
386 operator's license shall be renewed every six years or every four years
387 on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance with a schedule to
388 be established by the commissioner. On and after July 1, [2009] 2011,
389 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the vision of each
390 motor vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of the operator's
391 license of such operator in accordance with a schedule adopted by the
392 commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply to every other
393 renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening
394 by the commissioner, such operator may submit the results of a vision
395 screening conducted by a licensed health care professional qualified to
396 conduct such screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner
397 during the twelve months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle
398 operator's license may be renewed unless the operator passes such

399 vision screening. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
400 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
401 provisions of this subsection related to the administration of vision
402 screening.

403 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not
404 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
405 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of [forty-
406 four] fifty-two dollars for a four-year license, [sixty-six] seventy-eight
407 dollars for a six-year license and [eleven] thirteen dollars per year for
408 any part of a year thereof. The commissioner may authorize an
409 automobile club or association, licensed in accordance with the
410 provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, to perform license
411 renewals at its office facilities. The commissioner may authorize such
412 automobile clubs or associations to charge a convenience fee, which
413 shall not exceed two dollars, to each applicant for renewal.

414 (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
415 which each motor vehicle operator's license expires, notify the operator
416 of the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates
417 a motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of the
418 operator's license without obtaining a renewal of the license shall be
419 deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license and
420 shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
421 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
422 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for the
423 same act constituting a violation under this section but section 14-36
424 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

425 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration
426 date of any motor vehicle operator's license or any public passenger
427 transportation permit falls on any day when offices of the
428 commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a full
429 business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until
430 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are
431 open for a full day of business.

432 Sec. 8. Section 14-44h of the general statutes is repealed and the
433 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

434 (a) Each commercial driver's license shall be renewed quadrennially
435 on the date of the operator's birthday. On and after September 1, 2005,
436 each applicant shall, at the time of the first renewal such commercial
437 driver's license, provide the names of all states in which the applicant
438 ever has been issued a motor vehicle operator's license. If the applicant
439 has held a license in another state at any time during the preceding ten
440 years, the commissioner shall request the driving history record or
441 records from the state or states in which the applicant has been
442 licensed. If the commissioner receives a request for a driving history
443 record from another state regarding the holder of a commercial
444 driver's license, the commissioner shall provide such record within
445 thirty days, as required by the provisions of 49 CFR 384.206, as
446 amended.

447 (b) A commercial driver's license shall expire within a period not
448 exceeding four years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
449 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of
450 [~~fifteen~~] nineteen dollars per year or any part thereof.

451 (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
452 which each commercial driver's license expires, notify the operator of
453 the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates a
454 commercial motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of
455 such operator license without obtaining a renewal of such license shall
456 be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license
457 and shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
458 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
459 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for the
460 same act constituting a violation under this section but said section 14-
461 36 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

462 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration
463 date of any commercial driver's license falls on any day when offices of
464 the commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a full

465 business day, the license shall be deemed valid until midnight of the
466 next day on which offices of the commissioner are open for a full day
467 of business.

468 Sec. 9. Section 14-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
469 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

470 (a) The commissioner shall determine the gross weight of each
471 motor vehicle which is eligible for commercial registration, including
472 each tractor equipped with rubber tires and, for the purpose of
473 computing fees, gross weight shall be the weight of the vehicle in
474 pounds plus the rated load capacity in pounds as determined by the
475 commissioner, provided, in the case of a tractor restricted for use with
476 a trailer, registered as a heavy duty trailer, the fee shall be based on the
477 gross weight of the tractor which shall be the light weight of such
478 tractor; and said commissioner shall collect fees for registration based
479 on such gross weight, as follows: When all surfaces in contact with the
480 ground are equipped with pneumatic tires, the fee for such motor
481 vehicle or tractor of gross weight not exceeding twenty thousand
482 pounds shall be one dollar and sixteen cents, for each one hundred
483 pounds or fraction thereof; from twenty thousand and one pounds up
484 to and including thirty thousand pounds, one dollar and forty-two
485 cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof; from thirty
486 thousand and one pounds up to and including seventy-three thousand
487 pounds, one dollar and seventy-seven cents, for each one hundred
488 pounds or fraction thereof; from seventy-three thousand and one
489 pounds and over, one dollar and ninety-two cents, for each one
490 hundred pounds or fraction thereof. In addition to any other fee
491 required under this subsection, a fee of [ten] thirty dollars shall be
492 collected for the registration of each motor vehicle subject to this
493 subsection.

494 (b) The minimum fee for any commercial registration or registration
495 of a tractor equipped with pneumatic tires shall be [forty-four] sixty-
496 four dollars.

497 (c) For the registration of each motor vehicle classed as an artesian

498 well driller or well drilling equipment, however mounted, when
499 equipped with rubber tires, the fee shall be [forty] sixty-six dollars per
500 annum whether the license is issued for the license year or only a
501 portion thereof. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be forty-six
502 dollars.]

503 (d) For the registration of a motor vehicle equipped with a wood
504 saw rig, if it is used for that purpose only, or a motor vehicle equipped
505 with a spray rig used exclusively for spraying fruit trees or shrubs,
506 when equipped with rubber tires, the fee shall be [twenty-two] forty-
507 five dollars per annum whether the license is issued for the license
508 year or only a portion thereof. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall
509 be twenty-five dollars.]

510 (e) For all other motor vehicles which are eligible for commercial
511 registration, including tractors equipped with rubber tires other than
512 pneumatic tires, the fee shall be, for each such vehicle or tractor of
513 gross weight (1) not exceeding twenty thousand pounds, one dollar
514 and fifty cents, and on and after July 1, 1992, one dollar and seventy-
515 five cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof, and (2)
516 from twenty thousand and one pounds up to and including twenty-six
517 thousand pounds, two dollars, and on and after July 1, 1992, two
518 dollars and twenty-five cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction
519 thereof. The minimum fee for any such motor vehicle or tractor shall
520 be [fifty] seventy-six dollars. [On and after July 1, 1992, the minimum
521 fee shall be fifty-six dollars.]

522 Sec. 10. Section 14-49 of the general statutes is repealed and the
523 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

524 (a) For the registration of each passenger motor vehicle, other than
525 an electric motor vehicle, the fee shall be [seventy-five] eighty-five
526 dollars every two years, provided any individual who is sixty-five
527 years of age or older on or after January 1, 1981, may, at his discretion,
528 renew the registration of such passenger motor vehicle owned by him
529 for either a one-year or two-year period. The fee for one year shall be
530 [thirty-eight] forty-three dollars, and the fee for two years shall be

531 [seventy-five] eighty-five dollars; provided the biennial fee for any
532 motor vehicle for which special license plates have been issued under
533 the provisions of section 14-20 shall be [seventy-five] eighty-five
534 dollars. The provisions of this subsection relative to the biennial fee
535 charged for the registration of each antique, rare or special interest
536 motor vehicle for which special license plates have been issued under
537 section 14-20 shall not apply to an antique fire apparatus or transit bus
538 owned by a nonprofit organization and maintained primarily for use
539 in parades, exhibitions or other public events but not for purposes of
540 general transportation.

541 (b) (1) For the registration of each motorcycle, the biennial fee shall
542 be [forty] fifty dollars, subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
543 this subsection. For the registration of each motorcycle with side car or
544 box attached used for commercial purposes, the biennial fee shall be
545 [fifty-six] sixty-six dollars. The commissioner may register a
546 motorcycle with a side car under one registration which shall cover the
547 use of such motorcycle with or without such side car. (2) Four dollars
548 of the total fee with respect to the registration of each motorcycle shall,
549 when entered upon the records of the Special Transportation Fund, be
550 deemed to be appropriated to the Department of Transportation for
551 purposes of continuing the program of motorcycle rider education
552 formerly funded under the federal Highway Safety Act of 1978, 23
553 USC 402.

554 (c) For the registration of each taxicab or motor vehicle in livery
555 service, with a seating capacity of seven or less, the commissioner shall
556 charge a biennial fee of two hundred [fifty] seventy dollars. When the
557 seating capacity of such motor vehicle is more than seven, there shall
558 be added to the amount herein provided the sum of four dollars for
559 each seat so in excess.

560 (d) For the registration of each motor bus, except a motor bus
561 owned and operated by a multiple-state passenger carrier as
562 hereinafter defined, the commissioner shall charge a fee of [forty-
563 seven] seventy-three dollars and such registration shall be sufficient

564 for all types of operation under this chapter. [On and after July 1, 1992,
565 the fee shall be fifty-three dollars.] For the registration of motor buses
566 owned or operated by a multiple-state passenger carrier, the
567 commissioner shall charge registration fees based on the rate of one
568 dollar per hundredweight of the gross weight, such gross weight to be
569 computed by adding the light weight of the vehicle fully equipped for
570 service to one hundred fifty pounds per passenger for the rated seating
571 capacity, plus the sum of thirty-four dollars, and on and after July 1,
572 1992, one dollar and twenty-five cents plus the sum of thirty-nine
573 dollars. The fee in each case shall be determined on an apportionment
574 basis commensurate with the use of the highways of this state as
575 herein provided. The commissioner shall require the registration of
576 that percentage of the motor buses of such multiple-state passenger
577 carrier operating into or through the state which the mileage of such
578 motor buses actually operated in the state bears to the total mileage of
579 all such motor buses operated both within and without the state. Such
580 percentage figures shall be the mileage factor. In computing the
581 registration fees on the number of such motor buses which are
582 allocated to the state for registration purposes under the foregoing
583 formula, the commissioner shall first compute the amount that the
584 registration fees would be if all such motor buses were in fact subject
585 to registration in the state, and then apply to such amount the mileage
586 factor above referred to, provided, if the foregoing formula or method
587 of allocation results in apportioning a lesser or greater number of
588 motor buses or amount of registration fees to the state than the state
589 under all of the facts is fairly entitled to, then a formula that will fairly
590 apportion such registration fees to the state shall be determined and
591 used by the commissioner. Said mileage factor shall be computed prior
592 to March first of each year by using the mileage records of operations
593 of such motor buses operating both within and without the state for
594 the twelve-month period, or portion thereof, ending on August thirty-
595 first next preceding the commencement of the registration year for
596 which registration is sought. If there were no operations in the state
597 during any part of such preceding twelve-month period, the
598 commissioner shall proceed under the provisions of subsection (a) of

599 article IV of section 14-365. In apportioning the number of motor buses
600 to be registered in the state, as provided herein, any fractional part of a
601 motor bus shall be treated as a whole motor bus and shall be registered
602 and licensed as such. Any motor bus operated both within and
603 without the state which is not required to be registered in the state
604 under the provisions of this section shall nevertheless be identified as a
605 part of the fleet of the multiple-state passenger carrier and the
606 commissioner shall adopt an appropriate method of identification of
607 such motor buses owned and operated by such carrier. The
608 identification of all such motor buses by the commissioner as above
609 required shall be considered the same as the registration of such motor
610 buses under this chapter. The substitution from time to time of one
611 motor bus for another by a multiple-state passenger carrier shall not
612 require registration thereof in the state as long as the substitution does
613 not increase the aggregate number of motor buses employed in the
614 operation of such carrier, provided all such motor buses substituted for
615 others shall be immediately reported to and identification issued for
616 the same by the commissioner and, if a registration fee is required to
617 be paid for such substituted motor bus, the same shall be promptly
618 paid. As used in this subsection, the phrase "multiple-state passenger
619 carrier" means and includes any person, firm or corporation
620 authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor
621 agency to engage in the business of the transportation of passengers
622 for hire by motor buses, both within and without the state.

623 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part
624 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross
625 vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred
626 pounds, the commissioner shall charge a biennial fee of [eighty-three]
627 ninety-three dollars and shall issue combination registration to such
628 vehicle. (2) For the registration of a school bus, the commissioner shall
629 charge an annual fee of one hundred ten dollars for a type I school bus
630 and sixty dollars for a type II school bus. (3) For the registration of a
631 motor vehicle when used in part for commercial purposes and as a
632 passenger motor vehicle or of a motor vehicle having a seating
633 capacity greater than ten and not used for the conveyance of

634 passengers for hire, the commissioner shall charge a biennial fee for
635 gross weight as for commercial registration, as outlined in section 14-
636 47, as amended by this act, plus the sum of [thirteen] twenty-three
637 dollars and shall issue combination registration to such vehicle. (4)
638 Each vehicle registered as combination shall be issued a number plate
639 bearing the word "combination". No vehicle registered as combination
640 may have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of twelve thousand
641 five hundred pounds. (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having
642 a gross vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five
643 hundred pounds that is not used in part for commercial purposes, the
644 commissioner shall charge a biennial fee for gross weight as for
645 commercial registration, as provided in section 14-47, as amended by
646 this act, plus the sum of [thirteen] twenty-three dollars. The
647 commissioner may issue passenger registration to any such vehicle
648 with a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred
649 pounds or less.

650 (f) For the registration of each electric motor vehicle, the
651 commissioner shall charge a fee of [fifteen] twenty-eight dollars for
652 each year or part thereof. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be
653 eighteen dollars.]

654 (g) For the registration of all motorcycles, registered under a general
655 distinguishing number and mark, owned or operated by, or in the
656 custody of, a manufacturer of, dealer in or repairer of motorcycles,
657 there shall be charged an annual fee at the rate of [thirty-one] forty-five
658 dollars for each set of number plates furnished. [On and after July 1,
659 1992, the fee shall be thirty-five dollars.]

660 (h) The minimum annual fee for any commercial registration of a
661 motor vehicle not equipped with pneumatic tires shall be [fifty] sixty-
662 six dollars. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be fifty-six dollars.]

663 (i) For the transfer of the registration of a motor vehicle previously
664 registered, except as provided in subsection (e) of section 14-16, as
665 amended by this act, and subsection (d) of section 14-253a, there shall
666 be charged a fee of [twenty] twenty-five dollars.

667 (j) Repealed by 1972, P.A. 255, S. 6.

668 (k) For the registration of each motor hearse used exclusively for
669 transportation of the dead, the commissioner shall charge a fee of
670 [thirty-one] forty-five dollars. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall
671 be thirty-five dollars.] The commissioner may furnish distinguishing
672 number plates for any motor hearse.

673 (l) The fee for the registration of each truck to be used between parts
674 of an industrial plant, as provided in section 13a-117, shall be [twenty-
675 five] thirty-eight dollars for the first two hundred feet of the public
676 highway, the use of which is granted by such permit. [, and on and
677 after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be twenty-eight dollars.] For each
678 additional two hundred feet or fraction thereof, the fee shall be
679 [eleven] thirteen dollars. [, and on and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall
680 be twelve dollars.]

681 (m) (1) For the registration of a trailer used exclusively for camping
682 or any other recreational purpose, the commissioner shall charge a
683 biennial fee of [sixteen] twenty-eight dollars. [On and after July 1, 1992,
684 the fee shall be eighteen dollars] (2) For any other trailer or semitrailer
685 not drawn by a truck-tractor he shall charge the same fee as prescribed
686 for commercial registrations in section 14-47, as amended by this act,
687 provided the fee for a heavy duty trailer, a crane or any other heavy
688 construction equipment shall be three hundred [six] sixteen dollars for
689 each year; except that the registration fee for each motor vehicle
690 classed as a tractor-crane and equipped with rubber tires shall be one-
691 half the fee charged for the gross weight of commercial vehicles.

692 (n) For each temporary registration of a motor vehicle not used for
693 commercial purposes, or renewal of such registration, the
694 commissioner shall charge a fee computed at the rate of [twenty]
695 twenty-five dollars for each ten-day period, or part thereof. For each
696 temporary registration of a motor vehicle used for commercial
697 purposes, or renewal of such registration, the commissioner shall
698 charge a fee computed at the rate of [twenty-five] thirty dollars for
699 each ten-day period, or part thereof, if the motor vehicle has a gross

700 vehicle weight rating of six thousand pounds or less. For each
701 temporary registration of a motor vehicle used for commercial
702 purposes, or renewal of such registration, the commissioner shall
703 charge a fee computed at the rate of [~~forty-six~~] fifty-one dollars for
704 each ten-day period, or part thereof, if the motor vehicle has a gross
705 vehicle weight rating of more than six thousand pounds.

706 (o) No registration fee or operator's license fee shall be charged in
707 respect to any motor vehicle owned by a municipality, as defined in
708 section 7-245, any other governmental agency or a military agency and
709 used exclusively for the conduct of official business. No registration fee
710 shall be charged for any motor vehicle owned by or leased to a transit
711 district and used exclusively to provide public transportation. No fee
712 shall be charged for the registration of ambulances owned by hospitals
713 or any nonprofit civic organization approved by the commissioner, but
714 a fee of twenty dollars shall be charged for the inspection of any such
715 ambulance. No fee shall be charged for the registration of fire
716 department apparatus as provided by section 14-19. No registration fee
717 shall be charged to a disabled veteran, as defined in section 14-254,
718 residing in this state for the registration of three passenger, camper or
719 passenger and commercial motor vehicles leased or owned by such
720 veteran in any registration year, provided such vehicles shall not be
721 used for hire. No registration fee shall be charged for any motor
722 vehicle leased to an agency of this state on or after June 4, 1982.

723 (p) For the registration of a service bus owned by an individual,
724 firm or corporation, exclusive of any nonprofit charitable, religious,
725 educational or community service organization, and used for the
726 transportation of persons without charge, the commissioner shall
727 charge a fee of two hundred ten dollars for vehicles having a seating
728 capacity of sixteen passengers or less, including the driver, and seven
729 hundred ten dollars for vehicles having a seating capacity of more than
730 sixteen passengers. For the registration of any service bus owned by
731 any nonprofit charitable, religious, educational or community service
732 organization, the commissioner shall charge a fee of one hundred
733 [~~fifty~~] sixty dollars for vehicles having a seating capacity of sixteen

734 passengers or less, and five hundred ten dollars for vehicles having a
735 seating capacity of more than sixteen passengers, provided such
736 service bus is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting persons
737 in relation to the purposes and activities of such organization. Each
738 such registration shall be issued for a biennial period in accordance
739 with a schedule established by the commissioner. Nothing herein
740 contained shall affect the provisions of subsection (e) of this section.

741 (q) The commissioner shall collect a biennial fee of [twenty-eight]
742 thirty-eight dollars for the registration of each motor vehicle used
743 exclusively for farming purposes. No such motor vehicle may be used
744 for the purpose of transporting goods for hire or taking the on-the-
745 road skills test portion of the examination for a motor vehicle
746 operator's license. No farm registration shall be issued to any person
747 operating a farm that has gross annual sales of less than two thousand
748 five hundred dollars in the calendar year preceding registration. The
749 commissioner may issue a farm registration for a passenger motor
750 vehicle under such conditions as said commissioner shall prescribe in
751 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. No motor vehicle
752 issued a farm registration may be used to transport ten or more
753 passengers on any highway unless such motor vehicle meets the
754 requirements for equipment and mechanical condition set forth in this
755 chapter, and, in the case of a vehicle used to transport more than
756 fifteen passengers, including the driver, the applicable requirements of
757 the Code of Federal Regulations, as adopted by the commissioner, in
758 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-163c. The
759 operator of such motor vehicle used to transport ten or more
760 passengers shall hold a public transportation permit or endorsement
761 issued in accordance with the provisions of section 14-44. Any farm
762 registration used otherwise than as provided by this subsection shall
763 be revoked.

764 (r) Repealed by P.A. 73-549, S. 2, 4.

765 (s) A fee of [sixty-five] seventy-five dollars shall be charged in
766 addition to the regular fee prescribed for the registration of a motor

767 vehicle, including but not limited to any passenger motor vehicle or
768 motorcycle, in accordance with this section for a number plate or
769 plates for such vehicle bearing any combination of letters or numbers
770 requested by the registrant and which may be issued in the discretion
771 of the commissioner, except in any case in which the number plates
772 bear the official call letters of an amateur radio station. [On and after
773 July 1, 1992, the fee shall be sixty-five dollars.]

774 (t) For the registration of each camper, the commissioner shall
775 charge a biennial fee of [sixty-two] eighty dollars. [On and after July 1,
776 1992, the fee shall be seventy dollars.] The commissioner shall refund
777 one-half of the registration fee for any camper registration when the
778 number plate or plates and registration certificate are returned with
779 one year or more remaining until the expiration of such registration.

780 (u) Repealed by P.A. 85-81.

781 (v) There shall be charged for each motor vehicle learner's permit or
782 renewal thereof a fee of [eighteen] twenty-eight dollars. There shall be
783 charged for each motorcycle training permit or renewal thereof a fee of
784 [fifteen] twenty-five dollars.

785 (w) In addition to the fee established for the issuance of motor
786 vehicle number plates and except as provided in subsection (a) of
787 section 14-21b and subsection (c) of section 14-253a there shall be an
788 additional safety fee of [five] ten dollars charged at the time of
789 issuance of any reflectorized safety number plate or set of plates. All
790 moneys derived from said safety fee shall be deposited in the Special
791 Transportation Fund. The commissioner may waive said safety fee in
792 the case of any person who submits a police report to the
793 commissioner indicating that the number plate or set of number plates
794 have been stolen or mutilated.

795 (x) For the registration of each high-mileage vehicle, the
796 commissioner shall charge a fee of [thirty-nine] fifty-four dollars for
797 each year or part thereof. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be
798 forty-four dollars.]

799 (y) For each special use registration for a period of thirty days or
800 less, the fee shall be [twenty] thirty dollars.

801 (z) The commissioner shall assess a [ten-dollar] twenty-five-dollar
802 late fee for renewal of a motor vehicle registration in the event a
803 registrant fails to renew his registration within five days after the
804 expiration of such registration, except that no such fee shall be
805 assessed for the late renewal of the registration, pursuant to
806 subdivision (1) of subsection (m) of this section, of (1) a trailer used
807 exclusively for camping or any other recreational purpose, or (2) a
808 motor vehicle designed or permanently altered in such a way as to
809 provide living quarters for travel or camping.

810 (aa) The commissioner shall refund one-half of the registration fee
811 for any motor vehicle when the number plate or plates and registration
812 certificate are returned on or after July 1, 2004, with one year or more
813 remaining until the expiration of such registration.

814 Sec. 11. Section 14-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the
815 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

816 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-41, there
817 shall be charged a fee of forty-three dollars for each renewal of a motor
818 vehicle operator's license issued for a period of four years, a fee of
819 sixty-five dollars for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license
820 issued for a period of six years and an additional fee of twelve dollars
821 for each year for each passenger endorsement.

822 (b) There shall be charged for each examination of an operator of a
823 motor vehicle a fee of [forty] fifty dollars. There may be charged for
824 each advance appointment for an operator's license examination a fee
825 of fifteen dollars which fee shall be paid to the commissioner at least
826 six business days prior to the date of the appointment and shall be
827 applied toward the examination fee if the applicant keeps the
828 appointment. If the applicant fails to keep the appointment, the
829 appointment fee shall be forfeited, unless (1) in the judgment of the
830 commissioner, the applicant's failure to keep the appointment was due

831 to exigent circumstances, or (2) the applicant reschedules the
832 appointment.

833 (c) The commissioner shall waive any operator's license or
834 registration fee, including any renewal fee in the case of any person in
835 the active service of the armed forces of the United States who was a
836 legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction; and for one
837 licensing period to any person honorably separated from such service
838 who applies therefor within two years following the date of separation
839 and was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction.
840 The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
841 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

842 (d) Upon request by the chief of any regular fire department or
843 volunteer fire company operating in the state of Connecticut, the
844 commissioner shall waive the operator's examination fee in the case of
845 any member of any such fire department or company who applies for
846 a class 1 operator's license as provided in section 14-36a. The applicant
847 for such license shall satisfy all prerequisites for the issuance of a class
848 1 license.

849 (e) The commissioner may assess a fee to cover the cost of the
850 collection of number plates, motor vehicle registration certificates or
851 operators' licenses, upon the holders thereof; and such number plates,
852 motor vehicle registration certificates or operators' licenses shall not be
853 returned to the holder thereof or reissued until such fee is paid.

854 (f) Whenever any check issued to the commissioner in payment of
855 any fee is returned as uncollectible, the commissioner shall charge the
856 drawer of such check or the person presenting such check to him a fee
857 of thirty-five dollars for each such check which is drawn in an amount
858 of not more than two hundred dollars, and a fee of fifteen per cent of
859 the full amount of each such check which is drawn in an amount in
860 excess of two hundred dollars, plus all protest fees, to cover the cost of
861 collection.

862 (g) All fees provided for in this chapter shall be construed to be

863 license fees imposed for the administration of this chapter and as
864 compensation for the privilege of using the highways of this state, and
865 to reimburse the state in whole or in part for injury done to the
866 highways by the operation of motor vehicles.

867 Sec. 12. Section 14-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the
868 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

869 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee charged by
870 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the following items or services
871 shall be [~~twenty~~] twenty-five dollars:

872 (1) Duplicate of a registration certificate.

873 (2) First duplicate of a motor vehicle operator's license, second
874 duplicate of a motor vehicle operator's license, and each duplicate of a
875 motor vehicle operator's license thereafter, [~~thirty~~] thirty-five dollars.

876 (3) Replacement number plate or set of number plates, except as
877 provided in subsection (c) of section 14-253a.

878 (4) Replacement number plate or set of number plates bearing same
879 number as set of replaced plates.

880 (5) Each search of the accident record files made pursuant to a
881 request for a copy of an accident report which results in no document
882 being produced.

883 (6) Each copy of an accident report.

884 (7) Certified copy of an accident record.

885 (8) Certified statement of "no record of accident".

886 (9) Certified abstract of driving history record, or driving history
887 record for applicants for commercial driver's license with passenger
888 endorsement or transportation permit.

889 (10) Name of registered owner.

- 890 (11) Operator license information.
- 891 (12) Certification of any copy or record.
- 892 (13) Certified transcripts of hearing held by the commissioner, three
893 dollars and fifty cents per page with a minimum charge of [twenty]
894 twenty-five dollars.
- 895 (14) Each copy of a motor vehicle operator's completed application
896 for a license.
- 897 (15) Each copy of a completed application for registration of a motor
898 vehicle.
- 899 (16) Each copy of a title document provided to a municipality.
- 900 (17) Each request for information as provided in section 14-10, the
901 amount provided in said section.
- 902 (18) For any copy or material released from information maintained
903 by the Department of Motor Vehicles for which no fee is established by
904 statute, an amount determined by the commissioner.
- 905 (b) The commissioner may establish fees not conforming to those of
906 subsection (a) of this section for information furnished on a volume
907 basis to persons or firms who satisfy the commissioner that the
908 information furnished is properly required in connection with the
909 conduct of such person's or firm's business, except that commencing
910 on August 16, 2003, the fee established under this subsection for
911 driving history records furnished to for-profit businesses shall be not
912 less than fifteen dollars.
- 913 (c) The commissioner may waive any fee specified in subdivision (3)
914 or (4) of subsection (a) of this section in the case of any person who
915 submits a police report to the commissioner indicating that the number
916 plate or set of number plates have been stolen or mutilated for the
917 purpose of obtaining the sticker attached to the plate denoting the
918 expiration date of the registration.

919 (d) No person, firm or corporation furnished information by the
920 commissioner as provided by this section shall distribute such
921 information for any other purpose than that for which it was
922 furnished.

923 (e) Any person, firm or corporation which violates any provision of
924 this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

925 Sec. 13. Section 14-50b of the general statutes is repealed and the
926 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

927 (a) Any person whose operator's license or right to operate a motor
928 vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the
929 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or who has been disqualified from
930 operating a commercial motor vehicle, shall pay a restoration fee of
931 one hundred [twenty-five] fifty dollars to said commissioner prior to
932 the issuance to such person of a new operator's license or the
933 restoration of such operator's license or such privilege to operate a
934 motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall
935 be in addition to any other fees provided by law.

936 (b) Any person whose motor vehicle registration or right of
937 operation of a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or
938 revoked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall pay a restoration
939 fee of one hundred [twenty-five] fifty dollars to said commissioner
940 prior to the issuance to such person of a new registration or the
941 restoration of such registration or such right of operation. Such
942 restoration fee shall be in addition to any other fees provided by law.

943 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, on and
944 after July 1, 2005, the first two hundred fifty thousand dollars of
945 revenues collected from the payment of restoration fees under this
946 section shall be appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles for
947 the payment of costs, including, but not limited to, the cost of
948 computer reprogramming, incurred by the department in establishing
949 procedures for the suspension of operator's licenses or nonresident
950 operating privileges under subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section

951 14-227b.

952 Sec. 14. Subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
953 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
954 *1, 2009*):

955 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the
956 Office of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to
957 time modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed ten dollars per annual
958 inspection or twenty dollars for each biennial inspection or
959 reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for inspections
960 performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such fees shall be
961 paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the costs to the
962 state of the emissions inspection program, including administrative
963 costs and payments to any independent contractor, exceed the income
964 from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by the state. Any
965 person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official emissions
966 inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply with any
967 required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the right
968 within thirty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to the
969 same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection without
970 charge, provided, where the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal
971 holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that
972 special circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions
973 inspection to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for
974 reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee
975 of [twenty] twenty-five dollars for the emissions inspection of a motor
976 vehicle performed at an official emissions inspection station later than
977 thirty days after the expiration date of the assigned inspection period
978 provided the commissioner may waive such late fee when it is proven
979 to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to have the vehicle
980 inspected within thirty days of the assigned inspection period was due
981 to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been
982 transferred subsequent to the expiration date of the assigned
983 inspection period and the new owner has such motor vehicle inspected
984 within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle, the

985 commissioner shall waive the late fee. If the thirtieth day falls on a
986 Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has
987 established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have
988 caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such vehicle may be
989 inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be assessed.

990 (2) If the commissioner authorizes a licensed dealer or repairer to
991 conduct emissions inspections of 1996 model year and newer vehicles
992 required by this chapter, the commissioner may authorize such
993 licensee to charge a fee, not to exceed twenty dollars for each biennial
994 inspection or reinspection.

995 (3) Upon the registration of each new motor vehicle subject to the
996 inspection requirements of this chapter, or of each motor vehicle that is
997 four or less model years of age that has not been registered previously
998 in this state, the commissioner may issue a sticker indicating the
999 exempt status of such motor vehicle and the date on which the motor
1000 vehicle is scheduled to be presented for inspection. Any such sticker
1001 that may be issued shall be displayed on the motor vehicle in
1002 accordance with subsection (d) of this section. On and after July 1,
1003 2002, the commissioner shall charge a fee of forty dollars in addition to
1004 any other fees required for such registration. All receipts from the
1005 payment of such fee shall be deposited in the Special Transportation
1006 Fund.

1007 Sec. 15. Section 14-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1008 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

1009 (a) The commissioner shall be paid the following fees: (1) For filing
1010 an application for a certificate of title, [twenty-five] thirty dollars; (2)
1011 for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title or maintained
1012 in the electronic title file pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-175,
1013 [ten] fifteen dollars; (3) for each record copy search, [twenty] twenty-
1014 five dollars; (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a
1015 certificate of title or maintained in the electronic title file, [ten] fifteen
1016 dollars; (5) for an application for a duplicate certificate of title, [twenty-
1017 five] thirty dollars, provided such fee shall not be required for any

1018 such duplicate certificate of title (A) which is requested on a form
1019 prepared and signed by the assessor in any town for purposes of such
1020 proof of ownership of a motor vehicle as may be required in
1021 accordance with section 12-71b, or (B) in connection with an
1022 application submitted by a licensed dealer in accordance with the
1023 provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-12 or section 14-61; (6) for an
1024 ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive
1025 certificate, [ten] fifteen dollars; (7) for filing a notice of security interest,
1026 [ten] fifteen dollars; (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the
1027 Department of Motor Vehicles, for each name or identification number
1028 searched against, [twenty] twenty-five dollars; (9) for filing an
1029 assignment of security interest, [ten] fifteen dollars; (10) for search of a
1030 motor vehicle certificate of title record, requested by a person other
1031 than the owner of such motor vehicle, [twenty] twenty-five dollars;
1032 and (11) for a bond filing under section 14-176, [twenty-five] thirty
1033 dollars.

1034 (b) If an application, certificate of title or other document required to
1035 be mailed or delivered to the commissioner under any provision of this
1036 chapter is not delivered to the commissioner within ten days from the
1037 time it is required to be mailed or delivered, the commissioner shall
1038 collect, as a penalty, an amount equal to the fee required for the
1039 transaction.

1040 (c) Motor vehicles leased to an agency of this state and motor
1041 vehicles owned by the state, an agency of the state, or a municipality,
1042 as defined in section 7-245, shall be exempt from the fees imposed by
1043 this section.

1044 Sec. 16. Section 13b-78m of the general statutes is repealed and the
1045 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

1046 (a) (1) Effective January 1, 2010, each New Haven Line rail fare
1047 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one and
1048 one-quarter per cent over the existing fare on all rail fares on the New
1049 Haven Line, [and the proceeds of such increase shall be deposited in
1050 the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1051 (2) Effective January 1, 2011, each New Haven Line rail fare
1052 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one per
1053 cent over the existing fare. [and the proceeds of such increase shall be
1054 deposited in the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1055 (3) Effective January 1, 2012, each New Haven Line rail fare
1056 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one per
1057 cent over the existing fare. [and the proceeds of such increase shall be
1058 deposited in the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1059 (4) Effective January 1, 2013, each New Haven Line rail fare
1060 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one per
1061 cent over the existing fare. [and the proceeds of such increase shall be
1062 deposited in the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1063 (5) Effective January 1, 2014, each New Haven Line rail fare
1064 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one per
1065 cent over the existing fare. [and the proceeds of such increase shall be
1066 deposited in the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1067 (6) Effective January 1, 2015, each New Haven Line rail fare
1068 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one per
1069 cent over the existing fare. [and the proceeds of such increase shall be
1070 deposited in the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1071 (7) Effective January 1, 2016, each New Haven Line rail fare
1072 originating or terminating in the state shall be increased by one per
1073 cent over the existing fare. [and the proceeds of such increase shall be
1074 deposited in the account established by subsection (b) of this section.]

1075 [(b) There is hereby created a restricted capital project account to be
1076 known as the New Haven Line revitalization account which shall be a
1077 nonlapsing account within the Special Transportation Fund. The
1078 following funds shall be deposited into the account: (1) The proceeds
1079 of the fare increases required by subsection (a) of this section, and (2)
1080 any other funds required by law to be deposited in the account. Funds
1081 in the account shall be used solely for capital costs and debt service

1082 incurred as part of the New Haven Line revitalization program
1083 undertaken pursuant to public act 05-4 of the June special session*,
1084 except that such funds may be used for the purchase of rail cars for the
1085 New Haven Line in addition to those specified in subdivision (1) of
1086 section 13b-78l.

1087 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, in
1088 consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, annually
1089 prepare a budget detailing how funds in the New Haven Line
1090 revitalization account shall be spent during the next fiscal year. On the
1091 approval of such budget by the Governor, the Commissioner of
1092 Transportation may expend funds from such account for the purposes
1093 stated therein.]

1094 [(d)] (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall, by regulations
1095 adopted in accordance with chapter 54, determine the method by
1096 which the increase shall be applied to daily, multiple-ride, weekly and
1097 monthly commutation tickets.

1098 Sec. 17. Section 13b-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1099 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

1100 As used in title 13a or in this title, unless the context clearly
1101 indicates a different meaning or intent, all terms which are defined in
1102 section 4-69 shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in said
1103 section. As used in sections 13b-59 and 13b-61, unless the context
1104 clearly indicates a different meaning or intent:

1105 (a) All terms which are defined in section 13b-2 shall have the
1106 respective meanings ascribed thereto in said section;

1107 (b) "Expressway revenues" means all tolls, rates, rents, fees, charges
1108 and other income derived from the operation of any expressway
1109 referred to in part III(C) of chapter 240;

1110 (c) "Highway tolls" means all tolls, fees, rentals and other charges,
1111 except expressway revenues, for transit over or use of any highway,
1112 bridge or ferry, including all receipts from fees, coupons or tickets

1113 provided for under section 13a-155;

1114 (d) "License, permit and fee revenues" means (1) all fees and other
1115 charges required by, or levied pursuant to sections 12-487, 13b-80 and
1116 13b-97, subsection (b) of section 14-12, sections 14-16a, 14-21c, 14-44h,
1117 as amended by this act, and 14-44i, subsection (v) of section 14-49,
1118 subsections [(b)] (a) and [(f)] (e) of section 14-50, as amended by this
1119 act, subdivisions (5), (6), (7), (8), (11), (12) and (13) of subsection (a) of
1120 section 14-50a, as amended by this act, sections 14-52, 14-58, 14-67l and
1121 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, sections 14-96q and 14-103a,
1122 subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, as
1123 amended by this act, subsection (d) of section 14-270, as amended by
1124 this act, sections 14-319 and 14-320 and sections 13b-410a to 13b-410c,
1125 inclusive; (2) all aeronautics, waterways, and other fees and charges
1126 required by, or levied pursuant to sections 13a-80 and 13a-80a,
1127 subsection (b) of section 13b-42 and subsections (b) and (c) of section
1128 15-13; and (3) all motor vehicle related fines, penalties or other charges
1129 as defined in subsection (g);

1130 (e) "Motor fuel taxes" means any tax now or hereafter imposed by
1131 authority of the state with respect to or measured by the sale or use, as
1132 a fuel in internal combustion engines or for the propulsion of motor
1133 vehicles, of products commonly or commercially known or sold as
1134 gasoline or any other substances prepared, advertised for sale or sold
1135 for use as a fuel in internal combustion engines or for the propulsion of
1136 motor vehicles, including the taxes provided for by chapter 221 or
1137 chapter 222;

1138 (f) "Motor vehicle receipts" means all fees and other charges
1139 required by or levied pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-12,
1140 section 14-15, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection
1141 (b) of section 14-35, subsection (b) of section 14-41, as amended by this
1142 act, section 14-41a, subsection (b) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, as
1143 amended by this act, and 14-48b, subsection (a) of section 14-49, as
1144 amended by this act, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-49,
1145 as amended by this act, except as provided under subdivision (2) of

1146 subsection (b) of said section, subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k),
1147 (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (s), (t), (u), (x), (y) and (aa) of section 14-49, as
1148 amended by this act, section 14-49a, [subsections (a) and (g)]
1149 subsection (f) of section 14-50, as amended by this act, subdivisions (1),
1150 (2), (3), (4), (9), (10) and (14) of subsection (a) of section 14-50a, as
1151 amended by this act, sections 14-59, 14-61 and 14-65, subsection (c) of
1152 section 14-66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, subsection (f) of section
1153 14-67a, sections 14-67d, 14-160 and 14-381, and subsection (b) of section
1154 14-382;

1155 (g) "Motor vehicle related fines, penalties or other charges" means
1156 all fines, penalties or other charges required by, or levied pursuant to
1157 subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-12s, 14-13, 14-16, as
1158 amended by this act, 14-17, 14-18, 14-26, 14-27 and 14-29, subsection (d)
1159 of section 14-35 and sections 14-36, 14-39, 14-43, 14-45, 14-64, 14-80,
1160 14-81, 14-97, 14-98, 14-99, 14-101, 14-102, 14-103, 14-104, 14-105, 14-106,
1161 14-110, 14-111, 14-112, 14-137a, 14-140, 14-145, 14-146, 14-147, 14-148,
1162 14-149, 14-150, 14-151, 14-152, 14-161, subsection (f) of section 14-164i,
1163 14-196, 14-197, 14-198, 14-213, 14-214, 14-215, 14-216, 14-217, 14-218a,
1164 14-219, 14-220, 14-221, 14-222, 14-223, 14-224, 14-225, 14-226, 14-228,
1165 14-230, 14-231, 14-232, 14-233, 14-234, 14-235, 14-236, 14-237, 14-238,
1166 14-239, 14-240, 14-241, 14-242, 14-243, 14-244, 14-245, 14-246a, 14-247,
1167 14-249, 14-250, 14-257, 14-260, 14-261, 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a, 14-269,
1168 subsection (g) of section 14-270, as amended by this act, sections
1169 14-271, 14-273, 14-274, 14-275, 14-276, 14-277, 14-279, 14-280, 14-281,
1170 14-282, 14-283, 14-285, 14-286, 14-295, 14-296, 14-300, 14-314, 14-329,
1171 14-331, 14-342, 14-386, 14-386a, 14-387, 15-7, 15-8, 15-9, 15-16, 15-25 and
1172 15-33;

1173 (h) "Motor vehicle taxes" means any fees, excises or licenses or other
1174 taxes imposed by authority of the state relating to registration,
1175 operation or use of motor vehicles including all receipts of the
1176 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or his department, but not including
1177 in any case tolls, fees, rentals and charges for transit over or use of any
1178 expressway, highway, bridge or ferry or revenue received by the state
1179 in fees for the numbering of motorboats;

1180 (i) "Treasurer" means the State Treasurer and includes each
1181 successor in office or authority; and

1182 (j) "Special Transportation Fund" means the Special Transportation
1183 Fund created under section 13b-68.

1184 Sec. 18. Section 13b-78k of the general statutes is repealed and the
1185 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

1186 As used in this section, sections 13b-57m and 13b-57q to 13b-57s,
1187 inclusive, subsections (a), (b) and (c) of section 13b-57t, sections 13b-74
1188 and 13b-78l to 13b-78o, inclusive, and section 46 of public act 05-3 of
1189 the June special session*:

1190 (1) "New Haven Line" means the rail passenger service operated
1191 between New Haven and intermediate points and Grand Central
1192 station, including the Danbury, Waterbury and New Canaan branch
1193 lines.

1194 [(2) "New Haven Line revitalization account" means the account
1195 established by subsection (b) of section 13b-78m.]

1196 [(3)] (2) "New Haven Line revitalization program" means the design,
1197 development, construction and acquisition of maintenance facilities,
1198 rail cars and related equipment for use on the New Haven Line, as
1199 specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 13b-78l.

1200 [(4)] (3) "Transportation Strategy Board projects account" means the
1201 account created by subsection (a) of section 13b-57r.

1202 [(5)] (4) "Transportation system improvement" means: [(1)] (A)
1203 Projects included in the state-wide transportation improvement
1204 program, [(2)] (B) funded and unfunded projects included in regional
1205 transportation improvement plans, or [(3)] (C) projects identified in
1206 subsection (h) of section 13b-57.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	14-270
Sec. 3	July 1, 2009	1-1h
Sec. 4	July 1, 2009	14-12g
Sec. 5	July 1, 2009	14-12s
Sec. 6	July 1, 2009	14-16
Sec. 7	July 1, 2009	14-41
Sec. 8	July 1, 2009	14-44h
Sec. 9	July 1, 2009	14-47
Sec. 10	July 1, 2009	14-49
Sec. 11	July 1, 2009	14-50
Sec. 12	July 1, 2009	14-50a
Sec. 13	July 1, 2009	14-50b
Sec. 14	July 1, 2009	14-164c(k)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2009	14-192
Sec. 16	July 1, 2009	13b-78m
Sec. 17	July 1, 2009	13b-59
Sec. 18	July 1, 2009	13b-78k

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 4(d) the subdivision sequence was changed for clarity and "will" was replaced with "shall" for consistency.

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note and OLR Bill Analysis

sHB-6393

AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLES, HIGHWAY SAFETY AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.

OFA SUMMARY IMPACT:

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - See Below	See Below	See Below
Department of Transportation	TF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

A section-by-section fiscal impact analysis is presented in conjunction with the bill summary.

OLR SUMMARY:

This bill:

1. establishes a new Driver Responsibility Fee Assessment for people convicted of certain motor vehicle-related offenses;
2. increases fees related to oversize vehicle permits issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and establishes a new set of engineering fees;
3. increases numerous motor vehicle-related fees;
4. postpones implementation of driver license renewal vision screening requirements for two years, until July 1, 2011;

5. eliminates the New Haven Line revitalization account as a separate account in the Special Transportation Fund; and
6. makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

§ 1 – Driver Responsibility Fee Assessment

OFA Fiscal Impact

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	4,000,000	8,000,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	Less than 150,000	Less than 150,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	53,000	53,000
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits) ¹	TF - Cost	13,478	13,478
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	500,000	None

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This section establishes a \$1,000 fee to be imposed (for a period of two years) by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles on any person found guilty of certain offenses specified within the bill. Each year, approximately 5,000 offenders are convicted of these crimes. Provided that 80% of these offenders pay their fines, first year revenues would be approximately \$4 million and annual revenues in FY 11 and thereafter would be approximately \$8 million.

The revenue gain to the Transportation Fund from the driver's

¹ The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller on an actual cost basis. The following is provided for estimated costs associated with additional personnel. The estimated non-pension fringe benefit rate as a percentage of payroll is 25.43%. Fringe benefit costs for new positions do not initially include pension costs as the state's pension contribution is based upon the 6/30/08 actuarial valuation for the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) which certifies the contribution for FY 10 and FY 11. Therefore, new positions will not impact the state's pension contribution until FY 12 after the next scheduled certification on 6/30/2010.

license point surcharge is anticipated to be less than \$150,000 per year.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will require 1 additional License Motor Vehicle Inspectors at \$53,000 each plus fringes to process driver history records. There is a one-time cost to DMV of \$500,000 in FY 10 for development and computer programming of the Driver Responsibility Fee Assessment system.

OLR Analysis

The bill establishes a Driver Responsibility Fee Assessment under which drivers convicted of certain violations must pay an additional fee to the state for a two-year period (see COMMENT). It requires:

1. anyone who accumulates seven or more driver's license points to pay an annual fee of \$100 for two consecutive years and an additional \$50 for each point accumulated above seven and
2. anyone convicted of certain serious offenses to pay an additional annual fee of \$1,000 for two consecutive years.

The fees are in addition to the fines and other charges that must be paid for the violations themselves.

The serious offenses for which the additional two-year \$1,000 fee applies include:

1. manslaughter, negligent homicide, or a felony resulting from operation of a motor vehicle;
2. "driving while impaired in violation of subsection (b) of section 14-227a of the general statutes";
3. failing to stop and disclose one's identity at the scene of an accident when required by law; and
4. fleeing or eluding an officer.

The bill requires the motor vehicle commissioner to collect these additional fees. He must send the person a notice of the driver

responsibility assessment by regular mail to the address in DMV records. If payment is not received within 30 days of when he mailed the notice, the commissioner must send a second notice stating that if payment is not received within the next 30 days the driver's "driving privileges" will be suspended. (Presumably, the second 30-day period begins when the second notice is mailed.)

The commissioner may authorize payment of amounts of \$500 or more by installment for a period of up to 12 months. If a payment is not received or an installment plan is not established after the time limit required by the second notice expires, the commissioner must suspend the person's "driving privileges" until it and "any other fees prescribed" by this provision are paid. (There do not appear to be any other fees prescribed by this provision.)

The fee the bill establishes based on accumulated driver's license points can only be assessed on points assigned after July 1, 2009. Drivers with seven license points on July 1, 2009 may not be assessed the fee until they receive points after July 1.

COMMENT

By law, the motor vehicle commissioner may establish a driver's license point system by regulation. However, not all pointable violations result in assessment of license points. By law, the commissioner may not assess license points for an infraction or violation if it is eligible for mail-in processing to the Centralized Infractions Bureau and the person sends payment of the fine, fees, and other charges by the date required (CGS § 14-137a).

The bill's references to some of the serious offenses that result in the two-year \$1,000 assessment are ambiguous. The reference to manslaughter resulting from motor vehicle operation appears to mean manslaughter in the second degree with a motor vehicle (CGS § 53a-56b). The reference to negligent homicide resulting from vehicle operation appears to mean negligent homicide with a motor vehicle (CGS § 14-222a), but it also could include misconduct with a motor

vehicle (CGS § 53a-57). It is unclear what offenses may be involved under the reference to “a felony resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.”

The reference to “driving while impaired in violation of subsection (b) of section 14-227a” appears to be incorrect. Subsection (b) refers to the admissibility of a chemical test of blood, breath, or urine in a criminal prosecution. Subsection (a) of 14-227a establishes the offenses of driving “while under the influence of alcohol or drugs” or with an “elevated blood alcohol content.” There is no reference in the statute to “driving while impaired.”

The references to “failing to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident” and “fleeing or eluding an officer” appear to refer to offenses prosecuted under CGS §§ 14-224 and 14-223(b) respectively.

§ 2 – Fees Related to DOT Oversize Vehicle Permits

OFA Fiscal Impact

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Transportation	TF - Revenue Gain	4.1 million	4.2 million

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases permit fees for oversized and/or overweight vehicles. This is expected to result in a revenue gain to the Transportation Fund of approximately \$4.1 million in FY 10 and \$4.2 million in FY 11 and thereafter.

OLR Analysis

By law, a motor vehicle that exceeds the maximum height, width, length, or weight limitations set by state law may only be operated on a highway if it has been issued a DOT oversize vehicle permit. The bill establishes an engineering fee for overweight vehicle permits that

varies by the amount the vehicle exceeds state limits as follows:

1. \$50 for a single unit truck that exceeds gross weight limits of: 110,000 pounds on four axles, 114,500 pounds on five axles, or 115,000 pounds on six axles when routing requires such a vehicle to traverse a structure with a non-posted limit;
2. \$100 for any vehicle combination for: (a) an overweight permit request for a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 160,000 pounds but less than 200,000 pounds or (b) an oversize permit request for a vehicle with a height or width exceeding 15 feet or an overall length exceeding 140 feet;
3. \$200 for any vehicle combination weighing 200,000 pounds or more but less than 500,000 pounds; or
4. \$500 for any vehicle combination weighing 500,000 pounds or more.

Vehicles required to pay the engineering fee are permitted to use the approved routing for a six-month period, as long as neither the vehicle configuration nor routing changes.

By law, a vehicle owner or lessee may pay for either a single trip permit or an annual permit. The bill increases the single trip permit fee from \$23 to \$30 and requires it to be nonrefundable. It increases the fee for an annual permit for a vehicle transporting (a) a divisible load, (b) an overweight or oversize-overweight indivisible load, or (c) an oversize divisible load from \$7 to \$9 per 1,000 pounds of weight or fraction thereof. By law, the annual permit may be issued in any increment up to one year. Currently, the applicant must pay one-tenth of the annual fee for each month or part of a month. The bill increases this to \$100 per month or fraction.

Currently, an annual permit for a vehicle transporting an oversize indivisible load must be a minimum of \$500. The bill increases this to \$650.

Finally, the bill increases the transmittal fee from \$3 to \$5 for each permit issued and transmitted electronically.

The bill prohibits all of these fees from being prorated, transferable, or refundable.

§§ 3-15 – Various Motor Vehicle Fee Increases

OFA Fiscal Impact

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF – Revenue Gain	36.2 million	36.2 million

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases various fees. This is expected to result in a revenue gain to the Transportation Fund of approximately \$36.2 million per year.

OLR Analysis

The bill increases various motor vehicle-related fees as shown below.

Bill §	CGS §	Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
3	1-1h	Non-driver ID issuance	\$22.50	\$29
		Non-driver ID renewal	\$22.50	\$29
5	14-12s	Vehicle registration-administrative	\$10	\$15
6	14-16	Transfer of vehicle registration to a family member when owner dies	\$20	\$25
		Transfer of vehicle registration in connection with corporate reorganization	\$20	\$25
		Transfer of registration between	\$20	\$25

		vehicles	(minimum)	(minimum)
7	14-41	Original driver's license issue		
		four-year	\$44	\$52
		six-year	\$66	\$78
		part of a year	\$11	\$13
8	14-44h	Commercial driver's license-original	\$15 per year or part thereof	\$19 per year or part thereof
9	14-47	Vehicles with commercial registration-additional fee	\$10	\$30
		Vehicles with commercial registration with pneumatic tires	\$44 (minimum)	\$64 (minimum)
		Annual registration fee-well drilling equipment	\$46	\$66
		Annual registration fee for saw rigs and spray rigs	\$25	\$45
		Minimum registration fee-all other commercial vehicles	\$56	\$76
10	14-49	Passenger vehicle registration		
		one-year (seniors)	\$38	\$43
		two-year	\$75	\$85
		Motorcycle registration (biennial)	\$40	\$50
		with commercial sidecar	\$56	\$66
		owned by manufacturer, dealer, or repairer (annual)	\$35	\$45
		Taxicab/livery vehicle registration	\$250	\$270
		Registration of antique, rare, or special interest motor vehicle	\$75	\$85
		Motorbus registration (other than multistate carrier)	\$53	\$73
		Biennial combination vehicle registration	\$83	\$93
		Type I school bus registration	\$100	\$110

Vehicles seating more than 10 not used for hire- additional biennial fee	\$13	\$23
Noncommercial pick up weighing under 12,500 pounds-additional biennial fee	\$13	\$23
Electric vehicle registration	\$18	\$28
Motorcycle registration under general distinguishing number and mark	\$35	\$45
Minimum registration for vehicles without pneumatic tires	\$56	\$66
Registration transfer for vehicles except as provided by Sec. 14-16(e) or 14-253a	\$20	\$25
Hearse registration	\$35	\$45
Industrial truck registration		
First 200 feet of highway use	\$28	\$38
Each additional 200 feet	\$12	\$13
Biennial camping or recreational trailer registration fee	\$18	\$28
Annual heavy duty trailer or other construction equipment registration fee	\$306	\$316
Temporary registration (per 10-day period)		
Non-commercial vehicles		
Commercial vehicles < up to 6,000 lbs	\$20	\$25
Commercial vehicles >6,001 lbs	\$25	\$30
Commercial vehicles >6,001 lbs	\$46	\$51
Service bus registration--owned by other than non-profit organization: 16 passengers maximum more than 16 passengers	\$200 \$700	\$210 \$710
Service bus registration--owned by non-profit organization 16 passengers maximum more than 16 passengers	\$150 \$500	\$160 \$510
Biennial farm vehicle registration	\$28	\$38

		Additional fee for amateur radio plate	\$65	\$75
		Biennial camper registration	\$70	\$80
		Learner's permit	\$18	\$28
		Motorcycle learner's permit	\$15	\$25
		Reflectorized plate	\$5	\$10
		High mileage vehicle registration	\$44	\$54
		Special use registration	\$20	\$30
		Late fee for failure to register	\$10	\$25
11	14-50	Driver's license exam	\$40	\$50
12	14-50a	Fee for duplicates of registrations, replacement plates, accident reports, etc.	\$20	\$25
		Duplicate driver's licenses	\$30	\$35
		Minimum charge for transcripts of DMV hearings	\$20	\$25
13	14-50b	Driver's license or vehicle registration restoration fee	\$125	\$150
14	14-164c	Late fee-emissions inspections	\$20	\$25
15	14-192	Application for certificate of title	\$25	\$30
		Noting security interest on a title	\$10	\$15
		Record copy search	\$20	\$25
		Assignment of security interest on a title	\$10	\$15
		Application for duplicate title	\$25	\$30
		Ordinary title in lieu of distinctive certificate	\$10	\$15
		Filing notice of security interest	\$10	\$15
		Certificate of DMV records search	\$20	\$25
		Filing an assignment of security	\$10	\$15

		interest		
		Search of certificate of title record requested by non-owner	\$20	\$25
		Filing bond for certificate of title	\$25	\$30

In addition, the bill increases from \$200 to \$250 the civil penalty the motor vehicle commissioner must collect when someone who has failed to maintain insurance on a passenger motor vehicle and has entered into a consent agreement with the commissioner (§ 4).

§ 7(a) – Postponement of Vision Screening for Drivers’ License Renewals

OFA Fiscal Impact

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF – Savings	2.2 million	2.2 million

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Postponing the requirement that DMV screen the vision of every licensed driver until FY 12 is expected to result in a savings to the Transportation Fund of approximately \$2.2 million in each year of the biennium.

OLR Analysis

The bill postpones for two years, until July 1, 2011, the requirement that the motor vehicle commissioner conduct a vision screening at the time of every other driver’s license renewal. Under current law, in lieu of a DMV screening, an operator may submit the results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed health care professional qualified to conduct such screenings if it was done within the 12 months preceding license renewal.

§§ 16-18 – Elimination of New Haven Line Revitalization Account
OFA Fiscal Impact**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**OLR Analysis**

The bill eliminates the New Haven Line revitalization account as a separate non-lapsing restricted capital project account in the Special Transportation Fund and makes conforming changes. The account was created in 2005 as part of the legislation providing funding for the New Haven Line revitalization project. The project encompasses the purchase of new rail cars for the New Haven Line, the new rail maintenance facility in New Haven, and related equipment acquisition.

BACKGROUND**Legislative History**

The House referred the bill (File 398) to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee on April 7. The committee favorably reported a substitute bill on April 16. The substitute corrects a mistake in the original bill that eliminated the DMV commissioner's authority to charge a fee for renewing a driver's license. While the change restores the commissioner's current authority to charge the renewal fee, it makes no change in the fee itself.

Related Bill

A provision of sSB 1073 (File 382) eliminates the requirement for vision screening for driver's license renewals.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 6 (03/16/2009)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/16/2009)