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**AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-36g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
5 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection
6 (a) of this section. Such regulations may provide exceptions to the
7 provisions of subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (a) of this section for a
8 single parent under the age of eighteen for the purposes of
9 transporting the child of such parent to day care, child care and
10 education facilities, medical appointments, and for such other
11 purposes as may be determined by the commissioner.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
14 *passage*):

15 (c) (1) On or after January 1, 1997, a person who is sixteen or
16 seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's
17 license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or
18 revoked may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
19 learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a learner's permit to an
20 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as
21 to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of
22 the road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49
23 and has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,
24 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the learner's permit and the
25 motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both parents or
26 foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, (B) the
27 legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the
28 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no
29 qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal
30 guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled without the state or
31 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the
32 applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or
33 marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The
34 commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the
35 commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in
36 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 or any secondary
37 school providing instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway
38 safety in accordance with section 14-36e to issue a learner's permit,
39 subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may
40 prescribe in regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each
41 learner's permit shall expire on the date the holder of the permit is
42 issued a motor vehicle operator's license or on the date the holder
43 attains the age of eighteen years, whichever is earlier. (2) The learner's
44 permit shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his
45 or her immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public
46 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and
47 accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued
48 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age

49 or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years
50 preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the
51 motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her motor
52 vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner during the
53 four-year period preceding the instruction. (3) Unless the holder of the
54 permit is under the instruction of and accompanied by a person who
55 holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-
56 73, no passenger in addition to the person providing instruction shall
57 be transported unless such passenger is a parent or legal guardian of
58 the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a learner's permit who (A) is
59 an active member of a certified ambulance service, as defined in
60 section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an emergency vehicle operator's
61 course that conforms to the national standard curriculum developed
62 by the United States Department of Transportation, and (C) has had
63 state and national criminal history records checks conducted by the
64 certified ambulance service or by the municipality in which such
65 ambulance service is provided, shall be exempt from the provisions of
66 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection only when such holder is en
67 route to or from the location of the ambulance for purposes of
68 responding to an emergency call. (5) The commissioner may revoke
69 any learner's permit used in violation of the limitations imposed by
70 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection.

71 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is
72 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
73 *1, 2009*):

74 (f) Whenever any check issued to the commissioner in payment of
75 any fee is returned as uncollectible, or a payment of any fee by means
76 of a credit or debit card is rejected or dishonored, the commissioner
77 shall charge the drawer of such check or the person presenting such
78 check to him, or the holder of the credit or debit card or the person
79 presenting such credit or debit card to him, a fee of thirty-five dollars
80 for each such [check which is drawn in an] fee that is due amount of
81 not more than two hundred dollars, and a fee of fifteen per cent of the

82 full amount of each such [check which is drawn] fee that is due in an
83 amount in excess of two hundred dollars, plus all protest fees or
84 charges, to cover the cost of collection.

85 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the
86 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
87 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

88 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
89 whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license has been
90 convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended
91 judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the
92 commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such person's operator's
93 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state as follows:
94 For a first violation of subsection (a) of section 14-224 or section 14-110,
95 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period of not less than one year and, for a
96 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than two years;
97 for a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222, or subsection (c) of
98 section 14-224, for a period of not less than thirty days or more than
99 ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not
100 less than ninety days; for a violation of subsection (b) of section 14-224,
101 for a period of not less than ninety days and for a subsequent violation
102 thereof, for a period of not less than one year; for a first violation of
103 subsection (b) of section 14-147, for a period of not less than ninety
104 days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less
105 than five years; for a first violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147,
106 for a period of not less than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation
107 thereof, for a period of not less than one year.

108 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the
109 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
110 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

111 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-111b, whenever the
112 holder of any motor vehicle operator's license or learner's permit who
113 is less than eighteen years of age or whenever a person who does not

114 hold an operator's license who is less than eighteen years of age has
115 been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a
116 suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following violations,
117 the commissioner shall suspend such person's operator's license or
118 privilege to obtain an operator's license as follows: For a first violation
119 of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-219, as amended by
120 this act, or subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 14-219, as
121 amended by this act, for a period of sixty days and, for a second
122 violation thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or
123 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six months; for a first
124 violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222, for a period of six months
125 and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a
126 violation of subsection (c) of section 14-224, for a period of six months
127 and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a
128 first violation of section 14-296aa, for a period of thirty days and, for a
129 second violation thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or
130 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six months.

131 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is
132 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
133 *1, 2009*):

134 (c) If the person arrested refuses to submit to such test or analysis or
135 submits to such test or analysis, commenced within two hours of the
136 time of operation, and the results of such test or analysis indicate that
137 such person has an elevated blood alcohol content, the police officer,
138 acting on behalf of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall
139 immediately revoke and take possession of the motor vehicle
140 operator's license or, if such person is a nonresident, suspend the
141 nonresident operating privilege of such person, for a twenty-four-hour
142 period. The police officer shall prepare a [written] report of the
143 incident and shall mail or otherwise transmit in accordance with this
144 subsection the report and a copy of the results of any chemical test or
145 analysis to the Department of Motor Vehicles within three business
146 days. The report shall [be made on a form approved] contain such

147 information as prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and
148 shall be subscribed and sworn to under penalty of false statement as
149 provided in section 53a-157b by the arresting officer. The report shall
150 contain the certification of the arresting officer that such officer had
151 probable cause to arrest such person for a violation of subsection (a) of
152 section 14-227a. If the person arrested refused to submit to such test or
153 analysis, the report shall be endorsed by a third person who witnessed
154 such refusal. The report shall set forth the grounds for the officer's
155 [belief that there was] certification of probable cause to arrest such
156 person for [operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of
157 intoxicating liquor or any drug or both] a violation of subsection (a) of
158 section 14-227a and shall state that such person had refused to submit
159 to such test or analysis when requested by such police officer to do so
160 or that such person submitted to such test or analysis, commenced
161 within two hours of the time of operation, and the results of such test
162 or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol
163 content. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may accept a police
164 report under this subsection that is prepared and transmitted as an
165 electronic record, including electronic signature or signatures, subject
166 to such security procedures as the commissioner may specify and in
167 accordance with the provisions of sections 1-266 to 1-286, inclusive. In
168 any hearing conducted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (g) of
169 this section, it shall not be a ground for objection to the admissibility of
170 a police report that it is an electronic record prepared by electronic
171 means.

172 Sec. 7. Section 14-227f of the general statutes is repealed and the
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

174 (a) Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license or
175 nonresident operating privilege is suspended under subsection (g) of
176 section 14-227a for a conviction of a violation of subsection (a) of said
177 section or under section 14-227b, as amended by this act, for a second
178 or subsequent time shall participate in a treatment program which
179 includes an assessment of the degree of alcohol abuse and treatment,

180 as appropriate, approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The
181 commissioner shall not reinstate the operator's license or nonresident
182 operating privilege of any such person until such person submits
183 evidence to the commissioner that such person has [satisfactorily
184 completed the treatment program] complied with the requirements of
185 this section. Any person whose certificate is suspended or revoked
186 pursuant to section 15-133, 15-140l or 15-140n shall participate in such
187 treatment program.

188 (b) The treatment program shall be designed by the commissioner,
189 with the advice and assistance of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License
190 Medical Advisory Board established pursuant to section 14-46b, any
191 state agency or any other public or private entity engaged in the
192 provision of responsible services for the treatment of alcohol and drug
193 addiction as the commissioner may request. The program shall consist
194 of intensive treatment and a phase of continuing aftercare supervision
195 and monitoring on an individual basis. The program may be provided
196 by one or more private organizations approved by the commissioner
197 which meet qualifications established by him, provided the entire costs
198 of the program shall be paid from fees charged to the participants, the
199 amounts of which shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner.

200 (c) Upon receipt of notification from the commissioner of the
201 requirement to participate in the program, such person may [, within
202 thirty days,] petition the commissioner in writing for a waiver of such
203 requirement on the following grounds: (1) The petitioner is presently
204 undergoing a substantial treatment program for alcohol or drug
205 addiction, or has completed such a program subsequent to his most
206 recent arrest, either as a result of an order of the Superior Court or on a
207 voluntary basis, and (2) the petitioner does not, in the opinion of a
208 licensed physician based upon a personal examination, have a current
209 addiction problem which affects his ability to operate a motor vehicle
210 in a safe manner or pose a significant risk of having such a problem in
211 the foreseeable future. In reviewing and determining whether to grant
212 any such petition, the commissioner shall request and give due

213 consideration to the advice of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License
214 Medical Advisory Board. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the
215 commissioner may appeal such decision in accordance with the
216 provisions of chapter 54.

217 (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
218 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.

219 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 14-36j of the general statutes is
220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
221 *passage*):

222 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall amend the
223 regulations adopted pursuant to [section] sections 14-36f and 14-78
224 concerning the content of safe driving instruction courses offered at
225 drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools to require
226 the eight hours of instruction required by such regulations to include,
227 for applicants to whom a learner's permit is issued on or after August
228 1, 2008, two hours of instruction concerning the statutory provisions,
229 including penalties, applicable to drivers who are less than eighteen
230 years of age, the dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive
231 development of adolescents, the responsibilities and liabilities of
232 parents of teenage drivers, and related topics deemed by the
233 commissioner to be appropriate.

234 Sec. 9. Section 14-37b of the general statutes is repealed and the
235 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

236 Any applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license who has not
237 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and
238 who does not hold a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by
239 any other state, [or] by any territory or possession of the United States,
240 or by any foreign country with which the Commissioner of Motor
241 Vehicles has an agreement for reciprocal recognition of driver training
242 requirements, shall be subject to the requirements of subdivision (3) of
243 subsection (e) of section 14-36 and shall be required to present to the

244 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a certificate of the successful
245 completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to safe
246 driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature
247 and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and
248 drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers
249 associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption
250 of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug
251 abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle
252 violations. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance
253 with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing standards for
254 commercial driver's schools that are licensed in accordance with the
255 provisions of section 14-69 to offer and conduct the course of
256 instruction required by this section.

257 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If any person who is less than
258 eighteen years of age is convicted of operating a motor vehicle without
259 an operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-36
260 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or subdivision (2) of
261 section 14-215b of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Motor
262 Vehicles, upon determination that such person does not hold an
263 operator's license, shall not issue an operator's license to such person
264 for a period of at least one year.

265 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
266 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
267 *1, 2009*):

268 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, each motor vehicle
269 operator's license shall be renewed every six years or every four years
270 on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance with a schedule to
271 be established by the commissioner. [On and after July 1, 2009, the
272 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the vision of each motor
273 vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of the operator's license
274 of such operator in accordance with a schedule adopted by the
275 commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply to every other

276 renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening
277 by the commissioner, such operator may submit the results of a vision
278 screening conducted by a licensed health care professional qualified to
279 conduct such screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner
280 during the twelve months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle
281 operator's license may be renewed unless the operator passes such
282 vision screening. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
283 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
284 provisions of this subsection related to the administration of vision
285 screening.]

286 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 14-44 of the general statutes is
287 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
288 *1, 2009*):

289 (a) (1) No person shall operate a commercial motor vehicle used for
290 passenger transportation on any public highway of this state until such
291 person has obtained a commercial driver's license with a passenger
292 endorsement from the commissioner, except a nonresident who holds
293 such license with such endorsement issued by another state. (2) No
294 person shall operate a school bus until such person has obtained a
295 commercial driver's license with a school bus endorsement, except that
296 a person who holds such a license without such endorsements may
297 operate a school bus without passengers for the purpose of road
298 testing or moving the vehicle. (3) No person shall operate a student
299 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, activity vehicle,
300 camp vehicle, taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, motor bus or
301 service bus until such person has obtained an operator's license
302 bearing an endorsement of the appropriate type from the
303 commissioner issued in accordance with the provisions of this section
304 and section 14-36a, except that a person who holds an operator's
305 license without such endorsement may operate any such vehicle
306 without passengers for the purpose of road testing or moving the
307 vehicle. (4) No person shall operate a student transportation vehicle, as
308 defined in section 14-212 or activity vehicle until such person has

309 obtained an operator's license bearing an endorsement of the
310 appropriate type from the commissioner issued in accordance with the
311 provisions of this section and section 14-36a.

312 Sec. 13. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 14-12 of the
313 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
314 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

315 (f) (1) The commissioner may refuse to register or issue a certificate
316 of title for a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if he determines
317 that the characteristics of the motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles
318 make it unsafe for highway operation. The commissioner may adopt
319 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
320 implement the provisions of this subdivision, the provisions of this
321 subsection and the provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

322 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 14-42 of the general statutes is
323 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
324 *passage*):

325 (b) The application for an operator's license and the application for
326 an identity card shall include the opportunity [to complete an organ
327 donor card] for the applicant to register as an organ and tissue donor
328 in the donor registry established pursuant to sections [19a-271 to 19a-
329 280] 19a-279a to 19a-279k, inclusive. An operator's license issued to a
330 person who has [completed a donor card] elected to be included in
331 such donor registry shall have a [copy of the card] designation of such
332 person's donor status imprinted on [the reverse side of the] such
333 license or identity card.

334 Sec. 15. Section 14-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the
335 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

336 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle (1) upon any
337 highway, road or any parking area for ten cars or more, at such a rate
338 of speed as to endanger the life of any occupant of such motor vehicle,

339 but not the life of any other person than such an occupant; [or] (2) at a
340 rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour upon any highway
341 other than a highway specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a for
342 which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the
343 provisions of said subsection; (3) at a rate of speed greater than sixty-
344 five miles per hour upon any highway specified in subsection (b) of
345 section 14-218a for which a speed limit has been established in
346 accordance with the provisions of said subsection; or (4) if such person
347 is under eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road for which a
348 speed limit of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been established
349 in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a, at a rate of speed
350 more than twenty miles per hour [or more] above such speed limit.

351 (b) Any person who operates a motor vehicle (1) on a multiple lane,
352 limited access highway other than a highway specified in subsection
353 (b) of section 14-218a for which a speed limit has been established in
354 accordance with the provisions of said subsection at a rate of speed
355 greater than fifty-five miles per hour but not greater than seventy
356 miles per hour, (2) on a multiple lane, limited access highway specified
357 in subsection (b) of section 14-218a for which a speed limit has been
358 established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection at a
359 rate of speed greater than sixty-five miles per hour but not greater than
360 seventy miles per hour, (3) on any other highway at a rate of speed
361 greater than fifty-five miles per hour but not greater than sixty miles
362 per hour, or (4) if such person is under eighteen years of age, upon any
363 highway or road for which a speed limit of less than sixty-five miles
364 per hour has been established in accordance with subsection (a) of
365 section 14-218a, at a rate of speed more than twenty miles per hour [or
366 more] above such speed limit, shall commit an infraction, provided
367 any such person operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, shall
368 have committed a violation and shall be fined not less than one
369 hundred dollars nor more than one hundred fifty dollars.

370 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision (1) of
371 subsection (a) of this section or who operates a motor vehicle (1) on a

372 multiple lane, limited access highway at a rate of speed greater than
373 seventy miles per hour but not greater than eighty-five miles per hour,
374 or (2) on any other highway at a rate of speed greater than sixty miles
375 per hour but not greater than eighty-five miles per hour, shall be fined
376 not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one hundred fifty
377 dollars, provided any such person operating a truck, as defined in
378 section 14-260n, shall be fined not less than one hundred fifty dollars
379 nor more than two hundred dollars.

380 (d) No person shall be subject to prosecution for a violation of both
381 subsection (a) of this section and subsection (a) of section 14-222
382 because of the same offense.

383 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
384 contrary, any person who violates subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
385 this section, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section while
386 operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, or subdivision (1) of
387 subsection (c) of this section while operating a motor vehicle or a truck,
388 as defined in section 14-260n, shall follow the procedures set forth in
389 section 51-164n.

390 Sec. 16. Section 14-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
391 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

392 (a) The commissioner shall determine the gross vehicle weight
393 rating of each motor vehicle which is eligible for commercial
394 registration, including each tractor equipped with rubber tires. [and,
395 for the purpose of computing fees, gross weight shall be the weight of
396 the vehicle in pounds plus the rated load capacity in pounds as
397 determined by the commissioner, provided, in] In the case of a tractor
398 restricted for use with a trailer, registered as a heavy duty trailer, the
399 fee shall be based on the gross weight of the tractor which shall be the
400 light weight of such tractor. [; and said] The commissioner shall collect
401 fees for registration based on such gross vehicle weight rating, as
402 follows: When all surfaces in contact with the ground are equipped
403 with pneumatic tires, the fee for such motor vehicle or tractor [of gross

404 weight] not exceeding twenty thousand pounds shall be one dollar and
405 sixteen cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof; from
406 twenty thousand and one pounds up to and including thirty thousand
407 pounds, one dollar and forty-two cents, for each one hundred pounds
408 or fraction thereof; from thirty thousand and one pounds up to and
409 including seventy-three thousand pounds, one dollar and seventy-
410 seven cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof; from
411 seventy-three thousand and one pounds and over, one dollar and
412 ninety-two cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof. In
413 addition to any other fee required under this subsection, a fee of ten
414 dollars shall be collected for the registration of each motor vehicle
415 subject to this subsection.

416 (b) The minimum fee for any commercial registration or registration
417 of a tractor equipped with pneumatic tires shall be forty-four dollars.

418 (c) For the registration of each motor vehicle classed as an artesian
419 well driller or well drilling equipment, however mounted, when
420 equipped with rubber tires, the fee shall be forty dollars per annum
421 whether the license is issued for the license year or only a portion
422 thereof. On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be forty-six dollars.

423 (d) For the registration of a motor vehicle equipped with a wood
424 saw rig, if it is used for that purpose only, or a motor vehicle equipped
425 with a spray rig used exclusively for spraying fruit trees or shrubs,
426 when equipped with rubber tires, the fee shall be twenty-two dollars
427 per annum whether the license is issued for the license year or only a
428 portion thereof. On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be twenty-five
429 dollars.

430 (e) For all other motor vehicles which are eligible for commercial
431 registration, including tractors equipped with rubber tires other than
432 pneumatic tires, the fee shall be, for each such vehicle or tractor of
433 gross vehicle weight rating (1) not exceeding twenty thousand pounds,
434 one dollar and fifty cents, and on and after July 1, 1992, one dollar and
435 seventy-five cents, for each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof,

436 and (2) from twenty thousand and one pounds up to and including
437 twenty-six thousand pounds, two dollars, and on and after July 1,
438 1992, two dollars and twenty-five cents, for each one hundred pounds
439 or fraction thereof. The minimum fee for any such motor vehicle or
440 tractor shall be fifty dollars. On and after July 1, 1992, the minimum fee
441 shall be fifty-six dollars.

442 (f) No provision of this section shall require the commissioner to
443 modify or adjust the fee that is charged for the renewal of the
444 registration of a motor vehicle that is eligible for commercial
445 registration and that has been registered prior to July 1, 2009.

446 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is
447 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
448 *1, 2009*):

449 (b) The commissioner may require any dealer who is authorized to
450 issue a temporary transfer of registration in accordance with
451 subsection (a) of this section or a new registration in accordance with
452 subsection (c) of section 14-12 to file each application for a permanent
453 registration by electronic transmission of an electronic record if the
454 commissioner determines that the dealer files, on average, [twenty-
455 five] ten or more such applications for permanent registration each
456 month with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The provisions of this
457 subsection do not preclude any such dealer from filing an application
458 for a permanent registration in person at any branch office of the
459 department.

460 Sec. 18. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the
461 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
462 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

463 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the
464 Office of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to
465 time modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed [ten dollars per annual
466 inspection or] twenty dollars for each biennial inspection or

467 reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for inspections
468 performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such fees shall be
469 paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the costs to the
470 state of the emissions inspection program, including administrative
471 costs and payments to any independent contractor, exceed the income
472 from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by the state. Any
473 person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official emissions
474 inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply with any
475 required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the right
476 within [thirty] sixty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to
477 the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection
478 without charge, provided, where the [thirtieth] sixtieth day falls on a
479 Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has
480 established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have
481 caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such person may
482 return such vehicle for reinspection on the next day. The commissioner
483 shall assess a late fee of twenty dollars for the emissions inspection of a
484 motor vehicle performed at an official emissions inspection station
485 later than thirty days after the expiration date of the assigned
486 inspection period provided the commissioner may waive such late fee
487 when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to
488 have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned
489 inspection period was due to exigent circumstances. If ownership of
490 the motor vehicle has been transferred subsequent to the expiration
491 date of the assigned inspection period and the new owner has such
492 motor vehicle inspected within thirty days of the registration of such
493 motor vehicle, the commissioner shall waive the late fee. If the thirtieth
494 day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the
495 commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions
496 exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such
497 vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be
498 assessed.

499 Sec. 19. Section 14-67a of the general statutes is repealed and the
500 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

501 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of
502 manufacturing motor vehicles for sale in this state without having
503 been issued a manufacturer's license, which license shall expire
504 biennially on the last day of June. Application for such license or
505 renewal thereof may be made to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
506 in such form as the commissioner shall require. The commissioner may
507 require with such application all of the following, which he may
508 consider in determining the fitness of such applicant to engage in
509 business as a manufacturer of motor vehicles for sale in this state:

510 (1) Information relating to the applicant's solvency and his financial
511 standing;

512 (2) A certified copy of any warranty made by the manufacturer or
513 any other party in whom title to such motor vehicle may have been
514 vested prior to possession of such motor vehicle being transferred to a
515 person licensed under the provisions of this section;

516 (3) A copy of the applicant's standard franchise agreement and all
517 supplements thereto, together with a list of the applicant's authorized
518 dealers or distributors in this state and their address. Such applicant
519 shall notify the commissioner immediately of the appointment of any
520 additional dealers or distributors or any revisions of or additions to the
521 basic franchise agreement on file with him, or of any individual dealer
522 or distributor supplements to such agreement;

523 (4) A certified copy of the delivery and preparation obligations of
524 the applicant's new car dealers, which obligations shall constitute such
525 new car dealers' only responsibility for product liability between the
526 dealer and the manufacturer;

527 (5) An affidavit stating the rates such applicant pays or agrees to
528 pay any authorized new car dealer for parts and labor used and
529 expended by such authorized new car dealer for the manufacturer
530 under delivery and preparation obligations under the new car
531 warranty;

532 (6) A biennial license fee of two thousand three hundred dollars,
533 which fee shall not be subject to refund or proration; and

534 (7) Any other pertinent matter commensurate with the safeguarding
535 of the public interest.

536 (b) An application for renewal of such license filed with the
537 commissioner after the expiration date of such license shall be
538 accompanied by a late fee of two hundred fifty dollars. The
539 commissioner shall not renew any license under this section which has
540 expired for more than forty-five days.

541 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 14-67l of the general statutes is
542 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
543 *1, 2009*):

544 (a) Upon receiving such certificate of approval, each applicant for a
545 motor vehicle recycler's license shall present such certificate to the
546 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, together with a fee of two hundred
547 eighty dollars for the examination of the location or proposed location
548 of each such motor vehicle recycler's yard or business, and shall pay a
549 license fee of seven hundred five dollars to said commissioner for each
550 motor vehicle recycler's yard or business. Except as provided in
551 subsection (b) of this section, upon receipt of such certificate of
552 approval, the payment of the required license fee and observance of
553 regulations required, a license shall be issued by the commissioner
554 provided, however, the commissioner may refuse to grant a license to
555 a person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of operating a
556 motor vehicle recycler's yard if the applicant for such business license
557 or an officer or major stockholder, if the applicant is a firm or
558 corporation, has been convicted of a violation of any provision of laws
559 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer,
560 including a motor vehicle recycler, in the courts of the United States or
561 of this state or any state of the United States, in accordance with the
562 hearing requirements provided for in section 14-67p. Any license may
563 be renewed [from year to year] on a biennial basis upon payment of a

564 fee of [three hundred fifty] seven hundred dollars. [Each such license
565 shall be renewed annually according to renewal schedules established
566 by the commissioner so as to effect staggered renewal of all such
567 licenses. If the adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration
568 of any license more or less than one year from its issuance, the
569 commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such license fee.]
570 Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle
571 owned by him, make application to the commissioner for a general
572 distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to
573 the applicant a certificate of registration containing the distinguishing
574 number and mark assigned to such licensee and, thereupon, each
575 motor vehicle owned by such licensee shall be regarded as registered
576 under such general distinguishing number and mark. No licensee may
577 be issued more than three registrations under a general distinguishing
578 number and mark in a year, unless he makes application for an
579 additional registration to the commissioner, in such form and
580 containing such information as he may require to substantiate such
581 request. The commissioner may issue to each such licensee such
582 additional registrations as he deems necessary. The licensee shall issue
583 to each person driving such motor vehicle a document indicating that
584 such person is validly entrusted with the vehicle, which document
585 shall be carried in the motor vehicle. The commissioner shall
586 determine the form and contents of this document. For the registration
587 of motor vehicles under a general distinguishing number and mark,
588 the commissioner shall charge a fee of seventy dollars for each number
589 plate furnished. Such licensee shall furnish financial responsibility
590 satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112. Such
591 number plates may be used as provided for under section 14-67n.

592 Sec. 21. Section 14-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the
593 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

594 (a) Each trailer or semitrailer having a gross vehicle weight rating of
595 three thousand pounds or more shall, when operated on any public
596 highway, be equipped with a braking system operating on all wheels.

597 The braking system shall be adequate to safely control the movement
598 of the trailer or semitrailer and, when set, to safely hold the trailer or
599 semitrailer stationary. The brakes shall, at all times, be maintained in
600 good and sufficient working order and shall be capable of being
601 controlled or operated from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle by
602 either the hand or the foot, except that brakes on trailers having a gross
603 vehicle weight rating of eight thousand pounds or less need not be
604 capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat by either
605 the hand or the foot. Except with respect to pole trailers and boat
606 trailers, the commissioner may make regulations concerning the
607 performance of such brakes when the trailer or semitrailer is operated
608 in combination with a towing vehicle. The regulations shall designate
609 the stopping distance, in feet, of the combination of trailer or
610 semitrailer and shall include such other conditions as may be
611 necessary to ensure brake performance adequate to safely control the
612 movement of the vehicles.

613 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
614 deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined not less than
615 thirty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

616 Sec. 22. Section 14-103a of the general statutes is repealed and the
617 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

618 Any motor vehicle that (1) has been reconstructed, (2) is composed
619 or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, (3) the
620 identification and body contours of which are so altered that the
621 vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of
622 motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance
623 carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the
624 commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped,
625 in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful
626 owner. Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection at any
627 Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection. The
628 commissioner may require any person presenting any such

629 reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide
630 proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the
631 vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The commissioner may
632 require, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the
633 inspection of any other motor vehicle that has not been manufactured
634 by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the
635 provisions of section 14-67a, as amended by this act. The fee for [such]
636 any inspection required by the provisions of this section shall be
637 eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in addition to regular
638 registration fees. As used in this section, "reconstructed" refers to each
639 motor vehicle materially altered from its original construction by the
640 removal, addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

641 Sec. 23. Section 14-163c of the general statutes is repealed and the
642 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

643 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
644 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, which incorporate by
645 reference the standards set forth in 49 CFR parts 382 to 397, inclusive,
646 as amended. Such regulations, adopted by reference to the provisions
647 of 49 CFR parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended, may be made
648 applicable to any motor vehicle or motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR
649 part 390, which (1) is in intrastate commerce and has a gross vehicle
650 weight rating or gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle
651 weight or gross combination weight, of eighteen thousand one or more
652 pounds; or (2) is in interstate commerce and has a gross vehicle weight
653 rating or gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle weight or
654 gross combination weight of ten thousand one or more pounds; or (3)
655 (i) is a service bus, as defined in section 14-1, or (ii) is designed to
656 transport more than fifteen passengers, including the driver; or (4) is
657 used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity
658 requiring placarding under the Hazardous Materials Transportation
659 Act, 49 USC App. 1801 to 1813, inclusive, unless exempted under the
660 provisions of the code or the provisions of subsection (b) of this
661 section.

662 (b) The provisions relative to maximum [driving and on-duty time]
663 hours of service for drivers as set forth in 49 CFR [395.3] part 395, and
664 as adopted by reference in regulations adopted pursuant to subsection
665 (a) of this section, shall not apply to any [public service company
666 vehicle with a commercial registration when such vehicle is used to
667 transport passengers or property to or from any portion of the state for
668 the purpose of relief or assistance in case of major loss of utility service
669 or to any motor carrier or driver operating a vehicle with a commercial
670 registration when such vehicle is used to provide emergency relief
671 during an emergency in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR
672 390.23. For the purposes of this subsection, (1) "emergency" means any
673 hurricane, tornado, storm including a thunderstorm, snowstorm, ice
674 storm, blizzard or sandstorm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal
675 wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, mud slide, drought,
676 forest fire, explosion, blackout or other occurrence, natural or man-
677 made, which interrupts the delivery of essential services including
678 electricity, medical care, sewer, water, telecommunications and
679 telecommunication transmissions or essential supplies including food
680 and fuel or otherwise immediately threatens human life or public
681 welfare, provided such hurricane, tornado or other event results in: (A)
682 A declaration of an emergency by the President of the United States,
683 the Governor, or their authorized representatives having authority to
684 declare emergencies, by the regional director of motor carriers for the
685 region in which the occurrence happens or by other federal, state or
686 local government officials having authority to declare emergencies, or
687 (B) a request by a police officer for tow trucks to move wrecked or
688 disabled motor vehicles, (2) "emergency relief" means an operation in
689 which a motor carrier or driver of a commercial motor vehicle is
690 providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and
691 capabilities to save lives or property or to protect public health and
692 safety as a result of an emergency, emergency, and (3) "major loss of
693 utility service" means any unplanned outage or interruption, or the
694 imminent risk of outage or interruption, of electric, gas or telephone
695 service, or of service to electric transmission or distribution lines, gas

696 distribution or transmission facilities, electric generation facilities, or
697 other related facilities, or any circumstance related to utility service
698 under which the public safety is at risk, including, but not limited to,
699 any situation where police, fire or other public safety personnel have
700 requested a response by an electric, gas or telephone company to an
701 accident or other situation that presents a hazard to the public. A major
702 loss of utility service begins when the public service company receives
703 notice of the outage, interruption or hazard, or receives notice of the
704 existence of conditions reasonably likely to result in outages,
705 interruptions or hazards, and continues until any necessary
706 maintenance or repair is completed and personnel utilized to perform
707 such necessary maintenance or repair have returned to their regular
708 work routines] driver of a utility service vehicle, as defined in 49 CFR
709 section 395.2, as amended.

710 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may grant variations or
711 exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate compliance with,
712 particular provisions of 49 CFR parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended,
713 when strict compliance with such provisions would entail practical
714 difficulty or unnecessary hardship or would be otherwise adjudged
715 unwarranted, provided any such variation, exemption, approved
716 equivalent or alternate compliance shall, in the opinion of the
717 commissioner, secure the public safety.

718 (d) Any state or municipal police officer or motor vehicle inspector
719 may (1) inspect any motor vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this
720 section in operation and examine its operator to determine compliance
721 with the provisions of 49 CFR parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended,
722 (2) enter upon the premises of any motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR
723 section 390.5, as amended, for the purpose of inspecting and copying
724 records maintained by such motor carrier, (3) conduct a safety rating
725 procedure, safety audit or compliance review, in accordance with the
726 provisions of 49 CFR part 385, as amended, for any motor carrier that
727 owns or operates any motor vehicle identified in subsection (a) of this
728 section and, subject to notice and opportunity for hearing in

729 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, order any motor carrier
730 with an unsatisfactory safety rating to cease operations until such time
731 as it achieves a satisfactory rating, (4) declare a motor vehicle or its
732 operator out of service as provided in 49 CFR section 395.13 and
733 section 396.9, as amended, or (5) issue an infractions complaint under
734 the provisions of this section, provided such officer or inspector meets
735 the standards established by the commissioner, in consultation with
736 the Commissioner of Public Safety, in regulations adopted in
737 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

738 (e) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or any
739 regulations adopted under this section shall, for a first violation, have
740 committed an infraction. (2) The commissioner may impose a civil
741 penalty on any person for a second or subsequent violation of the
742 provisions of this section or any regulations adopted under this section
743 if the acts or conduct on which the conviction is based arise out of the
744 operation of a motor vehicle in intrastate commerce and would, if such
745 acts or conduct had occurred with respect to operation of a motor
746 vehicle in interstate commerce, have subjected such person to a civil
747 penalty under the provisions of 49 CFR parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as
748 amended. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance
749 with the provisions of chapter 54, to specify the amount of such civil
750 penalty provided such amount shall [not exceed the amount specified
751 for the comparable violation under the applicable federal regulations,
752 or ten thousand dollars, whichever is less] be not less than one
753 thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars. Any person
754 notified of the assessment of a civil penalty under the provisions of this
755 subsection shall be entitled to an opportunity for an administrative
756 hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If any person
757 fails to comply with the terms of a final decision and order of the
758 commissioner made pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner
759 may suspend any motor vehicle registration issued to such person or
760 such person's privilege to register any motor vehicle in this state, or
761 prohibit the operation of any motor vehicle owned or operated by such
762 person, until such person complies with the terms of such final

763 decision and order. As used in this section, "person" includes any
764 motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR section 390.5, as amended.

765 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 14-274 of the general statutes is
766 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
767 *1, 2009*):

768 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to [any public
769 service company vehicle with a commercial registration when such
770 vehicle is used to transport passengers or property to or from any
771 portion of the state for the purpose of relief or assistance in the case of
772 major loss of utility service, a disaster or other state of emergency
773 declared by the Governor. For the purposes of this subsection (1)
774 "disaster" shall include, but not be limited to, a hurricane, snowstorm,
775 ice storm, flood, fire or earthquake, and (2) "major loss of utility
776 service" means any unplanned outage or interruption, or the imminent
777 risk of outage or interruption, of electric, gas or telephone service, or of
778 service to electric transmission or distribution lines, gas distribution or
779 transmission facilities, electric generation facilities, or other related
780 facilities, or any circumstance related to utility service under which the
781 public safety is at risk, including, but not limited to, any situation
782 where police, fire or other public safety personnel have requested a
783 response by an electric, gas or telephone company to an accident or
784 other situation that presents a hazard to the public. A major loss of
785 utility service begins when the public service company receives notice
786 of the outage, interruption or hazard, or receives notice of the existence
787 of conditions reasonably likely to result in outages, interruptions or
788 hazards, and continues until any necessary maintenance or repair is
789 completed and personnel utilized to perform such necessary
790 maintenance or repair have returned to their regular work routines]
791 the owner or the driver of any utility service vehicle, as defined in 49
792 CFR section 395.2, as amended.

793 Sec. 25. Subsection (g) of section 14-270 of the general statutes is
794 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

795 1, 2009):

796 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of any permit issued
797 under this section or fails to obtain such a permit, when operating [a
798 commercial] any motor vehicle [under the provisions of] or
799 combination of vehicles described in section 14-163c, as amended by
800 this act, shall be subject to the following penalties:

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

806 (2) A person who fails to obtain a permit issued under section 14-
807 262 or 14-264 and who is operating a vehicle at a weight that exceeds
808 the statutory limit for weight shall be subject to a penalty calculated by
809 subtracting the statutory limit for weight from the actual vehicle
810 weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred
811 pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

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

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

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

821 (6) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this
822 section on routes not specified in such permit, shall be fined (A) one
823 thousand five hundred dollars for each violation of the statutory limit
824 for length, width, height or weight, and (B) shall be subject to a penalty

825 calculated by subtracting the statutory weight limit of subsection (b) of
826 section 14-267a from the actual vehicle weight and such weight
827 difference shall be fined at the rate provided for in subparagraph (G)
828 of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 14-267a; or

829 (7) A person (A) operating a vehicle with an indivisible load and
830 violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6),
831 inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to obtain a permit, or (B)
832 operating a vehicle with a divisible load and violating one or more of
833 the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection
834 shall be required to be off loaded to the permit limit.

835 Sec. 26. Section 14-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
836 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

837 (a) In any case where the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is
838 authorized or required by any section of this title to suspend the
839 registration of a motor vehicle, the commissioner may, for the period
840 that is specified for such suspension, suspend the privilege of the
841 owner to transfer such suspended registration, to register any other
842 motor vehicle or, in the case of a nonresident, to operate any motor
843 vehicle on the highways of this state.

844 (b) No motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR section 390.5, as
845 amended, shall operate any motor vehicle on the highways of this
846 state, or knowingly permit such operation of any motor vehicle, the
847 registration of which has been suspended or revoked by the
848 commissioner, or by any federal agency acting pursuant to any
849 provision of federal law.

850 (c) Any motor carrier who violates the provisions of subsection (b)
851 of this section shall, for a first offense, be fined not less than five
852 hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not
853 more than ninety days, or both, and, for any subsequent offense, be
854 fined not less than one thousand dollars or more than two thousand
855 dollars, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

856 Sec. 27. Section 14-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the
857 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

858 (a) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or repairer before engaging
859 in such business shall make a separate sworn application to the
860 commissioner for a license to engage in such business in each place of
861 business conducted by such dealer. The application shall include any
862 information that may be required by the commissioner on blanks to be
863 furnished by said commissioner. Each application shall be
864 accompanied by a fee of one hundred forty dollars for each place of
865 business conducted by the applicant, together with the fee for the type
866 of license for which the applicant is making application, and such fee
867 or fees shall not be subject to prorating and shall not be subject to
868 refund. No such license shall be transferable. When such licensee adds
869 buildings or adjacent land to such licensee's licensed place of business,
870 the commissioner may require the licensee to furnish satisfactory
871 evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 14-54, or with
872 other applicable provisions of law, administered by the municipality
873 wherein such business is located, concerning building or zoning
874 requirements. When a change of officers of a corporation engaged in
875 such business is made, a notice of the change shall be sent to the
876 commissioner within a period of fifteen days from the date of the
877 change. The commissioner may suspend the license of any corporation,
878 after notice and hearing, when the newly appointed or elected officers
879 cannot be considered as qualified to conduct the business as provided
880 in section 14-51.

881 (b) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor
882 vehicle owned by such licensee or temporarily in such licensee's
883 custody, make application to the commissioner for a general
884 distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to
885 the applicant a certificate or certificates of registration containing the
886 distinguishing number and mark assigned to such applicant, and
887 made in a form and containing any further information that the
888 commissioner may determine, and, thereupon, each motor vehicle

889 owned by the applicant or temporarily in the applicant's custody shall
890 be regarded as registered under and having assigned to it such general
891 distinguishing number and mark until sold. For the registration of all
892 motor vehicles, registered under a general distinguishing number and
893 mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee at the rate of seventy dollars
894 per year. No new car dealer may be issued more than one such
895 registration for each ten sales transactions in a year or no repairer or
896 limited repairer may be issued more than three registrations in a year,
897 unless such licensee makes application for an additional registration to
898 the commissioner, in such form and containing such information as the
899 commissioner may require to substantiate such request. No used car
900 dealer may be issued more than three such registrations in a year,
901 provided an additional registration may be issued for each ten sales
902 transactions in excess of thirty such transactions upon submission of
903 such application for an additional registration. The commissioner may
904 issue to each such licensee such additional registrations as the
905 commissioner deems necessary. The commissioner may withdraw any
906 registration previously issued or may limit the number of registrations
907 which any licensee is eligible to receive or to hold, in any case where
908 the licensee has been found to be in violation of any of the provisions
909 of section 14-64.

910 (c) Registration certificates issued under the provisions of this
911 section shall not be required to be carried upon such motor vehicles
912 when upon the public highways as required under subsection (a) of
913 section 14-13, except that the licensee shall issue to each person driving
914 such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly
915 entrusted with such vehicle which document shall be carried in the
916 motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and
917 contents of this document. Legible photostatic copies of such
918 registration certificates may be carried in such vehicles as proof of
919 ownership. The licensee shall furnish financial responsibility
920 satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112, provided
921 such financial responsibility shall not be required from a licensee when
922 the commissioner finds that the licensee is of sufficient financial

923 responsibility to meet such legal liability. The commissioner may issue
924 such license upon presentation of evidence of such financial
925 responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner.

926 (d) Each licensee that was issued a general distinguishing number
927 plate or plates by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions
928 of this section or section 14-59, and that no longer holds a valid license
929 due to failure to renew the license, surrender of the license or
930 revocation of the license by the commissioner for a violation of any
931 provision of this subchapter, shall account for and immediately return
932 such number plate or plates to the department, or shall immediately
933 surrender such number plate or plates to a motor vehicle inspector or
934 other authorized agent or employee of said department. All such
935 number plates shall be void, as of the date of termination of the license,
936 and shall not be used as a registration to operate any motor vehicle on
937 any highway.

938 (e) Any person who fails to return or surrender any general
939 distinguishing number plate that is void, in accordance with the
940 provisions of subsection (d) of this section, or who, with knowledge
941 that such plate is void, uses such plate to operate a motor vehicle on
942 any highway shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

943 Sec. 28. Section 14-21v of the general statutes is amended by adding
944 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

945 (NEW) (d) The funds in the account shall be distributed quarterly
946 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to the
947 Connecticut Nurses Foundation.

948 Sec. 29. Section 13b-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the
949 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

950 (a) Upon the granting of a certificate of public convenience and
951 necessity as provided in section 13b-97, the holder thereof may apply
952 to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the registration of any

953 taxicab of which he is the owner or lessee and which is to be used as
 954 specified in such certificate, and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
 955 shall have jurisdiction over the registration of any taxicab and its
 956 exterior lighting equipment and over the licensing of its operator.

957 (b) Each such taxicab shall be inspected, biennially, at the time of
 958 renewal of registration of such taxicab, by a repairer or limited repairer
 959 licensed and authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to
 960 perform such inspections. The commissioner shall set a fee for such an
 961 inspection.

962 [(c) The commissioner shall publish a list, semiannually, of all
 963 persons holding a class B license whose class B license or registration
 964 has been suspended. Such list shall be mailed to each person,
 965 association, limited liability company or corporation operating a
 966 taxicab pursuant to section 13b-97.]

967 [(d)] (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt
 968 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of
 969 this section.

970 Sec. 30. Section 27 of public act 07-167 is repealed. (*Effective from*
 971 *passage*)

972 Sec. 31. Section 14-103b of the general statutes and subdivision (36)
 973 of section 14-1 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective January 1,*
 974 *2010*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-36g(c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-36(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-50(f)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	14-111(b)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	14-111(b)(2)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-227b(c)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	14-227f

Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	14-36j(a)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	14-37b
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-41(a)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-44(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	14-12(f)(1)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	14-42(b)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	14-219
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-47
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-61(b)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-164c(k)(1)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-67a
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-671(a)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-81
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-103a
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	14-163c
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Statement of Purpose:

To make technical and other revisions to the motor vehicle statutes.

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