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**"AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES,
GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE
AND REPORTS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER
EDUCATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 14-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

5 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in
6 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish (1) standards
7 for the issuance of a special certificate of registration and special
8 number plates to a member of an organization which qualifies for
9 issuance, (2) qualifications of organizations whose members wish to
10 apply for such special registrations, (3) procedures for application for

11 such special registration, and (4) a fee for such special number plates
12 which shall cover at least the entire cost of making the plates and
13 which shall be in addition to the fee for registration of the motor
14 vehicle. The regulations shall provide that a labor union shall be a
15 qualifying organization.

16 (b) The Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
17 Board of Governors of the Department of Higher Education, shall
18 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
19 establish standards for the issuance and renewal of collegiate special
20 number plates with the logos or emblems of Connecticut public and
21 independent institutions of higher education. [to individuals who meet
22 the requirements established by the regulations adopted pursuant to
23 this subsection. The regulations shall: (1) Establish the criteria
24 necessary for a Connecticut institution of higher education to be
25 eligible to have a special number plate issued with the logo or emblem
26 of the institution; (2) provide for the issuance or renewal of such a
27 plate upon the receipt of a form certified by the institution that a
28 contribution of at least fifty dollars was made to a scholarship fund or
29 scholarship account at such an institution prior to each such issuance
30 and renewal. Each such renewal shall occur at the time of each renewal
31 of the motor vehicle's registration; (3) the fee established in subdivision
32 (4) of subsection (a) of this section; (4) any registration fee required by
33 the commissioner pursuant to section 14-12; and (5) any additional
34 information or fees required by the commissioner. All contributions to
35 the scholarship fund or scholarship account of a participating
36 institution of higher education shall be distributed on the basis of
37 financial need.]

38 (c) On or after July 1, 2004, the commissioner may issue special
39 certificates of registration and special number plates in accordance
40 with the regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section
41 provided [he] the commissioner may not issue a set of special number
42 plates bearing the same numerals as any other plate issued by the
43 department. The commissioner may discontinue the issuance of any
44 such special number plates issued for a qualified organization, or

45 special plates issued in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-
46 21f to 14-21p, inclusive, and section 2 of this act, at any time, upon
47 written notice to the organization if, in the opinion of the
48 commissioner, the demand for such plates is insufficient to support the
49 costs of production.

50 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) On or after October 1,
51 2009, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, within available
52 appropriations, may issue a collegiate commemorative number plate
53 with a design containing the logo or emblem of an institution of higher
54 education as determined by such institution of higher education, if
55 such institution of higher education requests that a collegiate
56 commemorative number plate be issued and demonstrates that there is
57 a demand for at least four hundred collegiate commemorative number
58 plates with a design containing the logo or emblem of such institution
59 of higher education.

60 (b) If the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles establishes a collegiate
61 commemorative number plate for an institution of higher education
62 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner shall
63 charge a fee of fifty-five dollars for such collegiate commemorative
64 number plates in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the
65 registration of the motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of such fee shall be
66 deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor
67 Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and
68 replacing such number plates, and forty dollars of such fee shall be
69 deposited in the account established under subsection (d) of this
70 section. No transfer fee shall be charged for the transfer of an existing
71 registration to or from a registration with collegiate commemorative
72 number plates. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers
73 selected by the commissioner. The commissioner may establish a
74 higher fee for number plates: (1) That contain the numbers and letters
75 from a previously issued number plate; (2) that contain any
76 combination of letters or numbers requested by the registrant as
77 authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the
78 fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section; and (3) that

79 are low number plates, issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the
 80 general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates
 81 issued under said section All fees established and collected pursuant to
 82 this section, except the amount deposited in the account controlled by
 83 the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the account
 84 established under subsection (d) of this section. The Commissioner of
 85 Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 86 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish standards
 87 and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of collegiate
 88 commemorative number plates.

89 (c) A renewal fee of fifty-five dollars shall be charged for renewal of
 90 registration of a motor vehicle bearing a collegiate commemorative
 91 number plate, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for
 92 renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars of the renewal
 93 fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of
 94 Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing
 95 and replacing collegiate commemorative number plates.

96 (d) The Comptroller shall establish an account for each institution of
 97 higher education for which the commissioner has established a
 98 commemorative number plate pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 99 section. Each such account shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
 100 within the General Fund. Such account shall contain any moneys
 101 required to be deposited in the account pursuant to this section. The
 102 moneys in each such account shall be distributed quarterly by the
 103 commissioner to the institution of higher education for which the
 104 account is established. Such institutions of higher education shall
 105 expend funds received from such accounts to provide funding for
 106 scholarships on the basis of financial need and for alumni outreach
 107 efforts."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	14-19a

Sec. 2	October 1, 2009	New section
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