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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RECENT INCREASES IN HUNTING, FISHING LICENSES, CAMPING AND STATE PARK ADMISSION FEES, INCREASING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE FINES AND AUTHORIZING THE HUNTING OF DEER BY PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-27b of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

4 (a) On or after July 1, 1993, no person sixteen years of age or older
5 may hunt waterfowl or take waterfowl in the state without first
6 procuring a Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and
7 having such stamp in his possession. [with his signature written in ink
8 across the face of the stamp while hunting waterfowl or taking
9 waterfowl.] The stamp shall not be transferable and shall be issued
10 annually. [beginning on July first.]

11 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall provide for
12 the design, production and procurement of the mandatory Connecticut

13 Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and shall, by regulations adopted
14 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, provide for the
15 issuance of the stamp. Stamps shall be sold at a price determined by
16 the commissioner, provided the price of a mandatory stamp shall not
17 exceed [~~fifteen~~] thirteen dollars. The commissioner shall establish an
18 additional voluntary migratory bird conservation donation that shall
19 be deposited in the migratory bird conservation account established
20 under section 26-27c, as amended by this act. Any agent [or town
21 clerk] issuing such stamps may retain a fee [~~of fifty cents~~] established
22 by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section
23 39 of this act, for each stamp sold and shall remit the balance to the
24 Department of Environmental Protection.

25 Sec. 2. Section 26-28 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
27 *passage*):

28 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the fees for
29 firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and sport fishing licenses
30 or for the combination thereof shall be as follows: (1) Resident firearms
31 hunting license, [~~twenty-eight~~] eighteen dollars; (2) resident fishing
32 license, [~~forty~~] twenty-five dollars; (3) resident marine waters fishing
33 license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters fishing license,
34 [~~fifteen~~] five dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license, [~~fifty~~
35 dollars] thirty-two; (6) resident combination license to fish in inland
36 waters and firearms hunt, [~~fifty-six~~] thirty-five dollars; (7) resident
37 combination license to fish in marine waters and firearms hunt, [~~fifty~~
38 twenty-five dollars; (8) resident combination license to fish in all
39 waters and firearms hunt, [~~sixty~~] thirty-eight dollars; (9) resident
40 combination license to fish in all waters and bow and arrow permit to
41 hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to section 26-86c, as
42 amended by this act, [~~eighty-four~~] sixty-five dollars; (10) resident
43 firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt,
44 firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit issued pursuant to
45 section 26-86a, as amended by this act, and permit to hunt wild turkey
46 during the spring season on private land issued pursuant to section 26-

47 48a, as amended by this act, [one hundred sixteen] eighty dollars; (11)
48 resident archery super sport license to fish in all waters, bow and
49 arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to section
50 26-86c, as amended by this act, and permit to hunt wild turkey during
51 the spring season on private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, as
52 amended by this act, [one hundred four] eighty-two dollars; (12)
53 resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and firearms
54 hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit, muzzleloader
55 private land deer permit, pursuant to section 26-86, as amended by this
56 act, and private land permit to hunt wild turkey during spring season
57 pursuant to section 26-48a, as amended by this act, eighty-four dollars;
58 (13) resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and
59 firearms hunt, migratory bird conservation stamp, and migratory bird
60 harvest permit (HIP), sixty dollars; (14) resident trapping license, [fifty]
61 thirty-two dollars; [(13)] (15) resident junior trapping license for
62 persons under sixteen years of age, [fifteen] five dollars; [(14)] (16)
63 junior firearms hunting license, [fifteen] five dollars; [(15)] (17)
64 nonresident firearms hunting license, [one hundred thirty-four] eighty-
65 four dollars; [(16)] (18) nonresident inland waters fishing license,
66 [eighty] fifty dollars; [(17)] (19) nonresident inland waters fishing
67 license for a period of three consecutive days, [thirty-two] twenty
68 dollars; [(18)] (20) nonresident marine waters fishing license, [sixty]
69 fifteen dollars; [(19)] (21) nonresident marine waters fishing license for
70 a period of three consecutive days, [twenty-four] eight dollars; [(20)]
71 (22) nonresident all-waters fishing license, [one hundred] sixty-three
72 dollars; [(21)] (23) nonresident combination license to firearms hunt
73 and inland waters fish, [one hundred seventy-six] one hundred ten
74 dollars; [(22)] (24) nonresident combination license to fish in all waters
75 and firearms hunt, [one hundred ninety] one hundred twenty dollars;
76 [(23)] (25) nonresident combination license to fish in marine waters and
77 firearms hunt, [one hundred seventy] ninety-four dollars; and [(24)]
78 (26) nonresident trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars. Persons
79 sixty-five years of age and over who have been residents of this state
80 for not less than one year and who meet the requirements of
81 subsection (b) of section 26-31 may be issued an annual license to

82 firearms hunt or to fish or combination license to fish and firearms
83 hunt or a license to trap without fee. The issuing agency shall indicate
84 on a combination license the specific purpose for which such license is
85 issued. The town clerk shall retain a recording fee of one dollar for
86 each license issued by him.

87 (b) Any nonresident residing in one of the New England states or
88 the state of New York may procure a license to hunt or to fish or to
89 hunt and fish for the same fee or fees as a resident of this state if he is a
90 resident of a state the laws of which allow the same privilege to
91 residents of this state.

92 Sec. 3. Section 26-37 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
93 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
94 *passage*):

95 The commissioner, upon written application and the payment of a
96 fee of [~~fifteen~~] nine dollars, shall issue to any person licensed to hunt,
97 to hunt and trap or fish, or the combination thereof, a duplicate license
98 when he is satisfied that the original license of such person has been
99 lost, destroyed or mutilated beyond recognition. No such application
100 form shall contain any material false statement. All such application
101 forms shall have printed thereon, "I declare under the penalties of false
102 statement that the statements herein made by me are true and correct."
103 Any person who makes any material false statement on such
104 application form shall be guilty of false statement and shall be subject
105 to the penalties provided for false statement and such offense shall be
106 deemed to have been committed in the town of residence of the
107 applicant, except that in the case of applications received from
108 nonresidents such offense shall be deemed to have been committed in
109 the town in which such application is presented or received for
110 processing. The town clerk certifying such application form shall
111 receive from the total fee herein specified the sum of one dollar.

112 Sec. 4. Section 26-39 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
113 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
114 *passage*):

115 Any hunting organization or individual owning and using for
116 hunting an organized pack of ten or more hounds or beagles may hunt
117 foxes or rabbits for sport during the open season provided therefor,
118 provided such organization or individual shall be licensed to do so.
119 The commissioner may issue such license upon application and the
120 payment of an annual fee of [seventy] forty-four dollars. Persons
121 participating in hunting conducted with an organized pack of hounds
122 under such a license shall not be required to have a hunting license. No
123 participant in such hunt shall carry firearms.

124 Sec. 5. Section 26-40 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
125 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
126 *passage*):

127 No person, association or corporation shall possess more than one
128 live specimen of, breed or propagate any wild game bird or wild game
129 quadruped of the following species without a game breeder's license
130 as provided herein: In the family Anatidae, all ducks, geese and swans;
131 in the family Phasianidae, all quail, partridge and the following strains
132 of pheasant: Blackneck, Chinese, English, Formosan, melanistic mutant
133 and Mongolian or any cross-breeding thereof and for the purpose of
134 section 22-327 all other members of this family shall be classed as
135 domestic fowls; in the family Tetranoidae, the ruffed grouse; in the
136 family Melegrididae, turkeys except domestic strains; in the family
137 Cervidae, the sika and white tail deer; in the family Procyonidae, the
138 raccoon; in the family Mustelidae, the otter; in the family Castoridae,
139 the beaver; and in the family Leporidae, all species except domestic
140 strains. The commissioner, upon written application and the payment
141 of a fee of [forty-two] twenty-seven dollars, may license any person,
142 association or corporation to possess, breed, propagate and sell any
143 birds or mammals specified in this section. Such license shall be annual
144 and nontransferable and shall expire on the thirty-first day of
145 December after its issuance. The commissioner may adopt regulations
146 concerning the granting of such licenses and the sale, propagation and
147 transportation of birds or mammals specified in this section
148 propagated and possessed by any such licensee. All applications for

149 such licenses shall be upon blanks prepared and furnished by the
150 commissioner. Any person, association or corporation, licensed under
151 the provisions of this section, shall keep a record of all birds or
152 mammals specified in this section which are sold, transported or
153 propagated by such licensee, whether the same are sold dead or alive,
154 and shall report to the commissioner not later than the January thirty-
155 first of the year following the expiration of the license period. Such
156 report shall contain the number of birds and mammals procured,
157 possessed and propagated and the name of each person to whom any
158 such sale has been made and the date of such sale or transportation.
159 Each package containing birds or mammals specified in this section, or
160 any part thereof, so propagated or possessed and offered for
161 transportation shall be plainly labeled with the name and license
162 number of the licensee offering the same for transportation, the name
163 of the consignee and a statement of the contents of such package. Any
164 license granted under the provisions of this section may be revoked by
165 the commissioner. No person, association or corporation may breed,
166 propagate or sell any skunk or raccoon, except that such animals, with
167 the approval of the commissioner may be kept in a zoo, nature center,
168 museum, laboratory or research facility maintained by a scientific or
169 educational institution. In no instance shall such animals be accessible
170 to handling by the general public. No person may possess any skunk
171 purchased in any Connecticut retail establishment after May 1, 1979, or
172 any raccoon purchased after October 1, 1985. Any person, association
173 or corporation which violates any provision of this section or any
174 regulation issued by the commissioner pursuant thereto shall be fined
175 not more than ninety dollars for each offense.

176 Sec. 6. Section 26-42 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
177 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
178 *passage*):

179 (a) No person shall engage in the business of buying raw furs
180 produced in this state without obtaining a license from the
181 commissioner. Such license shall be nontransferable and shall expire
182 on June thirtieth next succeeding its issuance. Any license issued in

183 accordance with the provisions of this section may be revoked for
184 failure of the licensee to report the activities engaged in under the
185 license to the commissioner. Activities shall be reported in a manner
186 and at a time specified by the commissioner. Any conservation officer,
187 special conservation officer or recreation officer may examine and
188 inspect any premises used by or records maintained by any person
189 pursuant to a license issued under this section. Notwithstanding any
190 provision of section 1-210 to the contrary, no person shall obtain,
191 attempt to obtain or release to any person or government agency any
192 identifiable individual record of, or information derived from, any
193 report submitted in accordance with the provisions of this section or
194 submitted voluntarily upon request of the commissioner without the
195 consent of the person making the report, except that the commissioner
196 may authorize the release of such information for the purposes of
197 wildlife research, management or development. The fees for such
198 licenses shall be as follows: For each nonresident, or resident, [eighty-
199 four] fifty-five dollars, and for each authorized agent of a licensed
200 resident fur buyer, [fifty-six] thirty-five dollars.

201 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
202 provisions of chapter 54 concerning the buying and selling of raw furs.
203 Such regulations may establish (1) procedures for recording and
204 reporting transactions involving raw furs, and (2) tagging
205 requirements for buying and selling raw furs.

206 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
207 fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than two hundred
208 fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than ten days or be both fined and
209 imprisoned.

210 Sec. 7. Section 26-45 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
211 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
212 *passage*):

213 No person shall possess for the purpose of sale, sell or offer for sale
214 any bait species without first obtaining a bait dealer's license from the
215 commissioner, provided the provisions hereof shall not apply to

216 persons issued a commercial hatchery license under section 26-149.
217 Application forms for such license shall be furnished by the
218 commissioner. Such license shall be nontransferable. The fee for each
219 such license shall be [one hundred] sixty-three dollars annually. Each
220 such license shall expire on the last day of December next after
221 issuance. Each such licensed bait dealer may possess and sell only such
222 bait species as shall be authorized under regulations issued by the
223 commissioner, provided live carp and goldfish shall not be possessed
224 for any purpose on premises used by licensed bait dealers. Each such
225 licensee shall keep such records relating to the operation of such
226 business as the commissioner determines on forms furnished by the
227 commissioner and shall file such report with the commissioner within
228 thirty days after the expiration of such license. No such report shall
229 contain any material false statement. Failure to file such report shall be
230 a violation of this section and the commissioner may refuse to reissue
231 such license until the licensee complies with this requirement.
232 Representatives of the commissioner may enter upon the premises of
233 bait dealers at any time to inspect required records and the bait species
234 possessed and to detect violations of this section and regulations
235 issued hereunder by the commissioner, and such representatives may
236 confiscate and dispose of any fish illegally possessed. Any person who
237 violates any provision of this section or any such regulation issued by
238 the commissioner shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than
239 one hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or
240 both.

241 Sec. 8. Section 26-48 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
242 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
243 *passage*):

244 The commissioner may issue permits authorizing the establishment
245 and operation of regulated private shooting preserves when in his
246 judgment such preserves will not conflict with any reasonable prior
247 public interest. The fee for such permit shall be [one hundred] sixty-
248 three dollars per season. A hunting license shall not be required to
249 hunt on such private shooting preserves. The commissioner shall

250 govern and prescribe by regulations the size of the preserves, the
251 methods of hunting, the species and sex of birds that may be taken, the
252 open and closed seasons, the tagging of birds with tags furnished by
253 the commissioner at a reasonable fee and the releasing, possession and
254 use of legally propagated game birds thereon; and may require such
255 reports as the commissioner deems necessary concerning the operation
256 of such preserves. Any permit issued under the provisions of this
257 section may be revoked for a violation of any provision of this chapter
258 or for a violation of any regulation made by the commissioner relating
259 to private shooting preserves.

260 Sec. 9. Section 26-48a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
261 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
262 *from passage*):

263 (a) The commissioner may establish, by regulations adopted in
264 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, standards for the
265 management of salmon, migratory game birds in accordance with
266 section 26-92, pheasant and turkey which shall include provision for
267 the issuance of permits, tags or stamps. The commissioner may charge
268 a fee for a permit, tag or stamp as follows: Not more than [twenty-
269 eight] eighteen dollars for turkey; not more than [fifteen] four dollars
270 for migratory game birds; not more than [twenty-eight] eighteen
271 dollars for pheasant and not more than [fifty-six] twenty-eight dollars
272 for salmon. No person shall be issued a permit, tag or stamp for
273 migratory birds, pheasant or turkey without first obtaining a license to
274 hunt and no person shall be issued a permit, tag or stamp for salmon
275 without first obtaining a license to fish. Notwithstanding any provision
276 of any regulation to the contrary, the commissioner may charge a fee of
277 [twenty-eight] eighteen dollars for the issuance of a permit to hunt
278 wild turkey on state-owned or private land during the fall season.

279 (b) Such permits, tags or stamps shall be issued to qualified
280 applicants by any town clerk. Application for such permits, tags or
281 stamps shall be on such form and require of the applicant such
282 information as the commissioner may prescribe. The commissioner

283 may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
284 authorizing a town clerk to retain part of any fee paid for a permit, tag
285 or stamp issued by such town clerk pursuant to this section, provided
286 the amount retained shall not be less than fifty cents.

287 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 26-49 of the 2010 supplement to the
288 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
289 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

290 (b) Said commissioner may authorize the establishment and
291 operation of regulated hunting dog-training areas and may issue to
292 any person holding a private shooting preserve permit, as provided for
293 under section 26-48, as amended by this act, or to any established game
294 breeder holding a game breeder's license, as provided for under
295 section 26-40, as amended by this act, or to any person holding a
296 commercial kennel license, as provided for under section 22-342, a
297 permit, which shall expire on June thirtieth next after issuance and for
298 which a fee of [twenty-eight] eighteen dollars shall be charged,
299 authorizing the liberation of artificially propagated game birds and
300 pigeons, legally possessed and suitably tagged with tags furnished by
301 the commissioner, for which a reasonable fee may be charged, and the
302 subsequent shooting of such game birds and pigeons by persons
303 authorized by any such permittee, in connection with the training of
304 hunting dogs only, at any time, including Sunday; provided
305 permission to shoot on Sunday on the area specified in the permit shall
306 have the approval of the proper authorities of the town or towns in
307 which such dog-training area is located and shall apply only to the
308 period from sunrise to sunset.

309 Sec. 11. Section 26-51 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
310 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
311 *from passage*):

312 The commissioner may, upon application and payment of a fee of
313 [fifteen] nine dollars, issue to any responsible person or organization a
314 permit to hold a field dog trial subject to such regulations as he may
315 prescribe. Any such permit may be revoked by the commissioner at

316 any time.

317 Sec. 12. Section 26-52 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
318 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
319 *from passage*):

320 The commissioner may issue to any responsible person or
321 authorized field trial group a permit to hold field dog trials, on land
322 approved by the commissioner as suitable for the purpose, at any time,
323 including Sunday, during daylight hours, at which liberated game
324 birds, waterfowl and pigeons legally possessed may be shot. All such
325 game birds shall, immediately after being shot, be tagged with tags
326 furnished by the commissioner, for which a reasonable fee may be
327 charged. Such game birds so tagged may be possessed, transported,
328 bought and sold at any time. Tags shall not be removed from such
329 game birds until such time as such birds are finally prepared for
330 consumption. The commissioner may, by regulation, govern and
331 prescribe the minimum number of such birds that shall be released, the
332 method of liberating and the method of taking such birds, the species
333 and sex of such birds that may be shot, locations where such field dog
334 trials may be held, periods of the year when such field dog trials may
335 be held, the maximum number of such field dog trials that shall be
336 sponsored or conducted by an individual or group during the period
337 from July first to June thirtieth and the method of reporting all such
338 activities. Notwithstanding the provision of any regulation to the
339 contrary, the fee for a permit to hold a field dog trial on state-owned
340 land shall be [fifty-six] thirty-five dollars and the fee for a permit to
341 hold a field dog trial on private land shall be [twenty-eight] eighteen
342 dollars.

343 Sec. 13. Section 26-58 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
344 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
345 *from passage*):

346 (a) No person shall practice taxidermy for profit unless he has
347 obtained a license from the commissioner. The commissioner may,
348 upon the application of any citizen of this state, accompanied by

349 payment of a fee of [one hundred sixty-eight] one hundred five dollars,
350 issue to such person a license to practice taxidermy, which license shall
351 expire on December thirty-first next following the date of issue. Any
352 such licensee shall permit, at any time, any law enforcement officer to
353 examine and inspect any premises used by him for the practice of
354 taxidermy. Such licensee may receive any bird or animal legally killed
355 in this state or any bird or animal legally killed and imported into this
356 state, for the purpose of tanning, curing or mounting the same, and the
357 provisions of section 26-76 shall not apply to such person. Each
358 licensee shall make an annual report to the commissioner, containing
359 such information as he requires.

360 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
361 section shall be fined not less than one dollar or more than one
362 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or be both
363 fined and imprisoned.

364 (c) The license of any person to practice taxidermy may be revoked
365 or suspended at any time for cause by the commissioner.

366 Sec. 14. Section 26-60 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
367 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
368 *from passage*):

369 The commissioner may grant to any properly accredited person not
370 less than eighteen years of age, upon written application, a permit to
371 collect fish, crustaceans and wildlife and their nests and eggs, for
372 scientific and educational purposes only, and not for sale or exchange
373 or shipment from or removal from the state without the consent of the
374 commissioner. The commissioner may determine the number and
375 species of such fish, crustaceans and wildlife and their nests and eggs
376 which may be taken and the area and method of collection of such fish,
377 crustaceans and wildlife under any permit in any year. The permit
378 shall be issued for a term established by the commissioner in
379 accordance with federal regulations and shall not be transferable. The
380 commissioner shall charge an annual fee of [forty] twenty-five dollars
381 for such permit. Each person receiving a permit under the provisions

382 of this section shall report to the commissioner on blanks furnished by
383 the commissioner, at or before the expiration of such permit, the
384 detailed results of the collections made thereunder. Any person
385 violating the provisions of this chapter or of the permit held by him
386 shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 26-64, and, upon
387 conviction of such violation, the permit so held by him shall become
388 void.

389 Sec. 15. Section 26-86a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
390 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
391 *from passage*):

392 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted in
393 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 standards for deer
394 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and
395 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader
396 and shotgun, except that no such hunting shall be permitted on
397 Sunday. No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer with a
398 firearm without first obtaining a deer permit from the commissioner in
399 addition to the license required by section 26-27. Application for such
400 permit shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner and
401 containing such information as he may require. Such permit shall be of
402 a design prescribed by the commissioner, shall contain such
403 information and conditions as the commissioner may require, and may
404 be revoked for violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations
405 adopted pursuant thereto. As used in this section, "muzzleloader"
406 means a rifle or shotgun of at least forty-five caliber, incapable of firing
407 a self-contained cartridge, which uses powder, a projectile, including,
408 but not limited to, a standard round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and
409 Sabot bullets, and wadding loaded separately at the muzzle end and
410 "rifle" means a long gun the projectile of which is six millimeters or
411 larger in diameter. The fee for a firearms permit shall be [twenty-eight]
412 eighteen dollars for residents of the state and [one hundred] sixty-three
413 dollars for nonresidents, except that any nonresident who is an active
414 full-time member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103,
415 may purchase a firearms permit for the same fee as is charged a

416 resident of the state. The commissioner shall issue, without fee, a
417 private land deer permit to the owner of ten or more acres of private
418 land and the husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling and any
419 lineal descendant of such owner, provided no such owner, husband or
420 wife, parent, grandparent, sibling or lineal descendant shall be issued
421 more than one such permit per season. Such permit shall allow the use
422 of a rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from
423 November first to December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so
424 hunted at such times and in such areas of such state-owned land as are
425 designated by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and on
426 privately owned land with the signed consent of the landowner, on
427 forms furnished by the department, and such signed consent shall be
428 carried by any person when so hunting on private land. The owner of
429 ten acres or more of private land may allow the use of a rifle to hunt
430 deer on such land during the shotgun season. The commissioner shall
431 determine, by regulation, the number of consent forms issued for any
432 regulated area established by said commissioner. The commissioner
433 shall provide for a fair and equitable random method for the selection
434 of successful applicants who may obtain shotgun and muzzleloader
435 permits for hunting deer on state lands. Any person whose name
436 appears on more than one application for a shotgun permit or more
437 than one application for a muzzleloader permit shall be disqualified
438 from the selection process for such permit. No person shall hunt,
439 pursue, wound or kill deer with a bow and arrow without first
440 obtaining a bow and arrow permit pursuant to section 26-86c, as
441 amended by this act. "Bow and arrow" as used in this section and in
442 section 26-86c, as amended by this act, means a bow with a draw
443 weight of not less than forty pounds. The arrowhead shall have two or
444 more blades and may not be less than seven-eighths of an inch at the
445 widest point. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting
446 with a bow and arrow under [said sections] this section and section 26-
447 86c, as amended by this act. The commissioner shall issue, upon
448 payment of a five-dollar fee, to the owner of ten or more acres of
449 private land or a resident of this state, who has the consent of the
450 owner of ten or more acres of private land, a private land pistol or

451 revolver permit that allows the use of a pistol or revolver, as defined in
452 section 29-27, to hunt deer from November first to December thirty-
453 first, inclusive, pursuant to the bag limit established for a private land
454 deer permit under this subsection. Any person authorized to hunt deer
455 by pistol or revolver pursuant to this subsection shall use a cartridge of
456 .357 caliber or larger for such purpose.

457 (b) Any person who takes a deer without a permit shall be fined not
458 less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars or
459 imprisoned not less than thirty days or more than six months or shall
460 be both fined and imprisoned, for the first offense, and for each
461 subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars or
462 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year
463 or shall be both fined and imprisoned.

464 Sec. 16. Section 26-86c of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
465 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
466 *from passage*):

467 No person may hunt deer or small game with a bow and arrow
468 under the provisions of this chapter without a valid permit issued by
469 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to this
470 section or section 26-86a, as amended by this act, for persons hunting
471 deer with bow and arrow under private land deer permits issued free
472 to qualifying landowners, or their husbands or wives, parents,
473 grandparents, lineal descendants or siblings under that section. The fee
474 for such bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game shall be
475 [sixty] thirty-eight dollars for residents and [two hundred] one
476 hundred twenty-five dollars for nonresidents, or [twenty-six]
477 seventeen dollars for any person twelve years of age or older but
478 under sixteen years of age, except that any nonresident who is an
479 active full-time member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-
480 103, may purchase a bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small
481 game for the same fee as is charged a resident of the state. Permits to
482 hunt with a bow and arrow under the provisions of this chapter shall
483 be issued only to qualified applicants therefor by the Commissioner of

484 Environmental Protection, in such form as said commissioner
485 prescribes. Applications shall be made on forms furnished by the
486 commissioner containing such information as he may require and all
487 such application forms shall have printed thereon: "I declare under the
488 penalties of false statement that the statements herein made by me are
489 true and correct." Any person who makes any material false statement
490 on such application form shall be guilty of false statement and shall be
491 subject to the penalties provided for false statement and said offense
492 shall be deemed to have been committed in the town in which the
493 applicant resides. No such application shall contain any material false
494 statement. On and after January 1, 2002, permits to hunt with a bow
495 and arrow under the provisions of this chapter shall be issued only to
496 qualified applicants who have successfully completed the conservation
497 education bow hunting course as specified in section 26-31 or an
498 equivalent course in another state.

499 Sec. 17. Subsection (c) of section 14-100a of the general statutes is
500 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
501 *passage*):

502 (c) (1) The operator of and any front seat passenger in a motor
503 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not exceeding ten thousand
504 pounds or fire fighting apparatus originally equipped with seat safety
505 belts complying with the provisions of the Code of Federal
506 Regulations, Title 49, Section 571.209, as amended from time to time,
507 shall wear such seat safety belt while the vehicle is being operated on
508 any highway, except as follows:

509 (A) A child six years of age and under shall be restrained as
510 provided in subsection (d) of this section;

511 (B) The operator of such vehicle shall secure or cause to be secured
512 in a seat safety belt any passenger seven years of age or older and
513 under sixteen years of age; and

514 (C) If the operator of such vehicle is under eighteen years of age,
515 such operator and each passenger in such vehicle shall wear such seat

516 safety belt while the vehicle is being operated on any highway.

517 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
518 apply to (A) any person whose physical disability or impairment
519 would prevent restraint in such safety belt, provided such person
520 obtains a written statement from a licensed physician containing
521 reasons for such person's inability to wear such safety belt and
522 including information concerning the nature and extent of such
523 condition. Such person shall carry the statement on his or her person
524 or in the motor vehicle at all times when it is being operated, or (B) an
525 authorized emergency vehicle, other than fire fighting apparatus,
526 responding to an emergency call or a motor vehicle operated by a rural
527 letter carrier of the United States postal service while performing his or
528 her official duties or by a person engaged in the delivery of
529 newspapers.

530 (3) Failure to wear a seat safety belt shall not be considered as
531 contributory negligence nor shall such failure be admissible evidence
532 in any civil action.

533 (4) Any operator of a motor vehicle, who is eighteen years of age or
534 older, and any passenger in such motor vehicle, who violates any
535 provision of this subsection shall have committed an infraction and
536 shall be fined [~~fifteen~~] twenty-five dollars. Any operator of a motor
537 vehicle who is under eighteen years of age and any passenger in such
538 motor vehicle who violates any provision of this subsection shall have
539 committed an infraction and shall be fined seventy-five dollars. Points
540 may not be assessed against the operator's license of any person
541 convicted of such violation.

542 Sec. 18. Section 14-13 of the general statutes is repealed and the
543 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

544 (a) The certificate of registration and any automobile insurance
545 identification card for the vehicle issued pursuant to section 38a-364
546 shall be carried in the motor vehicle at all times when it is being
547 operated on a public highway, except as otherwise provided by

548 statute. If a vehicle is registered in the name of a lessor licensed under
549 section 14-15, a legible photostatic copy of the certificate of registration
550 or a rental or lease contract which shall include the vehicle
551 identification number of such vehicle registered in this state may be
552 carried in lieu of the original certificate, provided the original
553 certificate shall be available at all times for inspection at the lessor's
554 usual place of business in the state if the motor vehicle is registered in
555 this state. If a vehicle is registered as a school bus as defined in section
556 14-275, such copy may be carried in lieu of the original certificate,
557 provided such certificate shall be available at all times for inspection at
558 the school bus owner's usual place of business in the state.

559 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
560 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
561 [thirty-five] fifty dollars, and, for each subsequent offense, shall be
562 fined not more than fifty dollars.

563 Sec. 19. Section 14-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
564 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

565 (a) A person holding a certificate of registration for a motor vehicle
566 who substantially changes the appearance or mechanical equipment of
567 the motor vehicle so that the motor vehicle no longer conforms to the
568 description contained in the application for, or certificate of,
569 registration shall notify the commissioner of the change within forty-
570 eight hours of the change. Notice is unnecessary if (1) the intent to
571 make the change is specified in the original registration, or (2) in the
572 case of a motor vehicle registered as a motor bus and having a seating
573 capacity in excess of sixteen passengers, or in the case of a truck having
574 a carrying capacity of two thousand pounds or more, and if the change
575 is solely in regard to the motor, and, in case of the substitution of a
576 motor, the motor so substituted has been registered with the
577 commissioner. The commissioner may register such motor upon
578 written application by the owner thereof setting forth such information
579 as the commissioner may require. The fee for such registration shall be
580 ten dollars.

581 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
582 deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined [thirty-five] fifty
583 dollars for each offense.

584 Sec. 20. Section 14-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the
585 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

586 (a) Each owner or lessee of a motor bus, service bus, taxicab, school
587 bus or motor vehicle in livery service shall file in the office of the
588 commissioner a special application, containing his name, residence
589 and post-office address and a description of the motor vehicle owned
590 or leased by him, which shall include the name of the maker and such
591 other information as the commissioner may require. The commissioner
592 may register such motor vehicle as a motor bus or as a service bus or as
593 a taxicab or as a school bus or as a motor vehicle in livery service or as
594 a school bus used in part in livery service; but no such registration
595 shall be issued to the owner or lessee of any such motor vehicle unless
596 it is in suitable condition for carrying passengers and is equipped as
597 required by law. The registration number and certificate of registration
598 of each such vehicle shall be special, and such certificate of registration
599 shall contain such information as the commissioner may require. No
600 registration shall be issued to the owner or lessee of a motor bus who
601 has not obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity from
602 the Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions
603 of section 13b-80. No registration shall be issued to the owner or lessee
604 of a taxicab who has not obtained a certificate of public convenience
605 and necessity from the Department of Transportation in accordance
606 with the provisions of section 13b-97. No such vehicle shall be
607 registered unless the owner thereof has complied with the provisions
608 of section 14-29, and no such vehicle shall be operated upon any
609 highway without first being registered in accordance with the
610 provisions of section 14-49. The commissioner may issue, to an
611 applicant for registration of more than one motor bus, a certificate or
612 certificates of registration containing a general distinguishing number
613 and mark assigned to such applicant upon application to him therefor,
614 which application shall be made in such form and contain such

615 information as the commissioner may determine. Each motor bus
616 included in such registration shall be regarded as registered under and
617 having assigned to it such general distinguishing number and mark.
618 The commissioner may impose upon the issuance and use of each such
619 general registration such conditions, limitations and restrictions as he
620 may determine. Such motor bus owners shall not be required to carry
621 such certificates upon the vehicles registered under the provisions of
622 this section, but shall keep a record of each person operating any
623 motor bus so registered in sufficient detail to promptly identify such
624 person at any specified time, which record shall be subject to the
625 inspection of any officer designated by the commissioner. If any such
626 registrant fails to keep such record or to produce it for inspection as
627 hereinbefore provided, such failure shall be sufficient cause for the
628 commissioner to cancel or suspend such registration. The
629 commissioner may require of such registrant a bond satisfactory to
630 him in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars, conditioned
631 upon compliance with the laws of the state and the regulations of the
632 commissioner concerning the use of such registration, number and
633 mark, or otherwise conditioned as he may direct, which bond shall be
634 forfeited for any violation of the conditions thereof. The commissioner
635 may issue to the holder of any such general motor bus or interstate
636 registration one or more registrations and number plates for motor
637 vehicles in livery service which may be used interchangeably with
638 such motor bus or interstate registration in accordance with such
639 conditions and regulations as he may impose, provided the number of
640 interstate registrations and number plates issued shall not exceed the
641 number of intrastate registrations and number plates authorized by the
642 Department of Transportation.

643 (b) The certificate of registration of a motor bus, service bus, taxicab,
644 school bus and motor vehicle in livery service shall, at all times, be
645 carried upon such motor vehicle and shall be subject to examination
646 upon demand by any person authorized by law.

647 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have
648 committed an infraction. Any person who violates any provision of

649 subsection (b) of this section shall be fined [, for the first offense, thirty-
650 five] fifty dollars [and, for each subsequent offense, not less than
651 thirty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars] for each offense.

652 Sec. 21. Section 14-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the
653 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

654 (a) A commercial driver's license issued in accordance with section
655 14-44c shall be designated as class A, B or C, in accordance with the
656 provisions of subsection (b) of section 14-44d. All other operators'
657 licenses shall be designated as class D. A license of any class that also
658 authorizes the operation of a motorcycle shall contain the designation
659 "M".

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

665 "P"- authorizes the operation of commercial motor vehicles designed
666 to carry passengers;

667 "H"- authorizes the operation of vehicles transporting hazardous
668 materials;

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

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

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

673 The commissioner may establish one or more restrictions on
674 commercial driver's licenses of any class, in regulations adopted in
675 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Subject to the provisions
676 of subsection (b) of section 14-44d, a commercial driver's license of any
677 class authorizes the holder of such license to operate any motor vehicle

678 that may be operated by the holder of a class D operator's license.

679 (c) A commercial driver's license or a class D license that contains
680 any of the following endorsements evidences that the holder meets the
681 requirements of section 14-44:

682 "V"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in a student
683 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, or any vehicle that
684 requires an "A" or "F" endorsement;

685 "A"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in an activity
686 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, or any vehicle that requires an "F"
687 endorsement; and

688 "F"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in a taxicab, motor
689 vehicle in livery service, service bus or motor bus.

690 The commissioner may establish one or more endorsements or
691 restrictions on class D licenses, in accordance with regulations adopted
692 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

693 (d) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in violation of the
694 classification of the license issued to him.

695 (e) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (d) or (e) of
696 this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have committed an
697 infraction and be fined [not less than thirty-five dollars or more than]
698 fifty dollars and, for a subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than
699 one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

700 Sec. 22. Section 14-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the
701 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

702 (a) No person shall operate a motorcycle on any public highway of
703 this state until such person has obtained a motor vehicle operator's
704 license with a motorcycle endorsement from the commissioner.

705 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not
706 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the

707 commissioner for a training permit. The commissioner may issue a
708 training permit, containing such limitation as said commissioner
709 deems advisable, to an applicant after the applicant has passed all
710 parts of the examination, other than the driving test, for a motor
711 vehicle operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement as required
712 by subsection (c) of this section. The training permit shall entitle the
713 applicant, while said applicant is in immediate possession of said
714 permit, to drive a motorcycle on the public highways, other than
715 multiple lane limited access highways, for a period of sixty days. A
716 training permit may be renewed, or a new permit issued, for an
717 additional period of sixty days. On and after January 1, 1990, each
718 applicant issued a training permit shall, while operating a motorcycle,
719 wear protective headgear of a type which conforms to the minimum
720 specifications established by regulations adopted under subsection (b)
721 of section 14-289g.

722 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who
723 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
724 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate
725 personally to the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector
726 or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner
727 directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle,
728 has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of a motorcycle to ensure
729 its safe operation by such applicant, and has satisfactory knowledge of
730 the law concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules
731 of the road. An applicant under the age of eighteen shall also present
732 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has
733 successfully completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted
734 by the Department of Transportation or by any firm or organization
735 that conducts such a course that uses the curriculum of the Motorcycle
736 Safety Foundation or other safety or educational organization that has
737 developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner. The
738 commissioner may waive the on-road skills portion of the examination
739 for the endorsement for any such applicant or an applicant who is
740 eighteen years of age or older who presents evidence of satisfactorily
741 completing a motorcycle training course. If an applicant has had a

742 license or held such an endorsement from a state where a similar
743 examination or course is required, the commissioner may waive part
744 or all of any such requirement. When the commissioner is satisfied as
745 to the ability and competency of the applicant, the commissioner may
746 issue an endorsement to such applicant, either unlimited or containing
747 such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant
748 or motorcycle endorsement holder has any health problem which
749 might affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the
750 commissioner may require the applicant or endorsement holder to
751 demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem, such
752 person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and the
753 commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's
754 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by the
755 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as
756 confidential by the commissioner. An endorsement, containing such
757 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may be issued or
758 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to
759 prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement, either
760 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an endorsement of a
761 person whom the commissioner deems incapable of safely operating a
762 motorcycle.

763 (d) No person shall operate a motorcycle in any manner in violation
764 of the limitations imposed in a limited endorsement issued to such
765 person.

766 (e) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a), (b) or
767 (d) of this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have
768 committed an infraction and be fined [not less than thirty-five dollars
769 or more than] fifty dollars and, for any subsequent offense, shall be
770 fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than
771 thirty days, or both.

772 Sec. 23. Section 14-66c of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
773 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
774 *from passage*):

775 (a) As used in this section, "motorized personal property" includes
776 mini-motorcycles, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, or other types of motorized
777 personal property.

778 (b) If any motorized personal property is towed or otherwise
779 removed by a wrecker licensed under section 14-66, at the direction of
780 an officer attached to an organized police department, such property
781 shall be taken to and stored in a suitable place. Within forty-eight
782 hours following the time that such property is taken into custody, the
783 licensee or operator of the wrecker shall give written notice by certified
784 mail to the owner, if known (1) that such property has been taken and
785 stored, and (2) the location of such property. Such licensee or operator
786 shall have a lien upon the same for towing or removal charges and
787 storage charges. If such owner does not claim such property, or if the
788 owner of such property is not known, the licensee or operator of the
789 wrecker may sell or dispose of such property after thirty days, subject
790 to any provision of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted
791 thereunder, concerning the sale or disposal of such property.

792 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
793 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
794 [not less than thirty-five dollars nor more than] fifty dollars, and, for
795 each subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor
796 more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty
797 days or be both fined and imprisoned.

798 Sec. 24. Section 14-81 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
799 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
800 *from passage*):

801 (a) Each trailer or semitrailer having a gross vehicle weight rating of
802 three thousand pounds or more shall, when operated on any public
803 highway, be equipped with a braking system operating on all wheels.
804 The braking system shall be adequate to safely control the movement
805 of the trailer or semitrailer and, when set, to safely hold the trailer or
806 semitrailer stationary. The brakes shall, at all times, be maintained in
807 good and sufficient working order and shall be capable of being

808 controlled or operated from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle by
809 either the hand or the foot, except that brakes on trailers having a gross
810 vehicle weight rating of eight thousand pounds or less need not be
811 capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat by either
812 the hand or the foot. Except with respect to pole trailers and boat
813 trailers, the commissioner may make regulations concerning the
814 performance of such brakes when the trailer or semitrailer is operated
815 in combination with a towing vehicle. The regulations shall designate
816 the stopping distance, in feet, of the combination of trailer or
817 semitrailer and shall include such other conditions as may be
818 necessary to ensure brake performance adequate to safely control the
819 movement of the vehicles.

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

823 Sec. 25. Section 14-145 of the general statutes is repealed and the
824 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

825 (a) An owner or lessee of private property, or his agent, may remove
826 or cause to be removed any motor vehicle left without authorization
827 on such property in accordance with the provisions of this section and
828 sections 14-145a to 14-145c, inclusive. This section shall not apply to
829 law enforcement, fire-fighting, rescue, ambulance or emergency
830 vehicles which are marked as such, or to the removal of motor vehicles
831 from property leased by any governmental agency.

832 (b) When such motor vehicle is towed or otherwise removed by a
833 wrecker licensed under section 14-66, the licensee or operator of the
834 wrecker shall notify the local police department of the tow or removal
835 within two hours. No such licensee or operator may charge a storage
836 fee for such motor vehicle for the time it is stored prior to such
837 notification. If the motor vehicle is not claimed by its owner within the
838 time periods specified in subsection (e) of section 14-150, the licensee
839 or operator of the wrecker or of the garage where such motor vehicle is
840 stored may dispose of it in accordance with the provisions of

841 subsection (e) of section 14-150.

842 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
843 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
844 [not less than thirty-five dollars nor more than] fifty dollars, and, for
845 each subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor
846 more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty
847 days or be both fined and imprisoned.

848 Sec. 26. Section 14-164c of the 2010 supplement to the general
849 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
850 (*Effective from passage*):

851 (a) No person shall fail to maintain in good working order or
852 remove, dismantle or otherwise cause to be inoperative any equipment
853 or feature constituting an operational element of the air pollution
854 control system or mechanism of a motor vehicle required by
855 regulations of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be
856 maintained or on the vehicle. Any such failure to maintain in good
857 working order or removal, dismantling or causing of inoperability
858 shall subject the owner thereof to revocation of registration for such
859 vehicle by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles unless all parts and
860 equipment constituting elements of air pollution control have been
861 made operable and in good working order within thirty days of notice
862 by said commissioner of such violation. Any such failure shall be
863 considered a failure to comply with the periodic inspection
864 requirements established under subsection (c) of this section. As used
865 in this section, motor vehicle shall have the same meaning as is
866 provided in section 14-1.

867 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult
868 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and furnish the
869 commissioner with technical information, including testing techniques,
870 standards and instructions for emission control features and
871 equipment. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
872 furnish the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles with emission standards
873 for all motor vehicles subject to the inspection and maintenance

874 requirements. Such standards shall be consistent with provisions of
875 federal law, if any, relating to control of emissions from the vehicles
876 concerned or any regulations adopted by the Commissioner of
877 Environmental Protection which implement the low-emission vehicle
878 and clean fuels regulations adopted by the state of California, as
879 amended. Such standards shall be periodically reviewed by the
880 Commissioner of Environmental Protection and revised, if necessary,
881 to achieve the objectives of the vehicle emission inspection program.

882 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
883 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such
884 regulations shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air
885 pollution control equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust
886 emission standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board
887 diagnostic standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner
888 of Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of the
889 United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or
890 waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by
891 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and compliance with
892 or waiver of purge system standards defined by the Commissioner of
893 Environmental Protection. Such regulations may provide for an
894 inspection procedure using an on-board diagnostic information system
895 for all 1996 model year and newer motor vehicles. Such regulations
896 shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or which will be registered
897 in this state except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten
898 thousand pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with
899 motors attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a
900 temporary registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more
901 years ago; (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8)
902 vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9)
903 farm vehicles, as defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-
904 powered type II school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed
905 dealer or repairer either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of
906 such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or
907 safety inspection; or (12) vehicles that have met the inspection
908 requirements of section 14-103a and are registered by the

909 commissioner as composite vehicles. On and after July 1, 2002, such
910 regulations shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any
911 vehicle four or less model years of age, beginning with model year
912 2003 and the previous three model years, provided that such
913 exemption shall lapse upon a finding by the Administrator of the
914 United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Secretary of
915 the United States Department of Transportation that such exemption
916 causes the state to violate applicable federal environmental or
917 transportation planning requirements. Notwithstanding any
918 provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require an initial
919 emissions inspection and compliance or waiver prior to registration of
920 a new motor vehicle. If the Commissioner of Environmental Protection
921 finds that it is necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt
922 under subdivision (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that
923 are four or less model years of age in order to achieve compliance with
924 federal law concerning emission reduction requirements, the
925 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance
926 with the provisions of chapter 54, to require the inspection of
927 motorcycles, designated motor vehicles having a gross weight of more
928 than ten thousand pounds or motor vehicles four or less model years
929 of age.

930 (d) No motor vehicle subject to the inspection requirements of this
931 section shall be operated upon the highways of this state unless such
932 vehicle has been presented for inspection in accordance with a
933 schedule for inspection and compliance as established by the
934 commissioner. The commissioner shall grant waivers from compliance
935 with standards for vehicles which fail any required inspection and
936 require an unreasonable cost of repair to bring the vehicle into
937 compliance. The commissioner may determine compliance of a vehicle
938 that has failed an emissions retest by means of a complete physical and
939 functional diagnosis and inspection of the vehicle, in accordance with
940 the provisions of 40 CFR Part 51.360, showing that no additional
941 emissions-related repairs are needed. An extension of time, not to
942 exceed the period of inspection frequency, may be granted to obtain
943 needed repairs on a vehicle in the case of economic hardship of the

944 owner. Only one such extension may be granted for any vehicle. The
945 commissioner may design a sticker to be affixed to the windshield of
946 each vehicle which shall bear the date of expiration of the assigned
947 inspection period on both sides. The commissioner may also design a
948 sticker to be affixed to the windshield of each vehicle that is exempt
949 from the requirements of this chapter, which sticker shall bear the date,
950 if any, on which such vehicle is no longer exempt and is required to be
951 presented for inspection. As used in this section, "unreasonable cost of
952 repair" means cost of repair in excess of the amounts required to be
953 expended by Title 40, Part 51.360 of the Code of Federal Regulations,
954 as amended.

955 (e) In order to provide for emissions inspection facilities, the
956 commissioner may enter into a negotiated inspection agreement or
957 agreements, notwithstanding chapters 50, 58, 59 and 60, with an
958 independent contractor or contractors, to provide for the leasing,
959 construction, equipping, maintenance or operation of a system of
960 official emissions inspection stations in such numbers and locations as
961 may be required to provide vehicle owners reasonably convenient
962 access to inspection facilities. The commissioner may employ such
963 system and the services of such contractor or contractors to conduct
964 safety inspections as provided by section 14-16a, subsection (g) of
965 section 14-12 and section 14-103a. Such contractor or contractors, with
966 the approval of the commissioner, may operate inspection stations at
967 suitable locations owned or operated by other persons, firms or
968 corporations, including retail business establishments with adequate
969 facilities to accommodate and to perform inspections on motor
970 vehicles. The commissioner is prohibited from entering into an
971 inspection agreement with any independent contractor who: (1) Is
972 engaged in the business of maintaining or repairing vehicles in this
973 state, except that the independent contractor shall not be precluded
974 from maintaining or repairing any vehicle owned or operated by the
975 independent contractor; or (2) does not have the capability, resources
976 or technical and management skill to adequately conduct, equip,
977 operate and maintain a sufficient number of official emissions
978 inspection stations. All persons employed by the independent

979 contractor in the performance of an inspection agreement are deemed
980 to be employees of the independent contractor and not of this state.
981 The inspection agreement or agreements authorized by this section
982 shall be subject to other provisions as follows: (A) Minimum
983 requirements for staff, equipment, management and hours and place
984 of operation of official emissions inspection stations including such
985 additional testing facilities as may be established and operated in
986 accordance with subsection (g) of this section; (B) reports and
987 documentation concerning the operation of official emissions
988 inspection stations and additional testing facilities as the commissioner
989 may require; (C) surveillance privileges for the commissioner to ensure
990 compliance with standards, procedures, rules, regulations and laws;
991 and (D) any other provision deemed necessary by the commissioner
992 for the administration of the inspection agreement. Nothing in the
993 inspection agreement shall require the state to purchase any asset or
994 assume any liability if such agreement is not renewed.

995 (f) (1) The commissioner may authorize and appoint any motor
996 vehicle dealer or repairer that is licensed in accordance with the
997 provisions of subpart (D) of part III of chapter 246 and that has the
998 qualifications established by the commissioner to conduct emissions
999 inspections in a designated area of its licensed premises and to report
1000 the results thereof to the Department of Motor Vehicles, provided such
1001 licensee signs a statement that such licensee understands the
1002 provisions of this section and regulations adopted under authority of
1003 this section, understands the necessity to comply with administrative
1004 and technical directives and advisories that the commissioner issues
1005 and understands that any failure by such licensee to comply with this
1006 section, the regulations or the directives or advisories constitutes
1007 grounds for the commissioner to suspend or revoke the authority for
1008 such licensee to conduct inspections.

1009 (2) Each such licensee shall conduct an emissions inspection of any
1010 registered motor vehicle requiring such an inspection at any time
1011 during its normal and posted hours of operation or, at the discretion of
1012 the commissioner, at a predetermined or appointed time, when such

1013 motor vehicle is presented for inspection. No such licensee shall charge
1014 any fee for the inspection except the fee authorized by subsection (k) of
1015 this section. The results of each emissions inspection performed in
1016 accordance with this subsection shall be evidenced by a written vehicle
1017 inspection report, containing such information and certification by the
1018 inspecting licensee as the commissioner shall prescribe. The licensee
1019 shall furnish a copy of such inspection report to the operator of the
1020 motor vehicle at the time of completion of the inspection.

1021 (3) No such licensee may be appointed by the commissioner nor
1022 may any such licensee conduct any inspection unless the licensee has
1023 in its employ one or more certified emissions inspectors and repair
1024 technicians. Such inspectors and technicians shall conduct all
1025 inspections and related emissions repair work and shall meet the
1026 training and certification requirements in 40 CFR Part 51.367 and of the
1027 regulations adopted by the commissioner in accordance with this
1028 subsection.

1029 (4) The commissioner may suspend or revoke the authority to
1030 conduct emissions inspections by any such licensee that is authorized
1031 to conduct emissions inspections if the licensee fails to comply with the
1032 provisions of this section, regulations adopted under authority of this
1033 section, or administrative or technical directives or advisories that the
1034 commissioner issues.

1035 (5) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
1036 chapter 54, to establish the qualifications for such licensees to be
1037 authorized and appointed to conduct emissions inspections, and to
1038 establish standards and procedures for such inspections, reporting
1039 requirements by such licensees and training and certification
1040 requirements for inspectors and repair technicians.

1041 (g) The independent contractor or contractors retained by the state
1042 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section may
1043 conduct emissions inspections at one or more facilities owned or
1044 operated by a motor vehicle dealer or dealers, licensed in accordance
1045 with section 14-52. No such inspection facility located on the premises

1046 of a licensed dealer shall be operated without the prior approval of the
1047 commissioner. The operation of each such facility shall be subject to
1048 such procedures and requirements, to be followed by the contractor
1049 and the licensee, as may be prescribed by the terms and conditions of
1050 the contract entered into in accordance with the provisions of
1051 subsection (e) of this section, and in regulations as may be adopted by
1052 the commissioner in accordance with chapter 54. The state shall not be
1053 a party to, or assume or incur any liability of any kind under, any
1054 agreement entered into between the independent contractor and any
1055 dealer in furtherance of the provisions of this subsection. The contract
1056 or contracts entered into by the state in accordance with the provisions
1057 of subsection (e) of this section shall provide for indemnification of the
1058 state with respect to the operation of any such inspection facility
1059 located at a motor vehicle dealership, in the same manner and to the
1060 same extent as the operation of an official emissions inspection station.

1061 (h) In order to provide for management and oversight of emissions
1062 inspection facilities established in accordance with subsection (e) of
1063 this section and to establish and maintain necessary electronic data
1064 capture and reporting systems for such facilities and for licensed
1065 dealers and repairers who may be authorized to perform inspections in
1066 accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, the
1067 commissioner may enter into a negotiated personal service agreement
1068 or agreements, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 55a, with
1069 any qualified person, firm or corporation. The responsibilities of any
1070 such contractor retained by the commissioner shall include, but need
1071 not be limited to, the following: (1) Review and analysis of data from
1072 all official emissions inspections performed, and provision to the
1073 commissioner of recommendations to improve the quality and
1074 integrity of such data, (2) provision of program information and
1075 standards to inspection facilities and locations, (3) provision to the
1076 commissioner of regular reports, assessments and recommendations to
1077 maintain or improve the effectiveness, efficiency, quality and integrity
1078 of such inspection operations, and (4) identification of measures to
1079 enhance public convenience, and compliance with the inspection
1080 requirements. No such contractor retained in accordance with the

1081 provisions of this subsection may be licensed as, or have any financial
1082 interest in any firm engaged in the business of selling or repairing
1083 motor vehicles, or may be a provider of emissions inspection
1084 equipment or facilities to the state.

1085 (i) The commissioner may license an owner or operator of a fleet of
1086 motor vehicles which are subject to emissions inspection pursuant to
1087 subsection (c) of this section or section 14-164i, to establish a fleet
1088 emissions inspection station, provided that the fleet owner or operator
1089 conforms with regulations for fleet emissions inspection stations
1090 adopted by the commissioner which shall specify the classes or other
1091 characteristics of vehicles eligible for inspection at such stations.

1092 (j) The commissioner may establish a program for the on-road
1093 testing of motor vehicles subject to this chapter. The program shall test
1094 not less than one-half of one per cent of the subject fleet state-wide or
1095 twenty thousand vehicles, whichever is less, per inspection cycle under
1096 conditions of highway operation in order to provide information
1097 concerning the emission performance of such in-use vehicles. Testing
1098 may be performed by means of remote sensing devices, or roadside
1099 pullovers followed by tailpipe emissions testing using a suitable,
1100 portable device and recording system. Owners of vehicles that have
1101 previously been through scheduled periodic inspection and passed,
1102 and are found by on-road testing to be high emitters, in accordance
1103 with the standards established under subsection (b) of this section and
1104 the regulations adopted under subsection (c) of this section, may be
1105 notified that their vehicles are required to pass an out-of-cycle follow-
1106 up inspection at an inspection station. Notification may be made by
1107 mailing in the case of remote sensing on-road testing or through
1108 immediate notification if roadside pullovers are used. The
1109 commissioner may use the services of the independent contractor or
1110 contractors to implement the on-road testing program. If a method of
1111 roadside pullovers is used in the program, such method shall be
1112 employed with due regard to traffic safety considerations and
1113 performed with the assistance of inspectors of the Department of
1114 Motor Vehicles or members of state or municipal police forces.

1115 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the
1116 Office of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to
1117 time modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each
1118 biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter
1119 for inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations.
1120 Such fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If
1121 the costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including
1122 administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor,
1123 exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by
1124 the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official
1125 emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to
1126 comply with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and
1127 have the right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such
1128 vehicle to the same official emissions inspection station for one
1129 reinspection without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on
1130 a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has
1131 established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have
1132 caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such person may
1133 return such vehicle for reinspection on the next day. The commissioner
1134 shall assess a late fee of twenty dollars for the emissions inspection of a
1135 motor vehicle performed at an official emissions inspection station
1136 later than thirty days after the expiration date of the assigned
1137 inspection period provided the commissioner may waive such late fee
1138 when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to
1139 have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned
1140 inspection period was due to exigent circumstances. If ownership of
1141 the motor vehicle has been transferred subsequent to the expiration
1142 date of the assigned inspection period and the new owner has such
1143 motor vehicle inspected within thirty days of the registration of such
1144 motor vehicle, the commissioner shall waive the late fee. If the thirtieth
1145 day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the
1146 commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions
1147 exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such
1148 vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be
1149 assessed.

1150 (2) If the commissioner authorizes a licensed dealer or repairer to
1151 conduct emissions inspections of 1996 model year and newer vehicles
1152 required by this chapter, the commissioner may authorize such
1153 licensee to charge a fee, not to exceed twenty dollars for each biennial
1154 inspection or reinspection.

1155 (3) Upon the registration of each new motor vehicle subject to the
1156 inspection requirements of this chapter, or of each motor vehicle that is
1157 four or less model years of age that has not been registered previously
1158 in this state, the commissioner may issue a sticker indicating the
1159 exempt status of such motor vehicle and the date on which the motor
1160 vehicle is scheduled to be presented for inspection. Any such sticker
1161 that may be issued shall be displayed on the motor vehicle in
1162 accordance with subsection (d) of this section. On and after July 1,
1163 2002, the commissioner shall charge a fee of forty dollars in addition to
1164 any other fees required for such registration. All receipts from the
1165 payment of such fee shall be deposited in the Special Transportation
1166 Fund.

1167 (l) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state by
1168 purchase, lease, gift, devise or otherwise any special equipment, tools,
1169 materials or facilities needed to adequately administer, investigate or
1170 enforce the provisions of this chapter.

1171 (m) A person shall not in any manner represent any place to be an
1172 official emissions inspection station unless such station has been
1173 established and is operated in accordance with the provisions of this
1174 section.

1175 (n) No person, firm or corporation shall operate or allow to be
1176 operated any motor vehicle that has not been inspected and found to
1177 be in compliance with the provisions of subsections (c), (d) and (i) of
1178 this section and the regulations adopted by the commissioner.
1179 Operation in violation of said subsections or the regulations adopted
1180 by the commissioner shall be an infraction for each violation, except
1181 that the fine for a first violation shall be [thirty-five] fifty dollars. The
1182 commissioner may deny the issuance of registration to the owner of a

1183 motor vehicle, or the renewal of registration to any such owner, or
1184 suspend or revoke any registration that has been issued, if such motor
1185 vehicle is not in compliance with the inspection requirements of this
1186 chapter, or such owner has failed to pay any fee required by the
1187 provisions of this chapter.

1188 Sec. 27. Section 14-223 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
1189 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1190 *from passage*):

1191 (a) Whenever the operator of any motor vehicle fails promptly to
1192 bring his motor vehicle to a full stop upon the signal of any officer in
1193 uniform or prominently displaying the badge of his office, or disobeys
1194 the direction of such officer with relation to the operation of his motor
1195 vehicle, he shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and be
1196 fined [thirty-five] fifty dollars for a first offense and shall be fined [not
1197 less than thirty-five dollars nor more than] fifty dollars for any
1198 subsequent offense.

1199 (b) No person operating a motor vehicle, when signaled to stop by
1200 an officer in a police vehicle using an audible signal device or flashing
1201 or revolving lights, shall increase the speed of the motor vehicle in an
1202 attempt to escape or elude such police officer. Any person who violates
1203 this subsection shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, except that, if
1204 such violation causes the death or serious physical injury, as defined in
1205 section 53a-3, of another person, such person shall be guilty of a class C
1206 felony, and shall have such person's motor vehicle operator's license
1207 suspended for one year for the first offense, except that the
1208 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after a hearing, as provided for
1209 in subsection (k) of section 14-111, and upon a showing of compelling
1210 mitigating circumstances, reinstate such person's license before the
1211 expiration of such one-year period. For any subsequent offense such
1212 person shall be guilty of a class C felony, except that if any prior
1213 offense by such person under this subsection caused, and such
1214 subsequent offense causes, the death or serious physical injury, as
1215 defined in section 53a-3, of another person, such person shall be guilty

1216 of a class C felony for which one year of the sentence imposed may not
1217 be suspended or reduced by the court, and shall have such person's
1218 motor vehicle operator's license suspended for not less than eighteen
1219 months nor more than two years, except that said commissioner may,
1220 after a hearing, as provided for in subsection (k) of section 14-111, and
1221 upon a showing of compelling mitigating circumstances, reinstate such
1222 person's license before such period.

1223 Sec. 28. Section 14-285 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1224 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1225 Each vehicle, except a motor vehicle, which is so constructed or
1226 which is so loaded that the driver is prevented from having a free and
1227 unobstructed view of the highway immediately to the rear and at the
1228 sides of the same, shall be equipped with a mirror or reflector attached
1229 to and so located and adjusted on such vehicle as to give the operator
1230 thereof a clear reflected view of the highway directly to the rear on a
1231 line parallel to the side of the body of such vehicle. Any person
1232 operating such a vehicle shall make observations for the approach of
1233 vehicles from the rear and, when so approached, shall drive to the
1234 right of the center line of the traveled way as promptly as safety will
1235 permit, giving the vehicle approaching from the rear opportunity to
1236 pass in safety. Any person who violates any provision of this section
1237 shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined [not less
1238 than thirty-five dollars nor more than] fifty dollars for each offense.

1239 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 51-164m of the general statutes is
1240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1241 *passage*):

1242 (a) The judges of the Superior Court shall establish and maintain a
1243 schedule of fines to be paid for the violation of the sections of the
1244 general statutes deemed to be infractions and shall establish and
1245 maintain a separate sliding scale of fines for speeding infractions
1246 committed under section 14-219 with a minimum fine of [thirty-five]
1247 fifty dollars and the fine increasing in proportion to the severity of the
1248 violation. The fines may be modified as the judges of the Superior

1249 Court deem advisable.

1250 Sec. 30. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1,
1251 2010, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish an operator's
1252 permit for any person convicted of operating a motor vehicle under the
1253 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, for the limited
1254 purpose of allowing such person to drive between such person's
1255 residence and: (1) Such person's place of employment, or (2) the
1256 college or university that such person attends. The fee for such permit
1257 shall be one hundred dollars.

1258 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
1259 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
1260 implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

1261 Sec. 31. Section 23-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1262 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1263 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may execute with
1264 residents and nonresidents of this state leases of camping sites and
1265 buildings on the state parks for limited periods except as provided in
1266 section 23-16a and the proceeds from such leases, together with any
1267 other income resulting from the use of the state parks, shall be added
1268 to the General Fund as provided in section 23-15. [Not later than April
1269 1, 1982, said commissioner shall establish a schedule of fees payable for
1270 the leasing of state camping sites and buildings in amounts not less
1271 than one hundred seventy-five per cent of the amounts charged
1272 according to the schedule of camping permit fees established by said
1273 commissioner and in effect as of April 1, 1980.] Not later than April 1,
1274 2010, said commissioner shall establish a schedule of fees payable for
1275 the leasing of state camping sites and buildings for residents of this
1276 state in amounts not greater than one hundred twenty per cent of the
1277 amounts charged according to the schedule of camping permit fees
1278 established by said commissioner and in effect as of April 1, 2009. Not
1279 later than April 1, 2010, said commissioner shall establish a schedule of
1280 fees payable for the leasing of state camping sites and buildings for
1281 nonresidents of this state in amounts not greater than one hundred

1282 fifty per cent of the amounts charged according to the schedule of
1283 camping permit fees established by said commissioner and in effect as
1284 of the effective date of this section. Annually not later than the first day
1285 of November said commissioner shall allocate from funds available for
1286 state park and forest areas in the then current fiscal year, an amount
1287 not less than fifty per cent of the portion of such fees collected in the
1288 preceding fiscal year directly related to the amount of increase in such
1289 fees as required in this section, to be used for purposes of maintenance
1290 and improvement of such state camping sites and buildings. Any fees
1291 paid for any lease under this section shall not be subject to refund
1292 under section 22a-10 unless (1) the lessee gives notice of cancellation to
1293 the commissioner not later than fourteen days prior to the date such
1294 lease is to commence, (2) the park is closed by executive order of the
1295 Governor, or (3) the lessee submits proof, satisfactory to the
1296 commissioner, of a death or serious illness in the family which
1297 prevents use of the facility during the period of the lease. The
1298 commissioner may deduct a reasonable service charge from any
1299 amount refunded pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (3) of this section.

1300 Sec. 32. Section 26-35 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
1301 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1302 *from passage*):

1303 Each firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing
1304 license or the combination firearms hunting and fishing license, except
1305 licenses issued pursuant to subdivisions (4), (17) and (19) of subsection
1306 (a) of section 26-28, as amended by this act, shall expire December
1307 thirty-first next following the date of issue and shall not be
1308 transferable. No person shall change or alter such a license or loan to
1309 another or permit another to have or use such license issued to himself
1310 or use any license issued to another. All licenses shall be carried as
1311 designated by the commissioner at all times when such licensee is
1312 hunting, trapping or sport fishing and shall be produced for
1313 examination upon demand of any conservation officer or other
1314 employee of the department designated by the commissioner or any
1315 other officer authorized to make arrests or the owner or lessee or the

1316 agent of any owner or lessee of any land or water upon which such
1317 licensed person may be found. Whenever the commissioner has
1318 designated any land or water area a wildlife management study area,
1319 he may require such licensee to surrender his license upon entering
1320 such area and issue to the licensee an arm band, back tag or other
1321 identification. The license shall be returned to the licensee upon
1322 leaving such area. Each person receiving a license to hunt or to trap
1323 shall make an annual report to the commissioner in such form and at
1324 such time as may be required by him showing the numbers and kinds
1325 of birds and quadrupeds killed or trapped. A firearms hunting or a
1326 combination firearms hunting and fishing license shall not authorize
1327 the carrying or possession of a pistol or revolver, except as provided in
1328 section 26-86a, as amended by this act.

1329 Sec. 33. Section 23-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1330 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1331 (a) The commissioner may (1) provide for the collection of fees for
1332 parking, admission, boat launching and other uses of state parks,
1333 forests, boat launches and other state recreational facilities, (2)
1334 establish from time to time the daily and seasonal amount thereof, (3)
1335 enter into contractual relations with other persons for the operation of
1336 concessions, (4) establish other sources of revenue to be derived from
1337 services to the general public using such parks, forests and facilities,
1338 (5) employ such assistants as may be necessary for the collection of
1339 such revenue. The commissioner shall deposit such revenue derived
1340 therefrom with the State Treasurer in the General Fund. On and after
1341 July 1, 1992, any increase in any fee or any establishment of a new fee
1342 under this section shall be by regulations adopted in accordance with
1343 the provisions of chapter 54. Not later than April 1, 2010, said
1344 commissioner shall establish the daily and seasonal amount of such
1345 parking, admission, boat launching and other use fees for residents of
1346 this state in amounts not greater than one hundred twenty per cent of
1347 the amounts charged for such fees by said commissioner as of April 1,
1348 2009. Not later than April 1, 2010, said commissioner shall establish the
1349 daily and seasonal amount of such parking, admission, boat launching

1350 and other use fees for nonresidents of this state in amounts not greater
1351 than one hundred fifty per cent of the amounts charged for such fees
1352 by said commissioner as of April 1, 2009. Notwithstanding the
1353 provisions of this section, the commissioner may enter into an
1354 agreement with any municipality under which the municipality may
1355 retain fees collected by municipal officers at state boat launches when
1356 state employees are not on duty.

1357 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
1358 the commissioner may establish fees for the public use of the mansion
1359 at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, the Ellie Mitchell
1360 Pavilion at Rocky Neck State Park in East Lyme and Gillette Castle in
1361 East Haddam provided no fee shall be charged to any group organized
1362 as a nonprofit corporation under 26 USC 501(c)(3) for purposes of
1363 providing support to such parks or facilities and further provided the
1364 commissioner shall specify procedures and criteria for the selection of
1365 any private business which is engaged by the state to provide services
1366 during any such public use, including, but not limited to, catering
1367 services. Such fees, procedures and criteria shall be effective until June
1368 30, 1999, or until regulations are adopted, whichever is sooner.
1369 Regulations implementing such fees, procedures and criteria shall be
1370 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 on or before
1371 July 1, 1999. Such fees shall be comparable with rents and charges of
1372 similar properties based on fair market rates.

1373 (c) The commissioner shall issue to any resident of the state, upon
1374 payment of a fee established by said commissioner, a nontransferable
1375 Connecticut private passenger motor vehicle pass which permits free
1376 parking throughout the calendar year at any state park, forest, boat
1377 launch or other state recreational facility provided the commissioner
1378 shall not be required to issue such a pass to any park, forest or facility
1379 which is wholly managed by a private concessionaire and may require
1380 payment of fees for special events. Not later than April 1, 2010, said
1381 commissioner shall establish the amount of such fee for residents of
1382 this state in an amount not greater than one hundred twenty per cent
1383 of the amount charged for such fee by said commissioner as of April 1,

1384 2009. Not later than April 1, 2010, said commissioner shall establish the
1385 amount of such fee for nonresidents of this state in amount not greater
1386 than one hundred fifty per cent of the amount charged for such fee by
1387 said commissioner as of April 1, 2009.

1388 (d) The commissioner shall issue to any resident of the state who is
1389 sixty-five years of age or older, without fee, upon application of such
1390 resident, a nontransferable lifetime pass which shall permit free
1391 parking, admission and boat access parking for use at any state park,
1392 forest or state recreational facility, provided the commissioner shall not
1393 be required to issue such a pass for use of any park, forest or facility
1394 which is wholly managed by a private concessionaire and may require
1395 payment of fees for special events.

1396 Sec. 34. Section 26-15 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
1397 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1398 *1, 2010*):

1399 The state of Connecticut assents to the provisions of the Act of
1400 Congress entitled "An Act to Provide that the United States Shall Aid
1401 the States in Wildlife Restoration Projects, and for Other Purposes",
1402 approved September 2, 1937, and the provisions of the Act of Congress
1403 entitled "An Act to Provide that the United States Shall Aid the States
1404 in Fish Restoration and Management Projects, and for Other
1405 Purposes", approved August 9, 1950. The Commissioner of
1406 Environmental Protection is authorized and directed to perform such
1407 acts as may be necessary to the establishment and operation of
1408 cooperative fish and wildlife restoration projects, as defined in said
1409 [act] acts of congress, in compliance with said act and with rules and
1410 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior thereunder,
1411 and no funds accruing to the state from license, permit, tag and stamp
1412 fees, other than the stamp fee paid pursuant to section 26-27b, as
1413 amended by this act, paid by hunters, trappers and anglers, including,
1414 but not limited to, license fees paid by hunters pursuant to [section 26-
1415 28] sections 26-28, 26-30, 26-31, 26-36, 26-48a, 26-86a and 26-86c, as
1416 amended by this act, shall be diverted for any other purpose than [the

1417 protection, propagation, preservation and investigation of fish and
1418 game and administration of the functions of the department relating
1419 thereto] to fund the programs and functions of the Bureau of Natural
1420 Resources within the Department of Environmental Protection, in
1421 accordance with 50 CFR 80.4.

1422 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 26-15a of the general statutes is
1423 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1424 *1, 2010*):

1425 (a) The provisions of [sections 26-14 and] section 26-15, as amended
1426 by this act, shall remain in full force and effect, and there shall be
1427 appropriated to the Bureau of Natural Resources within the
1428 Department of Environmental Protection for each fiscal year a sum not
1429 less than the total estimated receipts from fishing and hunting and
1430 trapping licenses, permits, tags and stamps, other than the Connecticut
1431 Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp described in section 26-27b, as
1432 amended by this act, for such year issued under the provisions of this
1433 chapter.

1434 Sec. 36. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) On or before October first of
1435 each year, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a
1436 report to the Chief of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program
1437 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States
1438 Department of the Interior, that sets forth for the twelve-month period
1439 ending the preceding June thirtieth, the amount of license, permit,
1440 stamp, other than the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp,
1441 and tag fees paid by hunters, trappers and anglers pursuant to the
1442 provisions of chapter 490 of the general statutes and the amount of
1443 funds expended on fish and wildlife programs and the purposes for
1444 which such funds were expended. Additionally, such report shall
1445 include, but not be limited to, the amount of expenditures for: (1) The
1446 protection, propagation, preservation and investigation of fish and
1447 game, (2) the operation, administration and maintenance of fish and
1448 wildlife facilities, (3) the operation and administration of wildlife
1449 management areas and fish and wildlife access areas, (4) the

1450 restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, (5) the
1451 operation and administration of angler and hunter education and
1452 outreach programs, and (6) the administration of fish and wildlife
1453 technical assistance programs.

1454 Sec. 37. Section 26-27c of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
1455 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1456 *1, 2010*):

1457 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may provide for the
1458 Connecticut Migratory Bird Stamp to be reproduced and marketed in
1459 the form of prints and other related artwork. Funds generated from
1460 such marketing and the sale of stamps pursuant to section 26-27b, as
1461 amended by this act, shall be deposited in a separate account
1462 maintained by the Treasurer and known as the migratory bird
1463 conservation account. The migratory bird conservation account shall
1464 be an account of the General Fund. All funds credited to the migratory
1465 bird conservation account shall only be used for: (1) The development,
1466 management, preservation, conservation, acquisition, purchase and
1467 maintenance of waterfowl habitat and wetlands and purchase or
1468 acquisition of recreational rights or interests relating to migratory
1469 birds; and (2) the design, production, promotion and procurement and
1470 sale of the prints and related artwork.

1471 Sec. 38. Section 26-27d of the 2010 supplement to the general
1472 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1473 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

1474 (a) There is established a Citizens' Advisory Board for the
1475 Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp program. The board
1476 shall consist of seven members appointed by the Commissioner of
1477 Environmental Protection. The members of the board shall be
1478 individuals representing organizations having a record of activity in
1479 migratory bird or wetland habitat conservation or who have an
1480 expertise or recognized knowledge in an area pertinent and valuable to
1481 the program. The board shall elect a chairman from among its
1482 membership on or before July 1, 1992. The chairman shall be

1483 unaffiliated with any administrative agency of the state.

1484 (b) The board shall advise the Commissioner of Environmental
 1485 Protection on the design, production and procurement of the
 1486 Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and the expenditure
 1487 of funds generated from the sale of such stamps and associated art
 1488 products pursuant to sections 26-27b and 26-27c, as amended by this
 1489 act.

1490 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of
 1491 Environmental Protection shall establish procedures and business
 1492 processes for the use of the Internet and other means of
 1493 communication and conducting transactions that shall be used for the
 1494 issuance of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, permits, stamps and
 1495 tags pursuant to sections 26-27, 26-27b, 26-28, 26-30, 26-31, 26-36, 26-
 1496 48a, 26-86a and 26-86c of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1497 (b) The commissioner shall establish a schedule of the parts of fees
 1498 to be retained by agents for the issuance of certain hunting, fishing and
 1499 trapping licenses, permits, stamps and tags.

1500 Sec. 40. Section 26-14 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1501 *July 1, 2010*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	26-27b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	26-28
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	26-37
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	26-39
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	26-40
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Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	14-223
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Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	23-26
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Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	26-27c
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Loss	6,620,227	6,620,227
Department of Motor Vehicles	GF; TF - Revenue Gain	4,225,000	4,225,000

Note: GF=General Fund; TF = Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which decreases several sportsman's fees, caps camping and state park fees, and increases certain motor vehicle fines, results in a net revenue loss to the state of approximately \$2.4 million.

Sections 2-16 decrease various Department of Environmental Protection sportsmen fees resulting in a General Fund revenue loss of \$3,298,939.

Sections 17-30 result in a net revenue gain to the state of \$4,225,000. These sections increase various Department of Motor Vehicle fines and establish a new operator's permit for certain persons, resulting in a General Fund revenue gain of \$2,900,000 and a Transportation Fund revenue gain of \$1,325,000.

Section 31 results in a net revenue loss of \$1,319,797. This section reduces camping fees for residents by 120% of the fees that were in effect as of April 1, 2009. This results in a net revenue loss of \$1,280,751. This section also increases camping fees for nonresidents by 150% of current fees. Due to the elasticity of demand¹, increasing

¹ Elasticity of demand measures the rate of response of quantity of a product or service demanded due to a price or fee change.

nonresident camping fees is anticipated to result in a revenue loss of approximately \$37,046.

Section 33 results in a net revenue loss of \$2,001,491. This section decreases fees for parking, admission, boat launching, state parks and forests, and other state recreational facilities for residents by 120% of the fees that were in effect as of April 1, 2009. This results in a revenue loss of approximately \$1,654,632. This section also decreases fees for the same purposes for nonresidents by 150% of the fees that were in effect as of April 1, 2009, resulting in a revenue loss of approximately \$346,858.

Sections 34-36 make technical changes to ensure that the Department of Environmental Protection continues to receive approximately \$7.0 million in federal funds from the Wildlife Restoration Act, Sport Fish Restoration Act, and State Wildlife Grants. In FY 10, Conservation Fund costs were shifted to the General Fund. The agency must report that revenues generated by the sale of fish and wildlife licenses, permits, tags, and stamps are used exclusively in support of fish and wildlife programs managed by the department's Bureau of Natural Resources.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of: 1) sportsman's licenses; 2) motor vehicle infractions; 3) resident and nonresident camping reservations; and 4) resident and nonresident state park and admissions.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 207*****AN ACT CONCERNING RECENT INCREASES IN HUNTING, FISHING LICENSES, CAMPING AND STATE PARK ADMISSION FEES, INCREASING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE FINES AND AUTHORIZING THE HUNTING OF DEER BY PISTOL OR REVOLVER.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill decreases several sportsman's fees, caps camping and state park fees, and increases certain motor vehicle violation fines.

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner to create, by October 1, 2010, a limited motor vehicle operator's permit for individuals convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, any drug, or both, allowing operators to drive between the operator's residence and (1) place of employment or (2) college or university attended. The permit fee is \$100. The DMV commissioner may adopt regulations to implement this provision (§ 30). It is unclear how this provision affects the law, which allows someone whose driver's license has been suspended, with some exceptions, to apply to DMV for a special driving permit that allows the person to drive to and from a work place or in connection with performing employment or higher education functions. A person cannot get a special permit under this existing law if his or her license has previously been suspended for driving under the influence (CGS § 14-37a).

The bill permits pistol hunting of deer on private land of at least 10 acres, between November 1 and December 31, for a \$5. The hunter must (1) own the land or (2) have the consent of the land owner. Hunters must use a cartridge of at least .357 calibers (§ 15).

The bill also creates and allows for donations to the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation account.

The bill requires that funds accruing from any permit, tag, or stamp fees, excluding the migratory bird conservation stamp and fees paid by trappers and anglers, fund the programs and functions of the Bureau of Natural Resources within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) according to federal regulations. It also requires the DEP to submit an annual report to the federal Fish and Wildlife Service, detailing the funds raised, expenses, and spending purposes of sportsman's fees and stamps.

The bill requires the DEP commissioner to establish (1) procedures and business processes for using the Internet and other means of communication to conduct transactions for licenses, permits, stamps, and tags and (2) a schedule of the portion of fees agents may retain.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except provisions on (1) restoration projects, the DEP Bureau of Natural Resources, and uses of the migratory bird conservation account and funds from the sale of stamps and art products are effective July 1, 2010; (2) DEP regulations for Internet communications and transactions are effective January 1, 2011; and (3) the migratory bird conservation stamp and an additional voluntary donation are effective July 1, 2011.

§§1, 37-38 — CONNECTICUT MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION STAMP AND DONATION

The bill decreases, from \$15 to \$13, the fee for purchasing a Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp which a person must have to hunt waterfowl (CGS § 26-27b). It also eliminates the (1) requirement that the stamp have the hunter's signature written in ink across the stamp's face, (2) July 1 issue date, and (3) town clerks' ability to retain a 50-cent fee for issuing the stamp. It allows the DEP commissioner to set the issuance fee that agents may retain instead of the current 50-cent fee. It requires the Citizens' Advisory Board for the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp to advise the commissioner on the expenditure of funds generated from the sale of

stamps and art products.

The bill also creates and allows for additional donations to be deposited in the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation account, maintained by the treasurer in the General Fund. Funds in the account must be used only for (1) developing, managing, preserving, conserving, acquiring, purchasing, and maintaining waterfowl habitat and wetlands or acquisition of related recreational rights or interests or (2) designing, producing, promoting, procuring, and selling prints and related artwork.

§§ 2-14, 16 — DECREASED SPORTSMAN’S FEES AND SUPERSPORT LICENSES

Resident Sportsman’s Licenses

The bill creates two new resident firearms supersport licenses: (1) all waters fishing, firearms hunting, firearms shotgun or rifle private land deer hunting, wild turkey hunting in spring on private land, and muzzleloading on private land for an \$84 annual fee or (2) all waters fishing, firearms hunting, migratory bird conservation stamp, and migratory bird harvest permit for a \$60 annual fee.

The bill also decreases resident sportsman’s fees (CGS § 26-28).

<i>License</i>	<i>Current Fee (\$)</i>	<i>Proposed Fee (\$)</i>
Resident firearms hunting	28	18
Resident fishing	40	25
One-day resident marine fishing	15	5
Resident all-waters fishing	50	32
Resident combination (inland waters fishing and firearms hunting)	56	35
Resident combination (marine water fishing and firearms hunting)	50	25
Resident combination (all waters fishing and firearms hunting)	60	38
Resident combination (all waters fishing and bow and arrow hunting)	84	65
Resident firearms supersport (all waters fishing, firearms hunting, and wild turkey in spring on private land)	116	80

Resident archery supersport (all waters fishing, bow and arrow hunting, and wild turkey on private land in spring)	104	82
Resident trapping	50	32
Resident junior trapping	15	5
Junior firearms hunting	15	5
Firearms permit	28	18
Resident bow and arrow hunting	60	38
Bow and arrow hunting (age 12-16)	26	17

Non-Resident Sportsman's Licenses

The bill decreases several non-resident sportsman's licenses (CGS §§ 26-28 and 26-86a-c).

<i>License</i>	<i>Current Fee (\$)</i>	<i>Proposed Fee (\$)</i>
Non-resident firearms hunting	134	84
Non-resident inland waters fishing	80	50
Non-resident inland waters fishing, 3-day	32	20
Non-resident marine fishing	60	15
Non-resident marine fishing, 3-day	24	8
Non-resident all waters fishing	100	63
Non-resident combination (firearms hunting and inland waters fishing)	176	110
Non-resident combination (firearms hunting and all waters fishing)	190	120
Non-resident combination (firearms hunting and marine fishing)	170	94
Non-resident firearms permit	100	63
Non-resident bow and arrow hunting	200	125

Other Sportsman's Licenses

The bill decreases several other sportsman's licenses.

<i>Statute</i>	<i>License</i>	<i>Current Fee (\$)</i>	<i>Proposed Fee (\$)</i>
26-37	Duplicate license	15	9
26-39	Organized hound pack hunting	70	44
26-40	Wild game or wild game bird breeding	42	27
26-42	Fur buying (non-resident)	84	55
26-42	Fur buying (authorized agent of resident)	56	35
26-45	Bait dealer	100	63

26-48	Private shooting preserve	100	63
26-48a	Turkey stamp	28	18
26-48a	Migratory game bird	15	4
26-48a	Pheasant stamp	28	18
26-48a	Salmon stamp	56	28
26-48a	Wild turkey permit	28	18
26-49b	Hunting dog training area	28	18
26-51	Field dog trial	15	9
26-52	Field dog trial (state land)	56	35
26-52	Field dog trial (private land)	28	18
26-58	Taxidermy	168	105
26-60	Scientific or educational collection of crustaceans	40	25

§§ 31 AND 33 — CAPPING CAMPING AND STATE PARK FEES

The bill caps the fees for leasing state campsites and buildings and parking, admission, boat launching, and other uses to no greater than (1) 120% of the fees charged April 1, 2009 for residents and (2) 150% of the fees charged April 1, 2009 for non-residents. The DEP commissioner must set these fees by April 1, 2010, prior to the bill's effective date (upon passage).

§§ 16-30 — INCREASED MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION FINES

The bill increases several fines for motor vehicle violations.

<i>Statute</i>	<i>Violation</i>	<i>Current Fine (\$)</i>	<i>Proposed Fine (\$)</i>
14-100a(c)	Seat belt requirement	15	25
14-13	Requirement to carry registration and insurance card	35	50
14-17	Changing appearance or mechanical equipment of motor vehicle without notice	35	50
14-26	Motor bus, service bus, taxicab, school bus, and motor vehicle in livery service registration (first offense)	35	50
14-26	Motor bus, service bus, taxicab, school bus, and motor vehicle in livery service registration (subsequent offenses)	35-50	50

14-36a	Operating without appropriate commercial license	35-50	50
14-40a	Operating a motorcycle without license endorsement	35-50	50
14-66c	Towing motorized personal property	35-50	50
14-81	Trailer or semitrailer requirements	35-50	50
14-145	Towing from private property	35-50	50
14-164c	Operating or allowing operation of uninspected or noncompliant motor vehicles (emissions)	35	50
14-223	Failure to stop for officer	35	50
14-285	Requirement to have mirror if driver lacks free and unobstructed view	35-50	50
51-164m(a)	Speeding fines	At least 35	At least 50

§§ 34-36 – RESTORATION

Current law states that Connecticut assents to the provisions of the congressional acts entitled “An Act to Provide that the United States Shall Aid the States in Wildlife Restoration Projects, and for Other Purposes” and “An Act to Provide that the United States Shall Aid the States in Fish Restoration and Management Projects, and for Other Purposes,” which provide that no funds accruing to the state from license fees paid by fishermen or hunting licenses shall be diverted for any other purpose than the protection, propagation, preservation and investigation of fish and game and administration of the functions of the related department. The bill includes funds accruing from any permit, tag, or stamp fees, excluding the migratory bird conservation stamp and fees paid by trappers and anglers, and requires the fees fund the programs and functions of the Bureau of Natural Resources within DEP, according to federal regulations.

The bill requires the DEP to submit, by October 1, an annual report to the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program chief, within the Fish and Wildlife Service of the federal Department of the Interior. The report must include, for the year ending June 30, the (1) total license, permit, stamp, and tag fees paid by hunters, trappers, and anglers,

excluding the Connecticut Migratory Bird Stamp; (2) amounts expended on fish and wildlife programs; and (3) purposes for the spent funds. The report must also include the total expenditure amounts for (1) protection, propagation, preservation, and investigation of fish and game; (2) operation, administration, and maintenance of fish and wildlife facilities; (3) operation and administration of wildlife management areas, fish and wildlife access areas, and angler and hunter education and outreach programs; (4) restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitats; and (5) administration of fish and wildlife technical assistance programs.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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