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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN,
THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ASSESSMENT REPORT,
THE CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION AND THE
CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation
4 shall review the procedures of the State Traffic Commission, and shall
5 prepare a statistical analysis of the average length of time required
6 from the date an application is submitted to the commission to the date
7 of issuance by the commission of an approval or denial of such
8 application, including the number and date of applications that are
9 withdrawn. The department shall also develop a plan to improve the
10 timeliness of the commission's permit application and decision
11 process. The plan shall clarify and justify any new requirements
12 imposed by the commission on permit applicants, and shall include
13 provisions to promote an environment of fairness for applicants. The

14 department shall submit a report of the review and the permit
15 application plan to the joint standing committee of the General
16 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the State Traffic
17 Commission not later than December 31, 2010.

18 Sec. 502. Section 57 of public act 09-186 is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20 [The overpass bridge] Bridge [of] number 00060 on East Avenue in
21 Norwalk overpassing Interstate 95 [in East Norwalk] shall be
22 designated the "Donald F. Reid Memorial Bridge".

23 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than June 30, 2011, the
24 Department of Transportation shall remove sand and debris deposited
25 by highway storm drains into the pond located at 245 Wolcott Road,
26 Wolcott, adjacent to Route 69.

27 Sec. 504. Section 14-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

29 (a) The traffic authority shall have power to designate, by
30 appropriate official traffic control devices, as defined in section 14-297,
31 or markers, or by lines upon the surface of the highway, such
32 crosswalks and intersections as, in its opinion, constitute [an especial] a
33 danger to pedestrians crossing the highway including, but not limited
34 to, specially marked crosswalks in the vicinity of schools, which
35 crosswalks shall have distinctive markings, in accordance with the
36 regulations of the State Traffic Commission, to denote use of such
37 crosswalks by school children; and may maintain suitable signs located
38 at intervals along highways, particularly where there are no sidewalks,
39 directing pedestrians to walk facing vehicular traffic.

40 (b) At any intersection where special pedestrian-control signals
41 bearing the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are placed, pedestrians may
42 cross the highway only as indicated by the signal. At any intersection
43 where traffic is controlled by other traffic control signals or by police
44 officers, pedestrians shall not cross the highway against a red or "Stop"

45 signal and shall not cross at any place not a marked or unmarked
46 crosswalk. A pedestrian started or starting across the highway on a
47 "Walk" signal or on any such crosswalk on a green or "Go" signal shall
48 have the right-of-way over all vehicles, including those making turns,
49 until such pedestrian has reached the opposite curb or safety zone.

50 (c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-300c, at any
51 crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any
52 unmarked crosswalk, provided such crosswalks are not controlled by
53 police officers or traffic control signals, each operator of a vehicle shall
54 grant the right-of-way, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so
55 grant the right-of-way, to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within
56 such crosswalk, provided such pedestrian steps off the curb or into the
57 crosswalk at the entrance to a crosswalk or is within that half of the
58 roadway upon which such operator of a vehicle is traveling, or such
59 pedestrian steps off the curb or into the crosswalk at the entrance to a
60 crosswalk or is crossing the roadway within such crosswalk from that
61 half of the roadway upon which such operator is not traveling. No
62 operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and
63 pass any vehicle, the operator of which has stopped at any crosswalk
64 marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any unmarked
65 crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway. The operator of
66 any vehicle crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to each
67 pedestrian and all other traffic upon such sidewalk.

68 (d) The operator of a motor vehicle who approaches or comes into
69 the immediate vicinity of a pedestrian who is blind, as defined in
70 subsection (a) of section 1-1f, carrying a white cane or a white cane
71 tipped with red, or a pedestrian being guided by a guide dog, shall
72 reduce speed or stop, if necessary, to yield the right-of-way to such
73 pedestrian. No person, except one who is blind, shall carry or use on
74 any street or highway, or in any other public place, a cane or walking
75 stick which is white in color or white, tipped with red.

76 (e) Any crosswalk designated by a traffic authority on or after
77 October 1, 2010, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be

78 required by such authority to have markings, signage, or any control
79 signals deemed necessary by such authority to provide sufficient time
80 for the safe crossing of pedestrians.

81 [(e)] (f) The operator of any motor vehicle who violates this section
82 shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined ninety
83 dollars.

84 [(f)] (g) In any civil action arising under subsection (c) or (d) of this
85 section or sections 14-300b to 14-300d, inclusive, the doctrine of
86 negligence per se shall not apply.

87 Sec. 505. Subsection (b) of section 70 of public act 07-7 of the June
88 special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

89 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds to the extent hereinafter
90 stated, shall be used for the purpose of payment of the transportation
91 costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75 of the general
92 statutes, with respect to the projects and uses hereinafter described,
93 which projects and uses are hereby found and determined to be in
94 furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the issuance
95 of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74 of the general
96 statutes. Any proceeds of the bonds shall be used by the Department of
97 Transportation for the purpose of [constructing a] repairing,
98 reconstructing or expanding the parking garage at the Stamford
99 Transportation Center, including [rights-of-way,] alternative
100 temporary parking necessary during the repair, reconstruction or
101 expansion of said parking garage. [, other property acquisition and
102 related projects.]"