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The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. MAYNARD of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEIGH STATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRONIC RENEWAL NOTICES AND THE ELIMINATION OF VISION SCREENING TESTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-270c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The [Commissioners of Public Safety and] Commissioner of
4 Motor Vehicles shall staff, and shall coordinate coverage and hours of
5 operation of, the official weighing areas as follows:

6 (1) Greenwich: Eight work shifts in each seven-day period from
7 Sunday through Saturday. No such shifts shall be worked
8 consecutively, except that two shifts may be worked consecutively on
9 not more than three days;

10 (2) Danbury: The [Department of Public Safety shall staff three work

11 shifts in each seven-day period from Sunday through Saturday and
12 the] Department of Motor Vehicles shall staff [three] six work shifts in
13 each seven-day period from Sunday through Saturday. The
14 Commissioner of [Public Safety] Motor Vehicles shall, whenever
15 possible, coordinate coverage between this official weighing area and
16 the official weighing area in Greenwich in order to ensure concurrent
17 coverage;

18 (3) Union: Between five and eight work shifts in each seven-day
19 period from Sunday through Saturday; [. The Commissioner of Motor
20 Vehicles shall coordinate the hours of operation of this official
21 weighing area;] and

22 (4) Portable scale locations: [Ten shifts] The Commissioner of Public
23 Safety shall assign troopers to work in each seven-day period from
24 Sunday through Saturday [which shall be staggered] to conduct motor
25 vehicle enforcement throughout the four geographical areas
26 established by the Commissioner of Public Safety with concentration in
27 areas that have fewer hours of operation for the permanent weighing
28 areas.

29 (b) The [Commissioners of Public Safety and] Commissioner of
30 Motor Vehicles shall adjust the work shifts required in subsection (a)
31 of this section on a daily basis in order to effectuate an unpredictable
32 schedule.

33 (c) The Commissioner of [Public Safety] Motor Vehicles may assign
34 [any remaining] personnel [in the traffic unit] to the permanent
35 weighing areas in Waterford and Middletown or to the portable scale
36 operations.

37 (d) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall assign [personnel from
38 the traffic unit to work between nine and twelve shifts] one trooper to
39 each weighing area working shift in each seven-day period from
40 Sunday through Saturday to [patrol and] enforce laws relative to the
41 safe movement of all vehicles on the highways of the state.

42 (e) [Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Commissioner of
43 Public Safety from reassigning personnel in the traffic unit as he deems
44 necessary in order to ensure public safety.] In addition to the
45 performance of commercial motor vehicle enforcement activities at
46 weighing areas, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall assign
47 troopers trained in commercial motor vehicle enforcement to perform
48 roaming enforcement activities with respect to such vehicles, on the
49 highways of the state.

50 Sec. 2. Section 14-270d of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

52 The Commercial Vehicle Safety Division [of State Police] within the
53 Department of [Public Safety] Motor Vehicles shall temporarily close
54 any weigh station located within the state that develops a backlog of
55 traffic entering said weigh station and therefore creates a traffic
56 hazard.

57 Sec. 3. Section 14-270e of the general statutes is repealed and the
58 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

59 On or before January 1, [2004] 2012, the Commissioner of
60 Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety
61 and the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a program to
62 implement regularly scheduled and enforced hours of operation for
63 weigh stations. Not later than October 1, [2004] 2012, and annually
64 thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with
65 section 11-4a, on the planned program to the joint standing committee
66 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
67 transportation.

68 Sec. 4. Section 14-270f of the general statutes is repealed and the
69 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

70 (a) On and after January 1, 2008, logs shall be maintained for each
71 shift at all weigh stations located in the state. Each log shall contain the
72 following information with respect to each weigh station: (1) The

73 location, date and hours of each shift, (2) the hours the "OPEN" sign is
74 illuminated, (3) the number of Department of Motor Vehicles and
75 Department of Public Safety officers or civilian technicians for each
76 shift, (4) the number and weight of all vehicles inspected, (5) the type
77 of vehicle inspections, (6) the number and types of citations issued, (7)
78 the amount of fines that may be imposed for overweight or other
79 violations, (8) the operating costs for each shift, and (9) the number of
80 vehicles that pass through the weigh station during each shift. Each log
81 shall be submitted to the Commissioner of [Public Safety] Motor
82 Vehicles. Not later than December 15, [2007] 2011, the Commissioner
83 of [Public Safety, in consultation with the Commissioner of] Motor
84 Vehicles [.] shall develop and distribute a form for the recording of
85 such information.

86 (b) Not later than January 1, [2008] 2012, and semiannually
87 thereafter, the Commissioner of [Public Safety] Motor Vehicles shall
88 submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a written report that contains
89 a summary of the information specified in subsection (a) of this section
90 for the preceding six-month period to the joint standing committee of
91 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
92 transportation. Such report shall also be posted on the Internet web
93 site of the [Departments] Department of Motor Vehicles. [and Public
94 Safety.]

95 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 1-1h of the general statutes is
96 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
97 *1, 2011*):

98 (b) An identity card shall expire within a period not exceeding six
99 years from the date of issuance of such card. Each such card shall
100 indicate its date of expiration. Any person who holds an identity card
101 shall be notified by the commissioner before its expiration and may
102 renew such card in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe
103 upon payment of a fee of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents. The
104 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish an electronic process
105 for notification of the expiration of any identity card.

106 Sec. 6. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the
107 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

108 [(a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, each motor vehicle
109 operator's license shall be renewed every six years or every four years
110 on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance with a schedule to
111 be established by the commissioner. Upon every other renewal of a
112 motor vehicle operator's license or identity card issued pursuant to
113 section 1-1h, the commissioner may issue such license or identity card
114 without the personal appearance of the licensee or identity card holder
115 if (1) such licensee or identity card holder has a digital image on file
116 with the commissioner, and (2) such licensee or identity card holder
117 has fulfilled all other requirements for such renewal. On and after July
118 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the vision of
119 each motor vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of the
120 operator's license of such operator in accordance with a schedule
121 adopted by the commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply
122 to every other renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the
123 vision screening by the commissioner, such operator may submit the
124 results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed health care
125 professional qualified to conduct such screening on a form prescribed
126 by the commissioner during the twelve months preceding such
127 renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license may be renewed unless
128 the operator passes such vision screening. The commissioner shall
129 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
130 implement the provisions of this subsection related to the
131 administration of vision screening.]

132 [(b)] (a) An original operator's license shall expire within a period
133 not exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next
134 birthday. The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate
135 of forty-four dollars for a four-year license, sixty-six dollars for a six-
136 year license and eleven dollars per year or any part of a year. The
137 commissioner may authorize an automobile club or association,
138 licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67 on or before
139 July 1, 2007, to perform license renewals, renewals of identity cards

140 issued pursuant to section 1-1h, as amended by this act, and
141 registration transactions at its office facilities. The commissioner may
142 authorize such automobile clubs or associations to charge a
143 convenience fee, which shall not exceed two dollars, to each applicant
144 for a license or identity card renewal or a registration transaction.

145 [(c)] (b) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date
146 on which each motor vehicle operator's license expires, notify the
147 operator of the expiration date. The commissioner shall establish an
148 electronic process for notification of the expiration of any motor
149 vehicle operator's license. Any previously licensed operator who
150 operates a motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of
151 the operator's license without obtaining a renewal of the license shall
152 be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license
153 and shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
154 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
155 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for the
156 same act constituting a violation under this section but section 14-36
157 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

158 [(d)] (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the
159 expiration date of any motor vehicle operator's license or any public
160 passenger transportation permit falls on any day when offices of the
161 commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a full
162 business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until
163 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are
164 open for a full day of business.

165 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 14-44h of the general statutes is
166 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
167 *1, 2011*):

168 (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
169 which each commercial driver's license expires, notify the operator of
170 the expiration date. The commissioner shall establish an electronic
171 process for notification of the expiration of any commercial driver's
172 license. Any previously licensed operator who operates a commercial

173 motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of such
174 operator license without obtaining a renewal of such license shall be
175 deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license and
176 shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
177 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
178 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for the
179 same act constituting a violation under this section but said section 14-
180 36 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

181 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) Notwithstanding the provisions
182 of section 4-60q of the general statutes, the Department of Motor
183 Vehicles shall not be required to maintain a toll-free telephone line.

184 Sec. 9. Subsection (f) of section 13b-59 of the general statutes is
185 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
186 *1, 2011*):

187 (f) "Motor vehicle receipts" means all fees and other charges
188 required by or levied pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-12,
189 section 14-15, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection
190 (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by
191 this act, section 14-41a, subsection (b) of section 14-44, sections 14-47
192 and 14-48b, subsection (a) of section 14-49, subdivision (1) of
193 subsection (b) of section 14-49, except as provided under subdivision
194 (2) of subsection (b) of said section, subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),
195 (i), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (s), (t), (u), (x), (y) and (aa) of section 14-
196 49, section 14-49a, subsections (a) and (g) of section 14-50, as amended
197 by this act, subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (9), (10) and (14) of subsection
198 (a) of section 14-50a, sections 14-59, 14-61 and 14-65, subsection (c) of
199 section 14-66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, subsection (f) of section
200 14-67a, sections 14-67d, 14-160 and 14-381, and subsection (b) of section
201 14-382;

202 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 13b-76 of the
203 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
204 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

205 (a) Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to sections
206 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, are hereby
207 determined to be issued for valid public purposes in exercise of
208 essential governmental functions. Such bonds and bond anticipation
209 notes shall be special obligations of the state and shall not be payable
210 from or charged upon any funds other than the pledged revenues or
211 other receipts, funds or moneys pledged therefor as provided in
212 sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of
213 section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f)
214 of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, as amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-
215 69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 13b-
216 80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12,
217 sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a,
218 section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of
219 section 14-41, as amended by this act, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of
220 section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by
221 this act, subsection (a) of section 14-50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58,
222 subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections
223 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73,
224 subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection
225 (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319,
226 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14
227 and 16-299, nor shall the state or any political subdivision thereof be
228 subject to any liability thereon, except to the extent of such pledged
229 revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys pledged therefor as
230 provided in said sections. As part of the contract of the state with the
231 owners of said bonds and bond anticipation notes, all amounts
232 necessary for punctual payment of the debt service requirements with
233 respect to such bonds and bond anticipation notes shall be deemed to
234 be appropriated, but only from the sources pledged pursuant to said
235 sections, upon the authorization of issuance of such bonds and bond
236 anticipation notes by the State Bond Commission, or the filing of a
237 certificate of determination by the Treasurer in accordance with
238 subsection (c) of this section, and the Treasurer shall pay such
239 principal and interest as the same shall accrue, but only from such

240 sources. The issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes issued under
241 sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not
242 directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the state or any political
243 subdivision thereof to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever
244 therefor, except for taxes included in the pledged revenues, or to make
245 any additional appropriation for their payment. Such bonds and bond
246 anticipation notes shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance,
247 legal or equitable, upon any property of the state or of any political
248 subdivision thereof other than the pledged revenues or other receipts,
249 funds or moneys pledged therefor as provided in sections 3-21a, 3-27a,
250 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections
251 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42,
252 sections 13b-59, as amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74
253 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a)
254 of section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a
255 and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection
256 (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by
257 this act, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47,
258 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of
259 section 14-50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66,
260 subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-
261 69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,
262 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,
263 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,
264 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and section 15-14, and the substance of
265 such limitation shall be plainly stated on the face of each such bond
266 and bond anticipation note. Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued
267 pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this
268 act, shall not be subject to any statutory limitation on the indebtedness
269 of the state, and, when issued, shall not be included in computing the
270 aggregate indebtedness of the state in respect to and to the extent of
271 any such limitation.

272 (b) Bonds issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as
273 amended by this act, may be executed and delivered at such time or
274 times and shall be dated, bear interest at such rate or rates, including

275 variable rates to be determined in such manner as set forth in the
276 proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds, provide for
277 payment of interest on such dates, whether before or at maturity, be
278 issued at, above or below par, mature at such time or times not
279 exceeding thirty years from their date, have such rank or priority, be
280 payable in such medium of payment, be issued in such form, including
281 without limitation registered or book-entry form, carry such
282 registration and transfer privileges and be made subject to purchase or
283 redemption before maturity at such price or prices and under such
284 terms and conditions, including the condition that such bonds be
285 subject to purchase or redemption on the demand of the owner
286 thereof, all as may be provided by the State Bond Commission. The
287 State Bond Commission shall determine the form of the bonds, the
288 manner of execution of the bonds, the denomination or denominations
289 of the bonds and the manner of payment of principal and interest.
290 Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the State Bond
291 Commission may, under like restrictions, authorize the issuance of
292 interim receipts or temporary bonds, exchangeable for definitive bonds
293 when such bonds have been executed and are available for delivery. If
294 any of the officers whose signatures appear on the bonds cease to be
295 officers before the delivery of any such bonds, such signatures shall,
296 nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if
297 such officers had remained in office until delivery. Nothing herein
298 shall prevent any series of bonds issued under sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-
299 27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-
300 175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections
301 13b-59, as amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-
302 77, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of
303 section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a
304 and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection
305 (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by
306 this act, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47,
307 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of
308 section 14-50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66,
309 subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-

310 69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,
311 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,
312 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,
313 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299 from
314 being issued in coupon form, in which case references to the bonds
315 herein also shall refer to the coupons attached thereto where
316 appropriate, and references to owners of bonds shall include holders of
317 such bonds where appropriate.

318 (c) Any bonds issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,
319 inclusive, as amended by this act, may be sold at public sale on sealed
320 proposals or by negotiation in such manner, at such price or prices, at
321 such time or times and on such other terms and conditions of such
322 bonds and the issuance and sale thereof as the State Bond Commission
323 may determine to be in the best interests of the state, or the State Bond
324 Commission may delegate to the Treasurer all or any part of the
325 foregoing powers in which event the Treasurer shall exercise such
326 powers unless the State Bond Commission, by adoption of a resolution
327 prior to the exercise of such powers by the Treasurer shall elect to
328 reassume the same. Such powers shall be exercised from time to time
329 in such manner as the Treasurer shall determine to be in the best
330 interests of the state and he shall file a certificate of determination
331 setting forth the details thereof with the secretary of the State Bond
332 Commission on or before the date of delivery of such bonds, the details
333 of which were determined by him in accordance with such delegation.

334 (d) The debt service requirements with respect to any bonds and
335 bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,
336 inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be secured by (1) a first call
337 upon the pledged revenues as they are received by the state and
338 credited to the Special Transportation Fund established under section
339 13b-68, and (2) a lien upon any and all amounts held to the credit of
340 said Special Transportation Fund from time to time, provided said lien
341 shall not extend to amounts held to the credit of such Special
342 Transportation Fund which represent (A) amounts borrowed by the
343 Treasurer in anticipation of state revenues pursuant to section 3-16, or

344 (B) transportation-related federal revenues of the state. Any obligation
345 of the state secured by said lien to pay the unrefunded principal of
346 bond anticipation notes, including for this purpose any obligation of
347 the state under a reimbursement agreement entered into in connection
348 with a credit facility providing for payment of the unrefunded
349 principal of bond anticipation notes, shall be subordinate to any
350 obligation of the state secured by said lien to pay (i) the debt service
351 requirements with respect to bonds, or (ii) any debt service
352 requirements with respect to bond anticipation notes other than debt
353 service requirements relating to unrefunded principal of bond
354 anticipation notes or to obligations under a credit facility for the
355 payment of such unrefunded principal. The debt service requirements
356 with respect to bonds and bond anticipation notes also may be secured
357 by a pledge of reserves, sinking funds and any other funds and
358 accounts, including proceeds from investment of any of the foregoing,
359 established pursuant to sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d,
360 subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u,
361 inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, as amended
362 by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as
363 amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97,
364 subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c,
365 subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section
366 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by this act,
367 section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b,
368 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 14-
369 50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection
370 (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69,
371 subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections
372 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of
373 section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of
374 section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299 or the proceedings
375 authorizing the issuance of such bonds, and by moneys paid under a
376 credit facility, including, but not limited to, a letter of credit or policy
377 of bond insurance, issued by a financial institution pursuant to an
378 agreement authorized by such proceedings.

379 (e) The proceedings under which bonds are authorized to be issued
380 may, subject to the provisions of the general statutes, contain any or all
381 of the following: (1) Provisions respecting custody of the proceeds
382 from the sale of the bonds and any bond anticipation notes, including
383 any requirements that such proceeds be held separate from or not be
384 commingled with other funds of the state; (2) provisions for the
385 investment and reinvestment of bond proceeds until used to pay
386 transportation costs and for the disposition of any excess bond
387 proceeds or investment earnings thereon; (3) provisions for the
388 execution of reimbursement agreements or similar agreements in
389 connection with credit facilities, including, but not limited to, letters of
390 credit or policies of bond insurance, remarketing agreements and
391 agreements for the purpose of moderating interest rate fluctuations,
392 and of such other agreements entered into pursuant to section 3-20a;
393 (4) provisions for the collection, custody, investment, reinvestment and
394 use of the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys
395 pledged therefor as provided in sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and
396 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-
397 175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, as
398 amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive,
399 as amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97,
400 subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c,
401 subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section
402 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by this act,
403 section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b,
404 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 14-
405 50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection
406 (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69,
407 subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections
408 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of
409 section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of
410 section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299; (5) provisions regarding
411 the establishment and maintenance of reserves, sinking funds and any
412 other funds and accounts as shall be approved by the State Bond
413 Commission in such amounts as may be established by the State Bond

414 Commission, and the regulation and disposition thereof, including
415 requirements that any such funds and accounts be held separate from
416 or not be commingled with other funds of the state; (6) covenants for
417 the establishment of pledged revenue coverage requirements for the
418 bonds and bond anticipation notes, provided that no such covenant
419 shall obligate the state to provide coverage in any year with respect to
420 any bonds or bond anticipation notes in excess of four times the
421 aggregate debt service on bonds and bond anticipation notes, as
422 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of section 13b-75,
423 during such year; (7) covenants for the establishment of maintenance
424 requirements with respect to state transportation facilities and
425 properties; (8) provisions for the issuance of additional bonds on a
426 parity with bonds theretofore issued, including establishment of
427 coverage requirements with respect thereto as herein provided; (9)
428 provisions regarding the rights and remedies available in case of a
429 default to the bondowners, noteowners or any trustee under any
430 contract, loan agreement, document, instrument or trust indenture,
431 including the right to appoint a trustee to represent their interests
432 upon occurrence of an event of default, as defined in said proceedings,
433 provided that if any bonds or bond anticipation notes shall be secured
434 by a trust indenture, the respective owners of such bonds or notes shall
435 have no authority except as set forth in such trust indenture to appoint
436 a separate trustee to represent them; and (10) provisions or covenants
437 of like or different character from the foregoing which are consistent
438 with sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of
439 section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f)
440 of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, as amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-
441 69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 13b-
442 80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12,
443 sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a,
444 section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of
445 section 14-41, as amended by this act, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of
446 section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by
447 this act, subsection (a) of section 14-50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58,
448 subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections

449 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73,
450 subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection
451 (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319,
452 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of section 14-382 and sections 15-14
453 and 16-299 and which the State Bond Commission determines in such
454 proceedings are necessary, convenient or desirable in order to better
455 secure the bonds or bond anticipation notes, or will tend to make the
456 bonds or bond anticipation notes more marketable, and which are in
457 the best interests of the state. Any provision which may be included in
458 proceedings authorizing the issuance of bonds hereunder may be
459 included in an indenture of trust duly approved in accordance with
460 subsection (g) of this section which secures the bonds and any notes
461 issued in anticipation thereof, and in such case the provisions of such
462 indenture shall be deemed to be a part of such proceedings as though
463 they were expressly included therein.

464 (f) Any pledge made by the state shall be valid and binding from the
465 time when the pledge is made, and any revenues or other receipts,
466 funds or moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the state shall
467 be subject immediately to the lien of such pledge without any physical
468 delivery thereof or further act. The lien of any such pledge shall be
469 valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in
470 tort, contract, or otherwise against the state, irrespective of whether
471 such parties have notice thereof. Neither the resolution nor any other
472 instrument by which a pledge is created need be recorded.

473 (g) In the discretion of the State Bond Commission, bonds issued
474 pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this
475 act, including for this purpose any bond anticipation notes, may be
476 secured by a trust indenture by and between the state and a corporate
477 trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers
478 of a trust company within or without the state. Such trust indenture
479 may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights
480 and remedies of the bondowners and noteowners as may be
481 reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants
482 setting forth the duties of the state in relation to the exercise of its

483 powers pursuant to sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d,
484 subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-175p to 13a-175u,
485 inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections 13b-59, as amended
486 by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as
487 amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of section 13b-97,
488 subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a and 14-21c,
489 subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection (b) of section
490 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by this act,
491 section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47, 14-48b,
492 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 14-
493 50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection
494 (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-69,
495 subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q, sections
496 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of
497 section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381, subsection (b) of
498 section 14-382 and sections 15-14 and 16-299 and the custody,
499 safeguarding and application of all moneys. The state may provide by
500 such trust indenture for the payment of the pledged revenues or other
501 receipts, funds or moneys to the trustee under such trust indenture or
502 to any other depository, and for the method of disbursement thereof,
503 with such safeguards and restrictions as it may determine. All
504 expenses incurred in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated
505 as transportation costs, as defined in section 13b-75.

506 Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 13b-77 of the general statutes is
507 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
508 *1, 2011*):

509 (c) The state covenants with the purchasers and all subsequent
510 owners and transferees of bonds and bond anticipation notes issued by
511 the state pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended
512 by this act, in consideration of the acceptance of the payment for the
513 bonds and bond anticipation notes, until such bonds and bond
514 anticipation notes, together with the interest thereon, with interest on
515 any unpaid installment of interest and all costs and expenses in
516 connection with any action or proceeding on behalf of such owners,

517 are fully met and discharged, or unless expressly permitted or
518 otherwise authorized by the terms of each contract and agreement
519 made or entered into by or on behalf of the state with or for the benefit
520 of such owners, that the state will impose, charge, raise, levy, collect
521 and apply the pledged revenues and other receipts, funds or moneys
522 pledged for the payment of debt service requirements as provided in
523 sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, in such
524 amounts as may be necessary to pay such debt service requirements in
525 each year in which bonds or bond anticipation notes are outstanding
526 and further, that the state (1) will not limit or alter the duties imposed
527 on the Treasurer and other officers of the state by sections 3-21a, 3-27a,
528 3-27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections
529 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42,
530 sections 13b-59, as amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74
531 to 13b-77, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a)
532 of section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a
533 and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection
534 (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by
535 this act, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47,
536 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of
537 section 14-50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66,
538 subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-
539 69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,
540 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,
541 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,
542 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and section 15-14 and by the
543 proceedings authorizing the issuance of bonds with respect to
544 application of pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys
545 pledged for the payment of debt service requirements as provided in
546 said sections; (2) will not issue any bonds, notes or other evidences of
547 indebtedness, other than the bonds and bond anticipation notes,
548 having any rights arising out of said sections or secured by any pledge
549 of or other lien or charge on the pledged revenues or other receipts,
550 funds or moneys pledged for the payment of debt service
551 requirements as provided in said sections; (3) will not create or cause

552 to be created any lien or charge on such pledged amounts, other than a
553 lien or pledge created thereon pursuant to said sections, provided
554 nothing in this subsection shall prevent the state from issuing
555 evidences of indebtedness (A) which are secured by a pledge or lien
556 which is and shall on the face thereof be expressly subordinate and
557 junior in all respects to every lien and pledge created by or pursuant to
558 said sections; or (B) for which the full faith and credit of the state is
559 pledged and which are not expressly secured by any specific lien or
560 charge on such pledged amounts; or (C) which are secured by a pledge
561 of or lien on moneys or funds derived on or after such date as every
562 pledge or lien thereon created by or pursuant to said sections shall be
563 discharged and satisfied; (4) will carry out and perform, or cause to be
564 carried out and performed, each and every promise, covenant,
565 agreement or contract made or entered into by the state or on its behalf
566 with the owners of any bonds or bond anticipation notes; (5) will not in
567 any way impair the rights, exemptions or remedies of such owners;
568 and (6) will not limit, modify, rescind, repeal or otherwise alter the
569 rights or obligations of the appropriate officers of the state to impose,
570 maintain, charge or collect the taxes, fees, charges and other receipts
571 constituting the pledged revenues as may be necessary to produce
572 sufficient revenues to fulfill the terms of the proceedings authorizing
573 the issuance of the bonds, including pledged revenue coverage
574 requirements, and provided nothing herein shall preclude the state
575 from exercising its power, through a change in law, to limit, modify,
576 rescind, repeal or otherwise alter the character or amount of such
577 pledged revenues or to substitute like or different sources of taxes,
578 fees, charges or other receipts as pledged revenues if, for the ensuing
579 fiscal year, as evidenced by the proposed or adopted budget of the
580 state with respect to the Special Transportation Fund, the projected
581 revenues meet or exceed the estimated expenses of the Special
582 Transportation Fund including accumulated deficits, if any, debt
583 service requirements and any pledged revenue coverage requirement.
584 The State Bond Commission is authorized to include this covenant of
585 the state in any agreement with the owner of any such bonds or bond
586 anticipation notes.

587 Sec. 12. Section 13b-79a of the general statutes is repealed and the
588 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

589 Not later than October 1, 1984, and annually thereafter, the
590 Commissioner of Transportation shall prepare a report on the current
591 status and progress of the transportation infrastructure program
592 authorized pursuant to special act 84-52 and sections 3-21a, 3-27a, 3-
593 27f, 12-458 and 12-458d, subsection (c) of section 13a-80a, sections 13a-
594 175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, sections
595 13b-59, as amended by this act, 13b-61, 13b-69, 13b-71, 13b-74 to 13b-
596 77, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 13b-80, subsection (a) of
597 section 13b-97, subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-15, 14-16a
598 and 14-21c, subsection (a) of section 14-25a, section 14-28, subsection
599 (b) of section 14-35, subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-41, as amended by
600 this act, section 14-41a, subsection (a) of section 14-44, sections 14-47,
601 14-48b, 14-49 and 14-50, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of
602 section 14-50a, sections 14-52 and 14-58, subsection (c) of section 14-66,
603 subsection (e) of section 14-67, sections 14-67a, 14-67d, 14-67l and 14-
604 69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, subsection (c) of section 14-96q,
605 sections 14-103a and 14-160, subsection (a) of section 14-164a,
606 subsection (a) of section 14-192, sections 14-319, 14-320 and 14-381,
607 subsection (b) of section 14-382 and section 15-14. Each report shall
608 include, but not be limited to: Information on the number of lane miles
609 of state and local roadway repaved, the status of the state and local
610 bridge programs, the status of intrastate and interstate highway
611 programs and the interstate trade-in program and mass transportation
612 and aeronautics programs. The commissioner shall notify the joint
613 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
614 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations
615 and the budgets of state agencies of the availability of the report. A
616 requesting member of such a committee shall be sent a written copy or
617 electronic storage media of the report by the commissioner.

618 Sec. 13. Section 14-12t of the general statutes is repealed and the
619 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

620 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
621 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of subsection (g)
622 of section 13b-59, subsection (g) of section 14-12 [.] and sections 14-12r,
623 14-12s and 14-16a. [and subsection (a) of section 14-41.] The regulations
624 shall include the qualifications to be met by any dealer or repairer
625 authorized by the commissioner to conduct inspections in accordance
626 with subsection (g) of section 14-12 and sections 14-12r and 14-16a.

627 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
628 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
629 *1, 2011*):

630 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
631 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
632 has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified
633 in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the Commissioner
634 of Motor Vehicles a certificate of the successful completion (i) in a
635 public secondary school, a state vocational school or a private
636 secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle operation
637 prepared as provided in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature
638 provided by a licensed drivers' school approved by the commissioner,
639 or (iii) of home training in accordance with subdivision (2) of this
640 subsection, including, in each case, or by a combination of such types
641 of training, successful completion of: Not less than twenty clock hours
642 of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction for applicants to whom a
643 learner's permit is issued before August 1, 2008; and not less than forty
644 clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction for applicants
645 to whom a learner's permit is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B)
646 present to the commissioner a certificate of the successful completion
647 of a course of not less than eight hours relative to safe driving
648 practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature and the
649 medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and
650 their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated
651 with the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol
652 or drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and
653 the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations; and

654 (C) pass an examination which shall include a comprehensive test as to
655 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
656 road in addition to the test required under subsection (c) of this section
657 and shall include an on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the
658 commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor
659 vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of
660 age shall have held a learner's permit for not less than one hundred
661 eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under
662 subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall
663 have held a learner's permit for not less than one hundred twenty
664 days, [and an applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by
665 the handicapped driver training unit in accordance with the provisions
666 of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period of time
667 required by said unit.] The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
668 approve the content of the safe driving instruction at drivers' schools,
669 high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to such standards
670 and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the commissioner
671 may authorize any driver's school, licensed in good standing in
672 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, or secondary school
673 driver education program authorized pursuant to the provisions of
674 section 14-36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge
675 of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road,
676 required pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of
677 the safe driving practices course required pursuant to subparagraph
678 (B) of this subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath,
679 the results of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction
680 required by this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition
681 to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course
682 required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed
683 one hundred twenty-five dollars, unless the comprehensive test as to
684 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
685 road is also administered, in which case the fee shall not exceed one
686 hundred fifty dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age
687 who, while a resident of another state, completed the course required
688 in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe

689 driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall
690 complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any
691 requirement in this subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of
692 this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years
693 of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any
694 other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant
695 has received training and instruction of a similar nature. (2) The
696 commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training under
697 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home training as
698 evidenced by a written statement signed by the spouse of a married
699 minor applicant, or by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal
700 guardian of an applicant which states that the applicant has obtained a
701 learner's permit and has successfully completed a driving course
702 taught by the person signing the statement, that the signer has had an
703 operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the
704 statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by
705 the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the
706 statement or, if the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent,
707 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the
708 instruction, a statement signed by the applicant's stepparent, brother,
709 sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided the person
710 signing the statement is qualified. (3) If the commissioner requires a
711 written test of any applicant under this section, the test shall be given
712 in English or Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the
713 commissioner shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient
714 understanding of English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.
715 (4) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
716 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
717 purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements for behind-
718 the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, the content of safe driving
719 instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary
720 schools, and the administration and certification of required testing.

721 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is
722 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
723 *1, 2011*):

724 (a) Subject to the provisions of [subsection (c) of] section 14-41, as
725 amended by this act, there shall be charged a fee of forty-three dollars
726 for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license issued for a
727 period of four years, a fee of sixty-five dollars for each renewal of a
728 motor vehicle operator's license issued for a period of six years and an
729 additional fee of twelve dollars for each year for each passenger
730 endorsement.

731 Sec. 16. Section 14-215b of the general statutes is repealed and the
732 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

733 Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license has been
734 suspended who operates a motor vehicle after the expiration of such
735 period of suspension without obtaining the reinstatement of such
736 license shall (1) during the first sixty days after such expiration, be
737 deemed to have failed to renew such license and be subject to the
738 penalty for failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license under
739 [subsection (c) of] section 14-41, as amended by this act, and (2) after
740 said sixty-day period, be subject to the penalty for operating a motor
741 vehicle without a license under section 14-36, as amended by this act.
742 Any operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-215
743 for the same act constituting a violation under this section.

744 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is
745 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
746 *1, 2011*):

747 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications
748 and renewal applications for special license plates and removable
749 windshield placards from (1) any person who is blind, as defined in
750 section 1-1f; (2) any person with disabilities; (3) any parent or guardian
751 of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such
752 person is under eighteen years of age at the time of application; (4) any
753 parent or guardian of any person who is blind or any person with
754 disabilities, if such person is unable to request or complete an
755 application; and (5) any organization which meets criteria established
756 by the commissioner and which certifies to the commissioner's

757 satisfaction that the vehicle for which a plate or placard is requested is
758 primarily used to transport persons who are blind or persons with
759 disabilities. On and after January 1, 2010, no person shall be issued a
760 placard in accordance with this section unless such person is the
761 holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license, or identification card
762 issued in accordance with the provisions of section 1-1h, as amended
763 by this act. The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations for
764 the issuance of placards to persons who, by reason of hardship, do not
765 hold or cannot obtain an operator's license or identification card. The
766 commissioner shall maintain a record of each placard issued to any
767 such person. Such applications and renewal applications shall be on a
768 form prescribed by the commissioner. In the case of persons with
769 disabilities, the application and renewal application shall include: (A)
770 Certification by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, or an
771 advanced practice registered nurse licensed in accordance with the
772 provisions of chapter 378, that the applicant is disabled; (B)
773 certification by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, an advanced
774 practice registered nurse licensed in accordance with the provisions of
775 chapter 378, [or a member of the handicapped driver training unit
776 established pursuant to section 14-11b,] that the applicant meets the
777 definition of a person with a disability which limits or impairs the
778 ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2. In the case of
779 persons who are blind, the application or renewal application shall
780 include certification of legal blindness made by the Board of Education
781 and Services for the Blind, an ophthalmologist or an optometrist. Any
782 person who makes a certification required by this subsection shall sign
783 the application or renewal application under penalty of false statement
784 pursuant to section 53a-157b. The commissioner, in said
785 commissioner's discretion, may accept the discharge papers of a
786 disabled veteran, as defined in section 14-254, in lieu of such
787 certification. The commissioner may require additional certification at
788 the time of the original application or at any time thereafter. If a person
789 who has been requested to submit additional certification fails to do so
790 within thirty days of the request, or if such additional certification is
791 deemed by the commissioner to be unfavorable to the applicant, the

792 commissioner may refuse to issue or, if already issued, suspend or
 793 revoke such special license plate or placard. The commissioner shall
 794 not issue more than one placard per applicant. The fee for the issuance
 795 of a temporary removable windshield placard shall be five dollars.
 796 Any person whose application has been denied or whose special
 797 license plate or placard has been suspended or revoked shall be
 798 afforded an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the
 799 provisions of chapter 54.

800 Sec. 18. Section 14-11b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 801 *July 1, 2011*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-270c
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-270d
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-270e
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-270f
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	1-1h(b)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-41
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-44h(c)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	13b-59(f)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	13b-76(a) to (g)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	13b-77(c)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	13b-79a
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-12t
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-36(d)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-50(a)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-215b
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	14-253a(b)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Sections 9 to 17, inclusive, were added to the bill for the purpose of making conforming changes to internal references to sections 14-41 and 14-11b.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	497,546	497,546
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Savings	881,804	881,804
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Savings	2,502,871	2,449,957

Note: TF=Transportation Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Sections 1 through 4 transfer responsibility and operations of weigh stations from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The table below is based on the assumption that the seven Weight Technicians (civilians) assigned to DPS are transferred to DMV. The transfer would result in a savings to the General Fund and a cost to the Special Transportation Fund of \$497,546 in each year of the biennium.

Transfer Weigh Station Operations and Staffing from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Motor Vehicles, FY 12 & FY 13					
Fund - Impact	Agency	Positions	Personal Services	Other Expenses	Total
GF - Savings	Department of Public Safety	(7)	(\$389,200)	(\$108,346)	(\$497,546)
STF - Cost	Department of Motor Vehicles	7	\$389,200	\$108,346	\$497,546
Net Impact:					\$0

Section 1 results in savings of \$384,258 to the Department of Public Safety by reducing Trooper staff to one Trooper per weigh station per shift. Currently there are nineteen Troopers assigned to the weigh

stations. The bill decreases the number of Troopers required to nine. The savings are associated with overtime as a result of redeploying the remaining ten Troopers to other duties.

Sections 5, 6, and 7 result in an annual savings of \$213,200 to the Special Transportation Fund beginning in FY 12 as a result of eliminating mailing renewal notices.

Section 6 results in a savings of \$2,209,671 in FY 12 and \$2,156,757 in FY 13 to the Special Transportation Fund by postponing the vision screening program two years. Current law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to begin vision screening for all driver's license renewals issued after July 1, 2011.

Section 8 results in an annual savings of \$80,000 to the Special Transportation Fund beginning in FY 12 associated with eliminating the 1-800 telephone number operated by DMV.

Sections 9 through 17 have no fiscal impact as they make conforming changes to current statute.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1018*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEIGH STATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRONIC RENEWAL NOTICES AND THE ELIMINATION OF VISION SCREENING TESTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, the departments of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Public Safety (DPS) share responsibility for staffing the state's six weigh stations. The bill gives the DMV commissioner primary responsibility for staffing and coordinating coverage and hours of operation at these facilities. It requires DMV to staff all six shifts at the Danbury weigh station, rather than to split the six shifts evenly with DPS. The DMV commissioner alone, rather than with the DPS commissioner, must adjust work shifts at the weigh stations daily to create an unpredictable schedule.

The bill makes the DPS commissioner responsible for assigning one state trooper to each weigh station work shift. The commissioner also must assign troopers (1) trained in commercial motor vehicle enforcement to patrol state roads, and (2) to portable scale locations.

The bill eliminates the (1) handicapped driver training program (§ 18); (2) driver's license vision screening program scheduled to start July 1, 2011 (§ 6); and (3) DMV commissioner's ability to renew a driver's license or non-driver's identity card at every other renewal without the license or card holder's personal appearance (§ 6).

It eliminates the DMV commissioner's authority to schedule license renewals every four or six years but retains the six-year maximum license term (§ 6). Current law, unchanged by the bill, requires that commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) be renewed every four years, and

allows the commissioner to renew licenses for drivers age 65 and over for two-year terms.

The bill requires DMV to create an electronic process to notify holders of driver's licenses, CDLs, and identity cards when these documents expire (§§ 5-7). As under current law, she must notify license and CDL holders at least 15 days before their current license expires.

The bill exempts DMV from a requirement to maintain a toll-free telephone line (§ 8) and makes conforming changes (§§ 9-7).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

§§ 1-4 — WEIGH STATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Shift Assignments

Under current law, DPS and DMV each staff three work shifts in each seven-day period (Sunday through Saturday) at the Danbury weigh station. The bill gives DMV responsibility for all six work shifts and requires the DMV commissioner, rather than the DPS commissioner, to coordinate Danbury's coverage with the Greenwich weigh station to assure concurrent coverage.

Current law authorizes the staffing of 10 staggered shifts in each seven-day period (Sunday through Saturday) at portable scale locations in four geographical areas established by the DPS commissioner. The bill eliminates the staggered, 10-shift limit and instead requires the DPS commissioner to assign troopers to enforce motor vehicle laws in the four geographical areas in each seven-day period. Under current law, the DPS commissioner may assign any personnel remaining in the DPS traffic unit to the permanent weigh stations in Waterford and Middletown or the portable scale locations. The bill instead authorizes the DMV commissioner to assign DMV personnel to these locations.

Current law also authorizes the DPS commissioner to assign DPS traffic unit personnel to work between nine and 12 shifts in each seven-

day period from Sunday through Saturday to patrol and enforce highway safety laws. The bill instead authorizes the DPS commissioner to assign one trooper to each weigh station work shift in each seven-day period, and eliminates the requirement that these troopers patrol. But it authorizes the DPS commissioner, in addition to conducting enforcement activities at weigh stations, to assign troopers trained in commercial motor vehicle enforcement to conduct roaming commercial motor vehicle enforcement operations on state highways.

Under current law, the transportation commissioner, in consultation with the DMV and DPS commissioners, was to (1) establish a program to implement regularly scheduled operating hours for the weigh stations by January 1, 2004, and (2) report annually on the program to the Transportation Committee, starting October 1, 2004. The bill reinstates the deadlines for the commissioners to meet these requirements as January 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012, respectively.

Traffic Backlogs

The bill makes DMV's commercial vehicle safety division, rather than state police under DPS, responsible for temporarily closing any weigh station where a backlog of traffic is causing a traffic hazard.

Log Books

Current law required the weigh stations to submit logs containing certain information to the DPS commissioner, and for the commissioner, by December 15, 2007, after consulting with the DMV commissioner, to develop and distribute a form to record this information. It required the DPS commissioner, starting January 1, 2008, to submit a semi-annual written report containing this information to the Transportation Committee, and for the information to be posted on DMV and DPS web sites. The bill instead requires the logs to be submitted to the DMV commissioner, and for the DMV commissioner to (1) develop and distribute the form by December 15, 2011, and (2) report the information to the Transportation Committee by January 1, 2012, and semi-annually thereafter. The report need only be posted on the DMV website.

BACKGROUND***Weigh Stations and the Enforcement of Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Laws***

Connecticut has six fixed weigh stations (one each in Danbury, Greenwich, Middletown, and Union and two in Waterford) that are staffed by DPS and DMV personnel. Since 1998, state law has required minimum staffing of all fixed inspection facilities and portable scales used by mobile inspection teams. The state police (DPS) have been principally responsible for weighing operations at the Greenwich facility; DMV personnel are principally responsible for these operations at the Union facility. Since September 1, 2010, DPS and DMV have each staffed three work shifts at the Danbury facility.

There are two programs for inspecting commercial motor vehicles for compliance with maximum vehicle size and weight and safety laws and regulations. DPS operates one through the State Police's Traffic Services Unit. The State Police program is a law enforcement effort aimed at achieving strict compliance with applicable requirements. DMV operates the other through its Commercial Vehicle Safety Division. The DMV program implements the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. Truck weighing is done as part of the DMV program, but is not its primary focus. The DMV inspectors conduct roadside safety inspections, but also engage in terminal audits, new carrier reviews, and other activities that are part of the federal program.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 12 (03/18/2011)