



**Substitute House Bill No. 6448**

**Public Act No. 11-130**

**AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NEW SCHOOL BUSES FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL INSPECTION FOLLOWING THE REGISTRATION OF SUCH BUSES.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-275 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

(a) The term "school bus" means any motor bus painted, constructed, equipped and registered as hereinafter provided, which is regularly used for transporting school children to and from school or school activities whether or not for compensation or under contract to provide such service. No vehicle shall be registered as a school bus unless it complies with all requirements of sections 14-275 to 14-281, inclusive, as to color, markings, equipment and inspection, and each such vehicle shall be inspected prior to such registration in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, provided any new school bus that is registered between August first and the start of the next succeeding school year and is inspected prior to such registration, in accordance with such regulations, shall be exempt from further inspection until September of the following year. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may also conduct

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random, unannounced inspections of any registered school bus. Any school bus that transports individuals in wheelchairs shall meet the requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-100a in order to pass inspection. The provisions of said sections requiring other vehicles to stop at the signal of the operator of a registered school bus shall not apply to a signal by the operator of any vehicle not registered as a school bus and not complying with all requirements for such registration.

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