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"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."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 14-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

5 (a) No person shall operate a motorcycle on any public highway of
6 this state [until] unless such person has [obtained] a motor vehicle
7 operator's license with [a motorcycle] an endorsement [from] for the
8 operation of a two-wheeled or a three-wheeled motorcycle issued by
9 the commissioner. A person who is issued an endorsement for the
10 operation of a two-wheeled motorcycle may operate any two-wheeled
11 or three-wheeled motorcycle. A person who is issued an endorsement
12 for the operation of a three-wheeled motorcycle may operate any

13 three-wheeled motorcycle, but shall not operate any two-wheeled
14 motorcycle.

15 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not
16 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the
17 commissioner for a two-wheeled or three-wheeled motorcycle training
18 permit. The commissioner may issue a two-wheeled or three-wheeled
19 motorcycle training permit, containing such limitation as said
20 commissioner deems advisable, to an applicant after the applicant has
21 passed all parts of the examination, other than the driving test, for a
22 motor vehicle operator's license with a two-wheeled or three-wheeled
23 motorcycle endorsement as required by subsection (c) of this section.
24 The training permit shall entitle the applicant, while said applicant is
25 in immediate possession of said permit, to [drive] operate a motorcycle
26 on the public highways, other than multiple lane limited access
27 highways, for a period of sixty days. A person who is issued a training
28 permit for the operation of a two-wheeled motorcycle may operate any
29 two-wheeled or three-wheeled motorcycle. A person who is issued a
30 training permit for the operation of a three-wheeled motorcycle may
31 operate any three-wheeled motorcycle, but shall not operate any two-
32 wheeled motorcycle. A training permit may be renewed, or a new
33 permit issued, for an additional period of sixty days. On and after
34 January 1, 1990, each applicant issued a training permit shall, while
35 operating a motorcycle, wear protective headgear of a type which
36 conforms to the minimum specifications established by regulations
37 adopted under subsection (b) of section 14-289g.

38 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who
39 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
40 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to present
41 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has
42 successfully completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted
43 by the Department of Transportation with federal funds available for
44 the purpose of such course, or by any firm or organization that
45 conducts such a course that uses the curriculum of the Motorcycle
46 Safety Foundation or other safety or educational organization that has

47 developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner. Any such
48 training course or examination for a motorcycle endorsement shall
49 emphasize differences between a two-wheeled and a three-wheeled
50 motorcycle with respect to the safe operation of such vehicles. When
51 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the
52 applicant, the commissioner may issue an endorsement to such
53 applicant, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the
54 commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or motorcycle
55 endorsement holder has any health problem which might affect such
56 person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the commissioner may
57 require the applicant or endorsement holder to demonstrate personally
58 that, notwithstanding the problem, such person is a proper person to
59 operate a motorcycle, and the commissioner may further require a
60 certificate of the applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority
61 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be
62 treated as confidential by the commissioner. An endorsement,
63 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may
64 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
65 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement,
66 either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an
67 endorsement of a person whom the commissioner deems incapable of
68 safely operating a motorcycle.

69 (d) No person shall operate a motorcycle in any manner in violation
70 of the limitations imposed in a limited endorsement issued to such
71 person.

72 (e) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a), (b) or
73 (d) of this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have
74 committed an infraction and be fined fifty dollars and, for any
75 subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars
76 or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both."