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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVERS' SCHOOLS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-73 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) No person shall be employed by any such school licensee to give
5 instruction in driving a motor vehicle unless such person is licensed to
6 act as an instructor by the commissioner.

7 (b) Application for an instructor's license shall be in writing and
8 shall contain such information as the commissioner requires. Each
9 applicant for a license shall be fingerprinted and shall furnish evidence
10 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant (1) is of good
11 moral character considering such person's state and national criminal
12 history records checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a,
13 and record, if any, on the state child abuse and neglect registry
14 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any applicant for a license
15 or the renewal of a license has a criminal record or is listed on the state
16 child abuse and neglect registry, the commissioner shall make a

17 determination of whether to issue or renew an instructor's license in
18 accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in section 14-
19 44 and the regulations adopted pursuant to said section; (2) has held a
20 license to drive a motor vehicle for the past four consecutive years and
21 has a driving record satisfactory to the commissioner, including no
22 record of a conviction or administrative license suspension for a drug
23 or alcohol-related offense during such four-year period; (3) has had a
24 recent medical examination by a physician licensed to practice within
25 the state and the physician certifies that the applicant is physically fit
26 to operate a motor vehicle and instruct in driving; (4) has received a
27 high school diploma or has an equivalent academic education; and (5)
28 has completed an instructor training course of forty-five clock hours
29 given by a school or agency approved by the commissioner, except
30 that any such course given by an institution under the jurisdiction of
31 the board of trustees of the Connecticut State University System shall
32 be approved by the commissioner and the State Board of Education.
33 During the period of licensure, an instructor shall notify the
34 commissioner, within forty-eight hours, of an arrest or conviction for a
35 misdemeanor or felony, or an arrest, conviction or administrative
36 license suspension for a drug or alcohol-related offense.

37 (c) The commissioner may deny the application of any person for an
38 instructor's license if he determines that the applicant has made a
39 material false statement or concealed a material fact in connection with
40 his application for the instructor's license.

41 (d) The commissioner shall conduct such written, oral and practical
42 examinations as he deems necessary to determine whether an
43 applicant has sufficient skill in the operation of motor vehicles to
44 ensure their safe operation, a satisfactory knowledge of the motor
45 vehicle laws and the ability to impart such skill and knowledge to
46 others. If the applicant successfully completes the examinations and
47 meets all other requirements of this section, the commissioner shall
48 issue an instructor's license to such applicant. The license shall be valid
49 for use only in connection with the business of the drivers' school or

50 schools listed on the license. If the applicant fails the examination, such
51 applicant may apply for reexamination after one month. The license
52 and the license renewal shall be valid for [~~one year~~] two years.

53 (e) The licensee shall be reexamined periodically in accordance with
54 standards specified in regulations adopted under section 14-78.
55 Persons licensed for the first time as instructors shall, in the three years
56 following their initial licensure, attend seminars, annually, in traffic
57 safety sponsored by the Department of Motor Vehicles or take an
58 advanced instructor course of not less than forty-five clock hours in
59 traffic safety approved by the commissioner. Proof of compliance with
60 the requirement for attendance at seminars or the taking of instruction
61 shall be made before license renewals are issued. The seminars shall be
62 self-sustaining.

63 (f) The commissioner may establish, by regulations adopted in
64 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, standards and
65 procedures for the training and licensing of master instructors who are
66 qualified to train driving instructors. The provisions of subsection (b)
67 of this section and section 14-74 shall apply to master instructors.

68 (g) The fee for an instructor's license, or for any renewal thereof,
69 shall be [~~fifty~~] one hundred dollars. The fee for a master instructor's
70 license, or for any renewal thereof, shall be [~~one~~] two hundred dollars.
71 If the commissioner has not received a complete renewal application
72 and fee on or before the expiration date of an applicant's license, such
73 applicant shall be charged, in addition to the renewal fee, a late fee in
74 an amount equal to the fee for such applicant's license.

75 (h) Any person who is not licensed in accordance with this section
76 shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor if such person: (1) Engages in
77 the business of providing, for compensation, instruction in driving a
78 motor vehicle; or (2) is employed by a drivers' school to give
79 instruction in driving a motor vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	14-73

Statement of Purpose:

To streamline Department of Motor Vehicles' services and reduce costs by renewing drivers' school instructors' licenses biennially instead of annually.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]