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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUES AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
5 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
6 qualifications established by the commissioner, pursuant to
7 regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
8 issue new registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles,
9 campers, camp trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school
10 buses, trucks or other vehicle types as determined by the
11 commissioner when they are sold by a licensed dealer. The
12 commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new
13 dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of this subsection. A
14 person purchasing a motor vehicle or other vehicle [types] type as
15 determined by the commissioner from a dealer so appointed and
16 registering such vehicle pursuant to this section shall file an

17 application with the dealer and pay, to the dealer, a fee in accordance
18 with the provisions of section 14-49. The commissioner shall prescribe
19 the time and manner in which the application and fee shall be
20 transmitted to the commissioner.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
23 *1, 2013*):

24 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who
25 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
26 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to present
27 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has
28 successfully completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted
29 by the Department of Transportation with federal funds available for
30 the purpose of such course, or by any firm or organization that
31 conducts such a course that uses the curriculum of the Motorcycle
32 Safety Foundation or other safety or educational organization that has
33 developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner. If such
34 applicant has not obtained a motorcycle instruction permit pursuant to
35 subsection (b) of this section, the applicant shall also pass an
36 examination, other than the driving skills test, demonstrating that the
37 applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient
38 knowledge of the mechanism of a motorcycle to ensure its safe
39 operation by such applicant, and has satisfactory knowledge of the law
40 concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules of the
41 road. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and
42 competency of the applicant, the commissioner may issue an
43 endorsement to such applicant, either unlimited or containing such
44 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or
45 motorcycle endorsement holder has any health problem which might
46 affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the
47 commissioner may require the applicant or endorsement holder to
48 demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem, such
49 person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and the

50 commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's
51 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by the
52 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as
53 confidential by the commissioner. An endorsement [.] containing such
54 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may be issued or
55 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to
56 prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement, either
57 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an endorsement of a
58 person whom the commissioner deems incapable of safely operating a
59 motorcycle.

60 Sec. 3. Section 14-262a of the general statutes is repealed and the
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

62 A wrecker, as defined in section 14-1 and operated in accordance
63 with section 14-66 with a divisible or nondivisible load as referenced in
64 23 CFR 658.5, may tow or haul a vehicle or combination of vehicles,
65 without regard to the limitations of length or distance contained in
66 section 14-262. A wrecker that has been issued an annual wrecker
67 towing or transporting permit pursuant to section 14-270 may tow or
68 haul a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the axle,
69 gross combination vehicle weight limits or federal bridge formula
70 requirements for vehicles with divisible or nondivisible loads as
71 referenced in 23 CFR 658.17, as prescribed by section 14-267a, (1) from
72 any highway, (2) if such vehicle was involved in an accident, (3) if such
73 vehicle became disabled and remains where such vehicle became
74 disabled, or (4) if such vehicle is being towed or hauled by order of a
75 traffic or law enforcement authority. Any towing operations in excess
76 of one hundred sixty thousand pounds and in excess of an axle, gross
77 combination vehicle weight or federal bridge formula requirements for
78 vehicles with divisible or nondivisible loads as referenced in 23 CFR
79 658.17, as [defined in] prescribed by section 14-267a, shall require a
80 single-trip permit in addition to the annual permit as defined in section
81 14-270. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

82 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 14-286c of the general statutes is

83 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
84 *1, 2013*):

85 (a) Each person riding a bicycle upon the traveled portion of a
86 highway and intending to make a left turn after proceeding pursuant
87 to the provisions of section 14-244 or subsection (b) of this section []
88 may, in lieu of the procedure prescribed by section 14-241, approach as
89 close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway,
90 proceed across the intersecting roadway and make such turn as close
91 as practicable to the curb or edge of the highway on the far side of the
92 intersection, provided such procedure is not prohibited by any
93 regulation issued by any town, city, borough or the Office of the State
94 Traffic Administration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	14-12(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	14-40a(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	14-262a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	14-286c(a)

TRA *Joint Favorable*