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Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles
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H.B. No. 5055 AN ACT ELIMINATING MUNICIPAL MANDATES

Good morning Senator Osten, Representative Rojas, Senator Fasano, Representative Aman and other members of the Planning and Development Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 5055, AN ACT ELIMINATING MUNICIPAL MANDATES. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) supports section one of the bill which would require town tax collectors to notify DMV on a monthly basis of any resolved delinquent property taxes owed for a registered motor vehicle or snowmobile. In addition, if the town does not notify DMV of such resolved delinquencies, then DMV is not required to deny a customer from registering a vehicle or renewing a registration.

Currently, towns are required to report immediately to DMV when a taxpayer owes delinquent motor vehicle taxes, however, this reporting does not always occur. As a result, sometimes DMV branch personnel have to deny a customer from registering a vehicle until the town has reported to DMV that the customer has addressed any outstanding motor vehicle property taxes or the customer brings proof from the town that the taxes have been paid. This proposal now creates an incentive for towns to report these resolved delinquencies because if towns do not, DMV will now be able to allow customers from those non-reporting towns to register a vehicle or renew a registration.

With this proposal, DMV customers who have cleared up any outstanding motor vehicle property tax issues will be able to register their vehicle(s) or renew their registrations without having to be instructed to go to their town tax collector's office and bring back proof to DMV in order to register their vehicle(s).

The proposed change should improve DMV customer satisfaction, prevent some customers from coming into a branch twice to complete a transaction and improve efficiencies overall throughout the system for Connecticut taxpayers and motor vehicle owners.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit testimony in support of section one of this legislation.