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State of Connecticut
REGULATION
of the

NAME OF AGENCY:

Department of Motor Vehicles

Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION:

**An Accident Prevention Course for Operators Who Have Attained
the Age of Sixty Years**

Section 1. Sections 38a-683-1 to 38a-386-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 38a-683-1. Purpose

Section 38a-683-2, section 38a-683-4, section 38a-683-6 and section 38a-683-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are intended to comply with section 38a-683(b) and 38a-683 (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, concerning the course content and other requirements of an accident prevention course for operators who have attained the age of sixty (60) years.

Sec. 38a-683-2. Definitions

Terms used in this regulation shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
- (2) "School" means an organization or agency that conducts an accident prevention course.
- (3) "Instructor" means an individual who has been trained and appointed by a school for the purpose of conducting an approved classroom accident prevention course.
- (4) "Classroom Accident Prevention Course" means an accident prevention program approved by the Commissioner which meets the needs of an operator who has attained the age of sixty (60) years and is conducted in a classroom setting.
- (5) "Internet Accident Prevention Course" means an accident prevention program approved by the Commissioner which meets the needs of an operator who has attained the age of sixty (60) years and is offered on the Internet.
- (6) "Certificate" means a document or form issued to all persons who have completed an approved accident prevention course.

Sec.2. Section 38a-683-4 to 38a-683-4a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 38a-683-4. Classroom accident prevention course approval

To be approved, an accident prevention course offered in a classroom setting for operators who have attained the age of sixty (60) years shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- (1) Provide, but need not be limited to, [seven hours of classroom instruction] the amount of time established pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 38a-683 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (2) Include instruction in problems that confront the operator who has attained the age of sixty (60) years relative to driving frustrations and effects of aging on individual driving behavior;
- (3) Include instruction in the effects of alcohol, drugs or other medication on one's capabilities;
- (4) Include instruction in current accident prevention measures, e.g., proper following techniques and handling unexpected driving emergencies;
- (5) Include instruction in other subject areas including risk acceptance and one's personality as it affects driving, and perceptual problems likely to be encountered in various driving environments; and
- (6) Use only those instructors who have been trained and appointed for the purpose of conducting an approved accident prevention program.

Sec. 38a-683-4a. Internet accident prevention course approval

An accident prevention course offered on the Internet for operators who have attained the age of sixty (60) years shall be submitted to the Commissioner for approval. To be approved, an accident prevention course, offered on the Internet for operators who have attained the age of sixty (60) years, shall meet the requirements established in this section:

- (a) The content of a course offered on the Internet shall include the following:
 - (1) Instruction in problems that confront the operator who has attained the age of sixty (60) years relative to driving frustrations and effects of aging on individual driving behavior;
 - (2) Instruction in the effects of alcohol, drugs or other medication on one's capabilities;
 - (3) Instruction in current accident prevention measures, e.g., proper following techniques and handling unexpected driving emergencies; and
 - (4) Instruction in other subject areas including risk acceptance and one's personality as it affects driving, and perceptual problems likely to be encountered in various driving environments.
- (b) The procedure for administering such course offered on the Internet shall include the following:
 - (1) methods to ensure verification of the course enrollee's identity at the time of registration and throughout the duration of such course;
 - (2) methods to ensure verification of the participation of the course enrollee throughout the duration of such course;
 - (3) methods to ensure verification of the completion of such course by the course enrollee within thirty (30) days of his/her registering for such course; and
 - (4) methods to ensure verification of the successful completion of such course by the enrollee.
- (c) The Commissioner may periodically review the administration of the course offered on the Internet to determine its compliance with the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section. If the Commissioner finds that the content of such course or the procedure for administering such course has not satisfied the requirements of the original approval, he or she may mandate that modifications be made to maintain approval.

Sec. 3. Section 38a-683-6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:**Sec. 38a-683-6. Certificate of accident prevention course completion**

- (a) Each participant successfully completing an approved accident prevention course shall be issued a certificate of course completion, which shall include the following information:
 - (1) Name of student;

- (2) Student's date of birth;
 - (3) Student's address;
 - (4) Date of accident prevention course completion;
 - (5) Name of school;
 - (6) If the course is presented in a classroom, the instructor's signature or ID number;
 - (7) If the course is presented on the Internet, and requires a final examination, the signature or ID number of the school representative administering the final examination, in a classroom setting, to the individual who has successfully completed the approved Internet accident prevention course; and
 - (8) If the course is presented on the [internet] Internet, any information in addition to the applicable requirements of this subsection, that the Commissioner may require as a condition of his course approval, as provided for in section 38a-683-4a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- (b) A certificate of accident prevention course completion shall be submitted to the Commissioner for approval prior to its use. No school shall use any form which has not been approved.

Statement of Purpose

Pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(b)(3), "Each proposed regulation shall have a statement of its purpose following the final section of the regulation." Enter the statement here.

To comply with the provisions of Public Act 2010-53 and Public Act 2013 -271 by eliminating the Commissioner's authority to establish the number of hours of classroom instruction, as this requirement is now established by the legislative branch of government.