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**AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND MINOR
CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES
AND THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY LICENSES, AND A STUDY OF
THE LIMITED LICENSE PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-11b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (a) There shall be within the Department of Rehabilitation Services a
5 unit for the purpose of evaluating and training persons with
6 disabilities in the operation of motor vehicles. There shall be assigned
7 to the driver training unit for persons with disabilities such staff as is
8 necessary for the orderly administration of the driver training program
9 for persons with disabilities. The personnel assigned to the driver
10 training unit for persons with disabilities shall, while engaged in the
11 evaluation or instruction of a person with disabilities, have the
12 authority and immunities with respect to such activities as are granted
13 under the general statutes to motor vehicle inspectors. The

14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit a person whose license
15 has been withdrawn as a result of a condition that makes such person
16 eligible for evaluation and training under this section to operate a
17 motor vehicle while accompanied by personnel assigned to the driver
18 training unit for persons with disabilities. When a person with
19 disabilities has successfully completed the driver training program for
20 persons with disabilities, the [department] Department of
21 Rehabilitation Services shall certify such completion in writing to the
22 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall recommend any license
23 restrictions or limitations to be placed on the license of such person.
24 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may accept such certification in
25 lieu of the driving skills portion of the examination prescribed under
26 subsection (e) of section 14-36. If such person with disabilities has met
27 all other requirements for obtaining a license, the Commissioner of
28 Motor Vehicles shall issue a license with such restrictions
29 recommended by the [department] Department of Rehabilitation
30 Services.

31 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-15 of the general statutes is
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
33 *1, 2015*):

34 (b) Each person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions
35 of subsection (a) of this section that in the opinion of the commissioner
36 is qualified and holds a current registration certificate for a motor
37 vehicle used in connection with its business may issue a sixty-day
38 temporary transfer of such registration to any other vehicle used in
39 connection with its business. [with an official stamp issued by the
40 commissioner to such licensee.] The licensee, within five days from the
41 issuance of such temporary registration, shall submit to the
42 commissioner an application together with all necessary documents
43 for a permanent registration for the vehicle transferred. The
44 commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
45 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this
46 subsection.

47 Sec. 3. Section 14-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

49 (a) A commercial driver's license issued in accordance with section
50 14-44c, as amended by this act, shall be designated as class A, B or C, in
51 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 14-44d. All
52 other operators' licenses shall be designated as class D. A license of any
53 class that also authorizes the operation of a motorcycle shall contain
54 the designation "M", except that no such designation shall be required
55 for the operation of an autocycle.

56 (b) [A commercial driver's license which contains the endorsement
57 "S" evidences that the holder meets the requirements of section 14-44 to
58 operate a school bus or any vehicle described in subsection (c) of this
59 section.] A commercial driver's license may contain any of the
60 following [additional] endorsements:

61 "P"- authorizes the operation of commercial motor vehicles designed
62 to carry passengers;

63 "S"- in combination with "P", authorizes the operation of a school
64 bus or any vehicle described in subsection (c) of this section;

65 "H"- authorizes the operation of vehicles transporting hazardous
66 materials;

67 "N"- authorizes the operation of tank vehicles;

68 "X"- authorizes both hazardous materials and tank vehicles; and

69 "T"- authorizes the operation of vehicles with up to three trailing,
70 nonpower units.

71 The commissioner may establish one or more restrictions on
72 commercial driver's licenses of any class, in regulations adopted in
73 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Subject to the provisions
74 of subsection (b) of section 14-44d, a commercial driver's license of any

75 class authorizes the holder of such license to operate any motor vehicle
76 that may be operated by the holder of a class D operator's license.

77 (c) A commercial driver's license or a class D license that contains
78 any of the following public passenger endorsements, as defined in
79 section 14-1, evidences that the holder meets the requirements of
80 section 14-44:

81 "V"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in a student
82 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, or any vehicle that
83 requires an "A" or "F" endorsement;

84 "A"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in an activity
85 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, or any vehicle that requires an "F"
86 endorsement; and

87 "F"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in a taxicab, motor
88 vehicle in livery service, service bus or motor bus.

89 The commissioner may establish one or more endorsements or
90 restrictions on class D licenses, in accordance with regulations adopted
91 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

92 (d) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q" indicates
93 eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall signify
94 that the holder has been trained to operate fire apparatus in
95 accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire
96 Prevention and Control. No such endorsement shall be issued to any
97 person until he or she demonstrates personally to the commissioner, or
98 the commissioner's designee, including the Connecticut Fire Academy,
99 any regional fire school or the chief local fire official of any
100 municipality as defined in section 7-323j, by means of testing in a
101 representative vehicle that such person possesses the skills necessary
102 for operation of fire apparatus.

103 (e) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in violation of the

104 classification of the license issued to such person.

105 (f) No employer shall knowingly require or permit an employee
106 who is acting within the scope of such employee's employment to
107 operate a motor vehicle in violation of the classification of such
108 employee's license.

109 (g) (1) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (e) of
110 this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have committed an
111 infraction and be fined fifty dollars and, for a subsequent offense, be
112 guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

113 (2) Any employer who violates subsection (f) of this section shall be
114 subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for a
115 first violation and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars
116 for a second or subsequent violation.

117 (h) The revocation, suspension or withdrawal of, or refusal to issue
118 or renew an "S" endorsement, or any endorsement described in
119 subsection (c) of this section, shall prohibit the licensee from operating
120 any public service passenger vehicle for which a public passenger
121 endorsement is required under this section. During the period of such
122 revocation, suspension or withdrawal of, or after a refusal to issue or
123 renew an "S" endorsement, or any endorsement described in
124 subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall not issue any
125 other public passenger endorsement to such licensee.

126 Sec. 4. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

128 (a) The commissioner may acquire, by lease or purchase, and install
129 at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and at such other
130 locations where operator's licenses are issued or renewed, such
131 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
132 chapter.

133 (b) The commissioner may provide for the renewal of any motor
134 vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity card
135 without personal appearance of the license or card holder, in
136 circumstances where the holder is a member of the armed forces, is
137 temporarily residing outside of this state for business or educational
138 purposes, or in other circumstances where, in the judgment of the
139 commissioner, such personal appearance would be impractical or pose
140 a significant hardship. The commissioner shall decline to issue any
141 such renewal without personal appearance if the commissioner is not
142 satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot personally appear,
143 if the commissioner does not have the applicant's color photograph or
144 digital image on file, if satisfactory evidence of the identity of the
145 applicant has not been presented, or if the commissioner has reason to
146 believe that the applicant is no longer a legal resident of this state.

147 (c) The commissioner may issue or renew any license, any
148 instruction permit or an identity card issued or renewed pursuant to
149 this title or section 1-1h by any method that the commissioner deems
150 to be secure and efficient. If the commissioner determines that an
151 applicant has met all conditions for such issuance or renewal, the
152 commissioner may require that such license, instruction permit or
153 identity card be produced at a centralized location and mailed to the
154 applicant. The commissioner may issue a temporary license,
155 instruction permit or identity card for use by the applicant for the
156 period prior to the applicant's receipt of the permanent license,
157 instruction permit or identity card. Such temporary license, instruction
158 permit or identity card shall have an expiration date not later than
159 thirty days after the date of issuance and shall remain valid until the
160 earlier of such expiration date or the date the applicant receives such
161 license, instruction permit or identity card.

162 [(c)] (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide for the
163 renewal of the motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's
164 license or identity card of any person not identified in subsection (b) of
165 this section by mail or by electronic communication with the

166 Department of Motor Vehicles.

167 Sec. 5. Section 14-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the
168 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

169 (a) (1) No person shall operate a commercial motor vehicle used for
170 passenger transportation on any public highway of this state until such
171 person has obtained a commercial driver's license with a public
172 passenger endorsement, as defined in section 14-1, from the
173 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, except a nonresident who holds such
174 license with such endorsement issued by another state. (2) No person
175 shall operate a school bus until such person has obtained a commercial
176 driver's license with a school bus endorsement, except that a person
177 who holds such a license without such endorsements may operate a
178 school bus without passengers for the purpose of road testing or
179 moving the vehicle. (3) No person shall operate a student
180 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, taxicab, motor
181 vehicle in livery service, motor bus or service bus until such person has
182 obtained an operator's license of the proper classification bearing an
183 appropriate public passenger endorsement from the Commissioner of
184 Motor Vehicles, issued in accordance with the provisions of this
185 section and section 14-36a, as amended by this act, except that a person
186 who holds an operator's license without such endorsement may
187 operate any such vehicle without passengers for the purpose of road
188 testing or moving the vehicle.

189 (b) No operator's license bearing [an] a public passenger
190 endorsement shall be issued or renewed in accordance with the
191 provisions of this section or section 14-36a, as amended by this act,
192 until the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
193 authorized representative, is satisfied that the applicant is a proper
194 person to receive such an operator's license bearing an endorsement,
195 holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license, or, if necessary for the
196 class of vehicle operated, a commercial driver's license and is at least
197 eighteen years of age. Each applicant for an operator's license bearing

198 [an] a public passenger endorsement or the renewal of such a license
199 shall furnish the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the
200 commissioner's authorized representative, with satisfactory evidence,
201 under oath, to prove that such person has no criminal record and has
202 not been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-227a
203 within five years of the date of application and that no reason exists for
204 a refusal to grant or renew such an operator's license bearing [an] a
205 public passenger endorsement. Each applicant for such an operator's
206 license bearing [an] a public passenger endorsement shall submit with
207 the application proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of Motor
208 Vehicles that such applicant has passed a physical examination
209 administered not more than ninety days prior to the date of
210 application, and which is in compliance with safety regulations
211 established from time to time by the United States Department of
212 Transportation. Each applicant for renewal of such license shall
213 present evidence that such applicant is in compliance with the medical
214 qualifications established in 49 CFR 391, as amended, provided an
215 applicant for a Class D operator's license bearing an endorsement
216 described in subsection (c) of section 14-36a, as amended by this act,
217 shall be deemed medically qualified if such applicant (1) controls with
218 medication, as certified by a licensed physician, a medical condition
219 that would otherwise deem such applicant not medically qualified,
220 and (2) would qualify for a waiver or exemption under 49 CFR 391, as
221 amended. Each applicant for such an operator's license bearing [an] a
222 public passenger endorsement shall be fingerprinted before the license
223 bearing [an] a public passenger endorsement is issued.

224 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue, withhold,
225 renew, suspend, cancel or revoke any public passenger endorsement
226 required to operate a motor vehicle that transports passengers, as
227 provided in subsection (c) of section 14-36a, as amended by this act.
228 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, in making his or her
229 decision, consider the age, accident and criminal record, moral
230 character and physical condition of any such applicant or public

231 passenger endorsement holder and such other matters as the
232 commissioner may determine. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
233 may require any such applicant or public passenger endorsement
234 holder to furnish the statements of two or more reputable citizens,
235 which may be required to be under oath, vouching for the good
236 character or other qualifications of the applicant or public passenger
237 endorsement holder.

238 (d) Upon the arrest of any person who holds an operator's license
239 bearing a public passenger endorsement, as defined in section 14-1,
240 and who is charged with a felony or violation of section 53a-73a, the
241 arresting officer or department, within forty-eight hours, shall cause a
242 report of such arrest to be made to the Commissioner of Motor
243 Vehicles. The report shall be made on a form approved by said
244 commissioner containing such information as the commissioner
245 prescribes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt
246 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
247 provisions of this subsection.

248 (e) Prior to issuing an operator's license bearing a school
249 endorsement or bearing the appropriate type of public passenger
250 endorsement for operation of a student transportation vehicle
251 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the
252 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall require each applicant to submit
253 to state and national criminal history records checks, conducted in
254 accordance with section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse
255 and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The
256 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
257 complete such state and national criminal history records checks
258 required pursuant to this section within sixty days of receiving such a
259 request for a check of such records. If notice of a state or national
260 criminal history record is received, the Commissioner of Motor
261 Vehicles may, subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, refuse to issue
262 an operator's license bearing such public passenger endorsement and,
263 in such case, shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, of such

264 refusal. If notification that the applicant is listed as a perpetrator of
265 abuse on the state child abuse and neglect registry established
266 pursuant to section 17a-101k is received, the Commissioner of Motor
267 Vehicles may refuse to issue an operator's license bearing such [an]
268 public passenger endorsement and, in such case, shall immediately
269 notify the applicant, in writing, of such refusal. The Commissioner of
270 Motor Vehicles shall not issue a temporary operator's license bearing a
271 school endorsement or bearing the appropriate type of public
272 passenger endorsement for operation of a student transportation
273 vehicle.

274 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
275 commissioner shall not issue an operator's license bearing [an] a public
276 passenger endorsement to transport passengers who are students, and
277 shall suspend any such public passenger endorsement that has been
278 issued, to any person who has been convicted of a serious criminal
279 offense, as determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or
280 convicted of any provision of federal law or the law of any other state,
281 the violation of which involves conduct that is substantially similar to
282 a violation determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be a
283 serious criminal offense, if any part of the sentence of such conviction
284 has not been completed, or has been completed during the preceding
285 five years. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt
286 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
287 provisions of this subsection.

288 (g) Any applicant who is refused an operator's license bearing [an] a
289 public passenger endorsement or the renewal of such a license, or
290 whose operator's license bearing [an] a public passenger endorsement
291 or the renewal of such a license is withdrawn or revoked on account of
292 a criminal record, shall be entitled to a hearing if requested in writing
293 within twenty days. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance
294 with the requirements of chapter 54 and the applicant may appeal
295 from the final decision rendered therein in accordance with section 4-
296 183.

297 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-10, the
298 commissioner shall furnish to any board of education or to any public
299 or private organization that is actively engaged in providing public
300 transportation, including the transportation of school children, a report
301 containing the names and motor vehicle operator license numbers of
302 each person who has been issued an operator's license with one or
303 more public passenger endorsements, authorizing such person to
304 transport passengers in accordance with the provisions of section 14-
305 36a, as amended by this act, but whose license or any such public
306 passenger endorsement has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked
307 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the
308 provisions of this section, or any other provision of this title. The
309 report shall be issued and updated periodically in accordance with a
310 schedule to be established by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
311 Such report may be transmitted or otherwise made available to
312 authorized recipients by electronic means.

313 (i) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

314 Sec. 6. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the
315 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

316 (a) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercial
317 driver's instruction permit, shall include the following:

318 (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of the
319 person;

320 (2) A physical description of the person, including sex, height and
321 eye color;

322 (3) Date of birth;

323 (4) The applicant's Social Security number;

324 (5) The person's statement, under oath, that [he] such person meets
325 the requirements for qualification contained in 49 CFR 391, as

326 amended, or does not expect to operate in interstate or foreign
327 commerce;

328 (6) The person's statement, under oath, that the type of vehicle in
329 which the person has taken or intends to take the driving skills test is
330 representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or
331 intends to operate;

332 (7) The person's statement, under oath, that [he] such person is not
333 subject to disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of
334 operating privileges in any state, and that he or she does not hold an
335 operator's license in any other state;

336 (8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has
337 been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten
338 years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not
339 hold an operator's license in any other state; and

340 (9) The person's signature, and certification of the accuracy and
341 completeness of the application, subject to the penalties of false
342 statement under section 53a-157b. The application shall be
343 accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 14-44h.

344 (b) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days
345 may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a
346 commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

347 (c) At the time of application for a commercial driver's license, the
348 applicant shall make the applicable certification, as required by 49 CFR
349 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in which such person shall
350 engage. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to a person who
351 fails to make such certification.

352 [(c)] (d) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person
353 who knowingly falsifies information or certifications required under
354 subsection (a) of this section shall have [his] such person's operator's

355 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended
356 for sixty days.

357 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
358 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
359 *1, 2015*):

360 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a commercial driver's license or
361 a commercial driver's instruction permit to any [person who has a
362 physical or psychobehavioral impairment that affects such person's
363 ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle safely. In determining
364 whether to issue a commercial driver's license in any individual case,
365 the commissioner shall apply the standards set forth in 49 CFR 391.41,
366 as amended.] applicant who is not physically qualified and medically
367 certified in accordance with the standards in 49 CFR 391.41. As
368 required by 49 CFR 383.71(h), each applicant for a commercial driver's
369 license or commercial driver's instruction permit shall provide to the
370 commissioner a copy of a medical examiner's certificate, prepared by a
371 medical examiner, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, indicating that such
372 applicant is medically certified to operate a commercial motor vehicle.
373 For each applicant who has submitted such medical certification and
374 who has also certified, in accordance with 49 CFR 383.71(b) and
375 subsection (c) of section 14-44c, as amended by this act, that such
376 applicant operates in nonexcepted interstate commerce, the
377 commissioner shall post a medical certification status of "certified" on
378 the Commercial Driver's License Information System driver record for
379 such applicant. The holder of a commercial driver's license who has
380 not been examined and certified as qualified to operate a commercial
381 motor vehicle during the preceding twenty-four months, or a shorter
382 period as indicated by the medical examiner submitting such
383 certificate, shall be required to submit a new medical certificate. The
384 commissioner shall not issue a commercial driver's license or
385 commercial driver's instruction permit to any applicant or holder who
386 fails to submit the medical certification required by this section. If the
387 holder of a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's

388 instruction permit fails to submit a new medical examiner's certificate
389 before the expiration of twenty-four months or the period specified by
390 the medical examiner, whichever is shorter, the commissioner shall,
391 not later than sixty days after the date that such holder's medical status
392 becomes uncertified: (1) Downgrade the commercial driver's license to
393 a Class D operator's license; or (2) cancel the commercial driver's
394 instruction permit. Any [person] applicant or holder who is denied a
395 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction
396 permit, or whose license or permit is disqualified, suspended, revoked
397 or cancelled pursuant to this subsection shall be granted an
398 opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter
399 54.

400 Sec. 8. Subsection (h) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
401 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
402 *1, 2015*):

403 (h) (1) The commissioner shall deny or disqualify for a period of
404 sixty days a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial
405 driver's license if it is determined that an applicant or holder has
406 provided false information on any certification the applicant or holder
407 is required to give relative to such permit or license application.

408 (2) If an applicant or holder is suspected of fraud related to the
409 issuance of a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial
410 driver's license, such applicant or holder shall be required to schedule
411 the commercial driver's license knowledge test and driving skills test
412 not later than thirty days after notification by the commissioner of the
413 suspected fraud. Failure to schedule both such tests or failure to pass
414 both such tests shall result in disqualification of such permit or license
415 and the applicant or holder shall be required to reapply for the permit
416 or license.

417 (3) Any applicant or holder convicted of fraud related to the
418 issuance of a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial

419 driver's license shall have such applicant's or holder's permit or license
420 disqualified for one year from the date of conviction and shall be
421 required to retake such tests.

422 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 14-44g of the general statutes is
423 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
424 *1, 2015*):

425 (d) Each person applying for the renewal of a commercial driver's
426 license shall complete a renewal application form providing an update
427 and, if necessary, corrections to the information required on the
428 original application, pursuant to section 14-44c, as amended by this
429 act. If an applicant for renewal wishes to retain a hazardous materials
430 endorsement, he or she must pass the written test for such
431 endorsement, and must meet the requirements of subsection (d) of
432 section 14-44e. Upon renewal of a commercial driver's license, and at
433 such other times as required in 49 CFR 383.71, the holder of a
434 commercial driver's license shall make the applicable certification, as
435 required by 49 CFR 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in
436 which such holder is engaged. The commissioner shall refuse to renew
437 the commercial driver's license of any holder who fails to make such
438 certification, and shall downgrade the commercial driver's license to a
439 Class D operator's license not later than sixty days after the failure of
440 such holder to so certify.

441 Sec. 10. Section 14-46b of the general statutes is repealed and the
442 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

443 (a) There is established within the department a Motor Vehicle
444 Operator's License Medical Advisory Board which shall advise the
445 commissioner on the medical aspects and concerns of licensing
446 operators of motor vehicles. The board shall consist of not less than
447 eight members or more than fifteen members appointed by the
448 commissioner from a list of nominees submitted by the Connecticut
449 State Medical Society, [and] the Connecticut Association of

450 Optometrists, and such other professional medical associations or
451 organizations that have as members physician assistants or advanced
452 practice registered nurses. The Connecticut State Medical Society and
453 such other organizations shall submit nominees representing the
454 specialties of (1) general medicine or surgery, (2) internal medicine, (3)
455 cardiovascular medicine, (4) neurology or neurological surgery, (5)
456 ophthalmology, (6) orthopedics, [and] (7) psychiatry, and (8)
457 occupational medicine. The Connecticut Association of Optometrists
458 shall submit nominees representing the specialty of optometry.

459 (b) Initially, three members shall be appointed for a two-year term,
460 three members for a three-year term and the remainder of the
461 members for a four-year term. Appointments thereafter shall be for
462 four-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the commissioner for
463 the unexpired portion of a term. The commissioner shall designate the
464 chairman of the board.

465 (c) Board members shall serve without compensation but shall be
466 reimbursed for necessary expenses or services incurred in performing
467 their duties, including the giving of testimony at any administrative
468 hearing when requested by the commissioner. [Physicians] Medical
469 professionals who are not members of the board and conduct
470 examinations at the request of the board shall be compensated for
471 these examinations.

472 (d) The board shall meet at the call of the commissioner at least
473 [twice a year] annually. Special meetings may be held to fulfill the
474 responsibilities specified in section 14-46c, as amended by this act.

475 (e) Any meeting of the board in which the medical condition of any
476 individual is discussed for purposes of making a recommendation on
477 his or her fitness to operate a motor vehicle shall be held in executive
478 session.

479 (f) As used in this section and section 14-46c, as amended by this act,
480 "medical professional" means a licensed physician, physician assistant,

481 advanced practice registered nurse or optometrist.

482 Sec. 11. Section 14-46c of the general statutes is repealed and the
483 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

484 The board shall have the following responsibilities: (1) To advise the
485 commissioner on health standards relating to the safe operation of
486 motor vehicles; (2) to recommend to the commissioner procedures and
487 guidelines for licensing individuals with impaired health; (3) to assist
488 in developing medically acceptable standardized report forms; (4) to
489 recommend a training course for motor vehicle examiners on the
490 medical aspects of operator licensure; (5) to undertake any programs
491 and activities the commissioner may request relating to the medical
492 aspects of motor vehicle operator licensure; and (6) to make
493 recommendations and offer advice on individual health problem cases
494 referred by the commissioner not later than sixty days from the date of
495 such reference and to establish guidelines for dealing with such
496 individual cases. In making such recommendations, the board may
497 rely on medical or optometric records and reports, personally
498 interview such individual or require a physical examination of such
499 individual and a written medical report by a [physician] medical
500 professional, as defined in section 14-46b, as amended by this act, or a
501 report by an optometrist designated by the board who shall not be a
502 member of the board. Such individual may obtain a medical report by
503 a [physician] licensed medical professional or a report by [an] a
504 licensed optometrist of [his] such individual's choice, [licensed to
505 practice in this state,] which shall be given due consideration by the
506 board in making any such recommendations.

507 Sec. 12. Section 14-46e of the general statutes is repealed and the
508 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

509 (a) The commissioner shall give due consideration to any
510 recommendations of the board and to any reports, records or opinions
511 submitted pursuant to sections 14-46a to 14-46g, inclusive, but such

512 recommendations, reports, records or opinions shall be merely
513 advisory and not binding on the commissioner.

514 (b) The commissioner may authorize a person whose license is
515 withdrawn under sections 14-46a to 14-46g, inclusive, to operate a
516 motor vehicle on a limited basis provided the following conditions are
517 met: (1) The commissioner, after a hearing held in accordance with
518 chapter 54, determines that such person does not have a health
519 problem that affects such person's ability to safely operate a motor
520 vehicle and has ordered that such person submit to and pass a road
521 skills test as a condition of license reinstatement; and (2) such
522 operation occurs only while the person is under the instruction of and
523 accompanied by a driving instructor licensed under section 14-73, or is
524 in a vehicle with a motor vehicle testing agent who is administering a
525 road skills test.

526 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Any person who is the subject of any inquiry under sections
527 14-46a to 14-46g, inclusive, who refuses to submit to a physical
528 examination or provide other information requested by the
529 commissioner or board shall be considered unfit to operate a motor
530 vehicle until he or she complies with such request.

531 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 14-47 of the general statutes is
532 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
533 *1, 2015*):

534 (a) The commissioner shall determine the gross weight of each
535 motor vehicle which is eligible for commercial registration, including
536 each tractor equipped with rubber tires and, for the purpose of
537 computing fees, gross weight shall be the weight of the vehicle in
538 pounds plus the rated load capacity in pounds as determined by the
539 commissioner. ~~[, provided, in the case of a tractor restricted for use~~
540 ~~with a trailer, registered as a heavy duty trailer, the fee shall be based~~
541 ~~on the gross weight of the tractor which shall be the light weight of~~
542 ~~such tractor; and said]~~ The commissioner shall collect fees for

543 registration based on such gross weight, as follows: When all surfaces
544 in contact with the ground are equipped with pneumatic tires, the fee
545 for such motor vehicle or tractor of gross weight not exceeding twenty
546 thousand pounds shall be eleven dollars and sixty cents, for each one
547 thousand pounds or fraction thereof; from twenty thousand one
548 pounds up to and including thirty thousand pounds, fourteen dollars
549 and twenty cents, for each one thousand pounds or fraction thereof;
550 from thirty thousand one pounds up to and including seventy-three
551 thousand pounds, seventeen dollars and seventy cents, for each one
552 thousand pounds or fraction thereof; and seventy-three thousand one
553 pounds or more, nineteen dollars and twenty cents, for each one
554 thousand pounds or fraction thereof. In addition to any other fee
555 required under this subsection, a fee of ten dollars shall be collected for
556 the registration of each motor vehicle subject to this subsection.

557 Sec. 14. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 14-50a of the
558 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
559 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

560 (9) Certified transcripts of hearing held and transcribed by the
561 commissioner, three dollars and fifty cents per page with a minimum
562 charge of twenty dollars.

563 Sec. 15. Subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 14-52 of the
564 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
565 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

566 (5) The commissioner shall assess [a] an administrative fee of fifty
567 dollars against any licensee for failing to [continuously maintain the
568 bond requirements of this subsection] provide proof of bond renewal
569 or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the existing
570 bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or
571 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is
572 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

573 Sec. 16. Subsection (c) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is

574 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
575 *1, 2015*):

576 (c) Registration certificates issued under the provisions of this
577 section shall not be required to be carried upon such motor vehicles
578 when upon the public highways as required under subsection (a) of
579 section 14-13, except that the licensee shall issue to each person driving
580 such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly
581 entrusted with such vehicle which document shall be carried in the
582 motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and
583 contents of this document. Legible photostatic copies of such
584 registration certificates may be carried in such vehicles as proof of
585 ownership. The licensee shall furnish financial responsibility
586 satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112, provided
587 such financial responsibility shall not be required from a licensee when
588 the commissioner finds that the licensee is of sufficient financial
589 responsibility to meet such legal liability. The commissioner may issue
590 such license upon presentation of evidence of such financial
591 responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner
592 shall assess [a] an administrative fee of fifty dollars against any
593 licensee for failing to [continuously maintain the financial
594 responsibility requirements of this subsection] provide proof of policy
595 renewal or replacement on or before the expiration date of the existing
596 policy. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or
597 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is
598 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

599 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is
600 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
601 *1, 2015*):

602 (a) Any dealer licensed under the provisions of this subpart who in
603 the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and sells or trades a
604 passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial
605 trailer, service bus, school bus or truck to a transferee who holds a

606 current registration certificate for a passenger motor vehicle,
607 motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer, service bus,
608 school bus or truck registered in this state may issue a sixty-day
609 temporary transfer of such registration to the vehicle transferred. [with
610 an official stamp issued by the commissioner, under regulations
611 adopted by the commissioner, to such dealer.] The commissioner shall
612 charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new temporary dealer
613 transfer form furnished for the purposes of this section. No dealer may
614 make such temporary transfer of a registration unless the transferee
615 surrenders the current registration certificate to the dealer indicating
616 the disposition of the vehicle described thereon in the space provided
617 on the reverse side of such certificate and unless the transferee is
618 eighteen years of age or older. The dealer shall, within five days from
619 the issuance of such temporary registration, submit to the
620 commissioner an application together with all necessary documents
621 for a permanent registration for the vehicle transferred. No such
622 temporary registration may be issued if (1) the transferred passenger
623 motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer,
624 service bus, school bus or truck is used and was not previously
625 registered in this state, unless the inspection requirements of section
626 14-12 have been met, (2) such motor vehicle is ten or more years old,
627 unless the inspection requirements of section 14-16a have been met, or
628 (3) such motor vehicle has been declared a total loss by an insurance
629 company, unless the inspection requirements of section 14-103a have
630 been met.

631 Sec. 18. Section 14-96p of the general statutes is repealed and the
632 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

633 [(a) (1) No person shall display upon any motor vehicle any light
634 visible from the front thereof other than white, yellow or amber, or any
635 light other than red, yellow, amber or white visible from the rear
636 thereof, except a light used with any school bus, without a special
637 permit from the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of
638 subsection (c) of section 14-96q. Notwithstanding this subsection, no

639 permit shall be required for motor vehicles that are (A) equipped with
640 lights in accordance with this section and section 14-96q, (B) owned or
641 leased by the federal government, the state of Connecticut or a
642 Connecticut municipality, (C) registered to such governmental entity,
643 and (D) displaying government plates.

644 (2) Any vehicle accommodating fifteen or fewer students with
645 disabilities may use a flashing red light or lights during the time such
646 vehicle is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging such
647 students with disabilities, any motor bus may carry a purple light or
648 lights, any interstate public service vehicle may carry a green light or
649 lights, any taxicab may carry a lunar white light or lights, and any
650 interstate commercial motor vehicle may display green identification
651 lights, in front thereof, as the commissioner may permit.

652 (3) A vehicle being operated by the chief executive officer of an
653 emergency medical service organization, as defined in section 19a-175,
654 the first or second deputies, or if there are no deputies, the first or
655 second assistants, of such an organization that is a municipal or
656 volunteer or licensed organization, an ambulance, as defined in section
657 19a-175, a vehicle being operated by a local fire marshal or a local
658 director of emergency management may use a flashing red light or
659 lights or flashing white head lamps and a flashing amber light while
660 on the way to the scene of an emergency, except that an ambulance
661 may use flashing lights of other colors specified by federal
662 requirements for the manufacture of such vehicle. The chief executive
663 officer of each such organization shall provide annually during the
664 month of January, on forms provided by the commissioner, such
665 officer's name and address and the registration number on the number
666 plate or plates of the vehicle on which the authorized red light is or
667 white head lamps and amber light are to be used. A vehicle being
668 operated by a member of a volunteer fire department or company or a
669 volunteer emergency medical technician may use flashing white head
670 lamps, provided such member or emergency medical technician is on
671 the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency and has received

672 written authorization from the chief law enforcement officer of the
673 municipality to use such head lamps. Such head lamps shall only be
674 used within the municipality granting such authorization or from a
675 personal residence or place of employment, if located in an adjoining
676 municipality. Such authorization may be revoked for use of such head
677 lamps in violation of this subdivision.

678 (4) Flashing or revolving white lights may not be displayed upon a
679 motor vehicle except (A) on fire emergency apparatus, (B) on motor
680 vehicles of paid fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to a
681 total of five individuals per department, and may be displayed in
682 combination with flashing or revolving red lights, (C) on motor
683 vehicles of volunteer fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to
684 a total of five individuals per department, and may be displayed in
685 combination with flashing or revolving red lights, (D) as a means of
686 indicating a right or left turn, (E) in conjunction with flashing red
687 lights on an ambulance responding to an emergency call, or (F) on the
688 top rear of any school bus. For the purpose of this subsection, the term
689 "students with disabilities" means students who have intellectual
690 disability, autism spectrum disorder, mental disability, visual
691 impairment, blindness, hearing impairment, deafness, speech
692 impairment, orthopedic impairment, or another health-impairment,
693 who by reason thereof, require special education and related services;
694 and the term "flashing white lights" shall not include the simultaneous
695 flashing of head lamps.

696 (b) A blue light may not be illuminated upon a motor vehicle, except
697 that a vehicle being operated by an active member of a volunteer fire
698 department or company or an active member of an organized civil
699 preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been authorized in
700 writing by the chief executive officer of such department or company
701 may use such a light, including a flashing blue light, while on the way
702 to the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring his or her services.
703 Such authorization may be revoked by such officer or his or her
704 successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer fire department

705 or company or organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company
706 shall certify annually during the month of January, on forms provided
707 by the commissioner, the names and addresses of members whom he
708 or she has authorized to use a blue light as provided in this subsection.
709 Such listing shall also designate the registration number on the
710 number plate or plates of the vehicle on which the authorized blue
711 light is to be used.

712 (c) A flashing green light may not be used upon a motor vehicle,
713 except that a vehicle being operated by an active member of a
714 volunteer ambulance association or company who has been authorized
715 in writing by the chief executive officer of such association or company
716 may use such a light while on the way to the scene of an emergency
717 requiring his or her services. Such authorization may be revoked by
718 such officer or his or her successor. The chief executive officer of each
719 volunteer ambulance association or company shall certify annually
720 during the month of January, on forms provided by the commissioner,
721 the names and addresses of members whom he or she has authorized
722 to use a green light as provided in this subsection. Such listing shall
723 also designate the registration number on the number plate or plates of
724 the vehicle on which the authorized green light is to be used.

725 (d) Use of lights except as authorized by this section shall be an
726 infraction.]

727 (a) Except as provided in section 14-96q, as amended by this act, no
728 person shall display upon any motor vehicle or equipment: (1) Any
729 light visible from the front of such motor vehicle or equipment other
730 than white, yellow or amber; (2) any light visible from the rear of such
731 motor vehicle or equipment other than red, yellow, amber or white; or
732 (3) any red light visible from directly in front of the center of such
733 motor vehicle or equipment. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
734 subsection, a taxicab shall display the dome light or lights required by
735 regulations that have been adopted by the Commissioner of
736 Transportation under the authority of section 13b-96.

737 (b) Except as provided in section 14-96q, as amended by this act,
738 flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles, except: (1) Red and
739 yellow lights when used for the purpose of receiving or discharging
740 students on school buses; (2) white lights that are located on the top
741 rear of school buses; (3) when such lights are used as a means for
742 indicating a right or left turn; or (4) when such lights are used in any
743 manner to indicate (A) a disabled vehicle that is stopped in a
744 hazardous location on the highway, or in close proximity thereto, (B) a
745 motor vehicle that is unable to maintain the minimum speed of forty
746 miles per hour on a limited access divided highway because of the
747 grade of such highway, (C) a motor vehicle that is operating at such
748 slow speed as to obstruct or endanger following traffic on any
749 highway, or (D) a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section
750 14-212, accommodating fifteen or fewer students with disabilities that
751 is receiving or discharging such students. For the purpose of this
752 subsection, the term "students with disabilities" means students who
753 have intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, mental
754 disability, visual impairment, blindness, hearing impairment, deafness,
755 speech impairment, orthopedic impairment or another health
756 impairment who, by reason thereof, require special education and
757 related services.

758 (c) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle,
759 other than head lamps, spot lamps or auxiliary driving lamps, that
760 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred
761 candle power shall be so directed that no part of the beam strikes the
762 level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more
763 than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

764 (d) Use of lights except as authorized by this section shall be an
765 infraction.

766 Sec. 19. Section 14-96q of the general statutes is repealed and the
767 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

768 [(a) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle,
769 other than head lamps, spot lamps or auxiliary driving lamps, which
770 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred
771 candle power shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike
772 the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of
773 more than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

774 (b) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon
775 any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red light
776 visible from directly in front of the center thereof. The provisions of
777 this subsection and subsection (c) shall not apply to authorized
778 emergency and maintenance vehicles.

779 (c) Flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles other than
780 school buses, except (1) as a means for indicating a right or left turn, (2)
781 flashing blue lights used by members of volunteer or civil
782 preparedness fire companies, as provided by subsection (b) of section
783 14-96p, (3) on certain emergency and maintenance vehicles by special
784 permit from the commissioner, (4) flashing or revolving yellow lights
785 on (A) wreckers registered pursuant to section 14-66, or (B) vehicles of
786 carriers in rural mail-delivery service or vehicles transporting or
787 escorting any vehicle or load or combinations of vehicles or vehicles
788 and load which is or are either oversize or overweight, or both, and
789 operated or traveling under a permit issued by the Commissioner of
790 Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, (5) flashing red lights (A) on
791 a motor vehicle accommodating fifteen or fewer handicapped students
792 used only during the time such vehicle is stopped for the purpose of
793 receiving or discharging such handicapped students, (B) used by
794 members of the fire police on a stationary vehicle as a warning signal
795 during traffic directing operations at the scene of a fire, (C) on rescue
796 vehicles, (D) used by chief executive officers of emergency medical
797 service organizations as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-96p,
798 (E) ambulances, as defined in section 19a-175, or (F) used by local fire
799 marshals or directors of emergency management, (6) flashing green
800 lights used by members of volunteer ambulance associations or

801 companies as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-96p, or (7)
802 flashing white lights or flashing lights of other colors specified by
803 federal requirements for the manufacture of an ambulance used in
804 conjunction with flashing red lights or flashing head lamps and a
805 flashing amber light on an ambulance responding to an emergency
806 call. The prohibitions in this section shall not prevent the operator of a
807 motor vehicle who while traveling on a limited access divided
808 highway, because of the grade, is unable to maintain the minimum
809 speed of forty miles per hour, or who while traveling on any other
810 highway is operating such motor vehicle at such slow speed as to
811 obstruct or endanger following traffic, or the operator of a disabled
812 vehicle stopped on a hazardous location on the highway, or in close
813 proximity thereto, from flashing lights, installed on the vehicle
814 primarily for other purposes, in any manner that the operator selects
815 so as to indicate that such vehicle is traveling slowly, obstructing
816 traffic or is disabled and is a hazard to be avoided. The commissioner
817 is authorized, at such commissioner's discretion, to issue special
818 permits for the use of flashing or revolving lights on emergency
819 vehicles, on escort vehicles, on maintenance vehicles and on other
820 vehicles that display lights for which a permit is required, in
821 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-96p,
822 provided any person, firm or corporation other than the state or any
823 metropolitan district, town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit
824 fee for each such vehicle, provided vehicles not registered in this state
825 used for transporting or escorting any vehicle or load or combinations
826 of vehicles or vehicles and load which is or are either oversize or
827 overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued by the
828 Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, shall not
829 require such permit. Such annual permit fee shall be twenty dollars. If
830 the commissioner issues a special permit to any ambulance, such
831 permit shall be issued at the time of registration and of each renewal of
832 registration.

833 (d) Use of lamps and flashing lights except as authorized by this

834 section shall be an infraction.]

835 (a) A permit is required for the use of colored or flashing lights on
836 all motor vehicles or equipment specified in this section except: (1)
837 Motor vehicles not registered in this state used for transporting or
838 escorting any vehicle or load, or combinations thereof, which is either
839 oversize or overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued
840 by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270; or
841 (2) motor vehicles or equipment that are (A) equipped with lights in
842 accordance with this section, (B) owned or leased by the federal
843 government, the state of Connecticut, or any other state,
844 commonwealth or local municipality, and (C) registered to such
845 governmental entity. When used in this section the term "flashing"
846 shall be considered to include the term "revolving".

847 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or such other person
848 specifically identified in this section, is authorized to issue permits for
849 the use of colored or flashing lights on vehicles in accordance with this
850 section, at the commissioner's or such person's discretion. Any person,
851 firm or corporation other than the state or any metropolitan district,
852 town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit fee of twenty dollars
853 to the commissioner for each such vehicle.

854 (c) A blue light or lights, including flashing blue lights, may be used
855 on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a volunteer fire
856 department or company or an active member of an organized civil
857 preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been issued a permit by
858 the chief executive officer of such department or company to use such
859 a light while on the way to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency
860 requiring such member's services. Such permit shall be on a form
861 provided by the commissioner and may be revoked by such chief
862 executive officer or successor. The chief executive officer of each
863 volunteer fire department or company or organized civil preparedness
864 auxiliary fire company shall keep on file the forms provided by the
865 commissioner, the names and addresses of members who have been

866 authorized to use flashing blue lights as provided in this subsection.
867 Such listing shall also designate the registration number of the motor
868 vehicle on which authorized flashing blue lights are to be used.

869 (d) A green light or lights, including flashing green lights, may be
870 used on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a volunteer
871 ambulance association or company who has been issued a permit by
872 the chief executive officer of such association or company to use such a
873 light, while on the way to or at the scene of an emergency requiring
874 such member's services. Such permit shall be on a form provided by
875 the commissioner and may be revoked by such chief executive officer
876 or successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer ambulance
877 association or company shall keep on file on forms provided by the
878 commissioner, the names and addresses of members who have been
879 authorized to use flashing green lights as provided in this subsection.
880 Such listing shall also designate the registration number of the vehicle
881 on which the authorized flashing green lights are to be used.

882 (e) The commissioner may issue a permit for a red light or lights,
883 including flashing red lights, which may be used on a motor vehicle or
884 equipment (1) used by paid fire chiefs and their deputies and
885 assistants, up to a total of five individuals per department, (2) used by
886 volunteer fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to a total of
887 five individuals per department, (3) used by members of the fire police
888 on a stationary vehicle as a warning signal during traffic directing
889 operations at the scene of a fire or emergency, (4) used by chief
890 executive officers of emergency medical service organizations, as
891 defined in section 19a-175, the first or second deputies, or if there are
892 no deputies, the first or second assistants, of such an organization that
893 is a municipal or volunteer or licensed organization, (5) used by local
894 fire marshals, or (6) used by directors of emergency management.

895 (f) The commissioner may issue a permit for a yellow or amber light
896 or lights, including flashing yellow or amber lights, which may be
897 used on motor vehicles or equipment that are (1) specified in

898 subsection (e) of this section, (2) maintenance vehicles as defined in
899 section 14-1, or (3) vehicles transporting or escorting any vehicle or
900 load or combinations thereof, which is or are either oversize or
901 overweight, or both, and being operated or traveling under a permit
902 issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-
903 270. A yellow or amber light or lights, including flashing yellow or
904 amber lights, may be used without obtaining a permit from the
905 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on wreckers registered pursuant to
906 section 14-66, or on vehicles of carriers in rural mail delivery service.

907 (g) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue a permit for a
908 white light or lights, including flashing white lights, which may be
909 used on a motor vehicle or equipment as specified in subdivision (1),
910 (2), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (e) of this section. A vehicle being
911 operated by a member of a volunteer fire department or company or a
912 volunteer emergency medical technician may use flashing white head
913 lamps, provided such member or emergency medical technician is on
914 the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency and has received
915 written authorization from the chief law enforcement officer of the
916 municipality to use such head lamps. Such head lamps shall only be
917 used within the municipality granting such authorization or from a
918 personal residence or place of employment, if located in an adjoining
919 municipality. Such authorization may be revoked for use of such head
920 lamps in violation of this subdivision. For the purposes of this
921 subsection, the term "flashing white lights" shall not include the
922 simultaneous flashing of head lamps.

923 (h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as
924 defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, to use a blue, red, yellow, or
925 white light or lights, including flashing lights or any combination
926 thereof.

927 (i) The commissioner may issue a permit for ambulances, as defined
928 in section 19a-175, which may, in addition to the flashing lights
929 allowed in subsection (h) of this section, use flashing lights of other

930 colors specified by federal requirements for the manufacture of an
931 ambulance. If the commissioner issues a permit for any ambulance,
932 such permit shall be issued at the time of registration and upon each
933 renewal of such registration.

934 (j) Use of colored and flashing lights except as authorized by this
935 section shall be an infraction.

936 Sec. 20. Subsection (f) of section 14-112 of the general statutes is
937 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
938 *1, 2015*):

939 (f) Any operator or any registrant whose operator's license or
940 certificate of registration has been suspended as herein provided or
941 whose policy of liability insurance or surety bond has been cancelled
942 or who fails to furnish additional evidence of financial responsibility
943 upon request of the commissioner, shall immediately return to the
944 commissioner [his operator's license or] such operator's certificate of
945 registration and the number plate or plates issued thereunder. [If any
946 person fails to return to the commissioner the operator's license or
947 certificate of registration and the number plate or plates issued
948 thereunder as provided herein, the commissioner shall forthwith direct
949 any motor vehicle inspector, state policeman or other police officer to
950 secure possession thereof and to return the same to the office of the
951 commissioner.] Failure to return such [operator's license or such]
952 certificate and such number plate or plates shall be an infraction.

953 Sec. 21. Section 14-178 of the general statutes is repealed and the
954 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

955 (a) If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed or
956 becomes illegible, the first lienholder or, if none, the owner or legal
957 representative of the owner named in the certificate, as shown by the
958 records of the commissioner, shall promptly make application for and
959 may obtain a replacement upon furnishing information, including
960 personal identification acceptable and satisfactory to the

961 commissioner. The replacement certificate of title shall contain the
962 legend "This is a replacement [certificate] title and may be subject to
963 the rights of a person under the original certificate." Except as
964 provided in subsection (b) of section 14-175, the commissioner shall
965 present or mail the replacement certificate to the first lienholder named
966 in the replacement certificate or, if none, to the owner.

967 [(b) The commissioner shall not issue a new certificate of title to a
968 transferee upon application made on a replacement until fifteen days
969 after receipt of the application.]

970 [(c)] (b) A person recovering an original certificate of title for which
971 a replacement has been issued shall promptly surrender the original
972 certificate to the commissioner.

973 Sec. 22. Section 14-293b of the general statutes is repealed and the
974 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

975 (a) [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in
976 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 specifying the
977 responsibilities of an operator of a vehicle when] When an operator of
978 a motor vehicle is approaching a person riding a horse on a public
979 highway, [which responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to,
980 the obligation to] such operator shall reduce speed appropriately or
981 [to] stop, if necessary, to avoid endangering the equestrian or
982 frightening or striking the horse.

983 (b) No operator of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of an equestrian
984 and horse may blow a horn or cause loud or unusual noises, in a
985 manner to startle or frighten the horse.

986 (c) A statement concerning such responsibilities shall be [printed in
987 the] included in the agency's instruction manual for motor vehicle
988 operation. [at the time of the next revision of such manual.]

989 Sec. 23. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Commissioner of Motor

990 Vehicles shall conduct a review of the department's issuance of limited
 991 operator's licenses pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of
 992 section 14-36 of the general statutes. Such review shall include, but
 993 need not be limited to, consideration of the criteria used by the
 994 department to issue or renew limited licenses, compilation of data
 995 regarding the driving records of persons with limited licenses, and
 996 consideration of whether the limitations imposed ensure the safety of
 997 the public, while recognizing the needs of the limited license holders.

998 (b) Not later than February 1, 2016, the commissioner shall report on
 999 the results of the review required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 1000 section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 1001 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
 1002 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.
 1003 Such report shall provide information about the issuance of limited
 1004 licenses, data on driving records of holders of limited licenses, and
 1005 recommendations, if any, for administrative or legislative changes to
 1006 the process of issuing limited licenses.

1007 Sec. 24. Sections 14-154a and 14-211a of the general statutes are
 1008 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2015*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-11b(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-15(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-36a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-36d
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44c
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44e(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44e(h)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44g(d)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-46b
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-46c
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-46e

Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-47(a)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-50a(a)(9)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-52(b)(5)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-58(c)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-61(a)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-96p
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-96q
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Statement of Purpose:

To amend statutes as recommended by the Department of Motor Vehicles concerning three-wheeled motorcycles and autocycles, motor vehicle inspectors, technical and minor changes to the motor vehicle statutes and the issuance of temporary licenses, and a study of the limited license program.

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