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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT MAKING FOREIGN BIRTH CERTIFICATES A
SECONDARY PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR A "DRIVE-ONLY"
OPERATOR'S LICENSE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Motor
4 Vehicles shall conduct a study of the problem of uninsured motorists
5 in the state, and shall evaluate the best solutions to the problem.

6 (b) Not later than January 15, 2016, the department shall report, in
7 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
8 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
9 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, on the results of the
10 study required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such report
11 shall describe the findings of the department in regard to the problem
12 of uninsured motorists, and solutions to it, and shall include any

13 departmental recommendations for legislative changes.

14 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
16 *passage*):

17 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)
18 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application
19 under oath, or made subject to penalties for false statement in
20 accordance with section 53a-157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied
21 that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable
22 person to receive the license.

23 (2) [Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an] An
24 applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license shall, in the
25 discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a copy of
26 such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of date
27 of birth and evidence of identity.

28 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not
29 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who
30 has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the
31 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to
32 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of
33 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that
34 the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class
35 for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
36 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
37 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
38 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant
39 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in
40 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,
41 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be
42 administered in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by
43 at least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics
44 prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most

45 recent decennial census. Each such knowledge test shall include a
46 question concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities
47 of an operator of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such
48 knowledge test shall include not less than one question concerning
49 distracted driving, the use of mobile telephones and electronic devices
50 by motor vehicle operators or the responsibilities of motor vehicle
51 operators under section 14-296aa. If any such applicant has held a
52 license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where
53 a similar examination is required, the commissioner may waive part or
54 all of the examination. If any such applicant is (A) a veteran who
55 applies not later than two years after the date of discharge from the
56 military and who, prior to such discharge, held a military operator's
57 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such
58 applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed forces or the
59 National Guard who currently holds a military operator's license for
60 motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such applicant has
61 applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the examination, except in
62 the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses, the commissioner shall
63 only waive the driving skills test for such applicant who meets the
64 conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. For the purposes of this
65 subsection, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or
66 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service
67 in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as
68 provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is satisfied as to
69 the ability and competency of any applicant, the commissioner may
70 issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such
71 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the
72 class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate.

73 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health
74 problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor
75 vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license
76 holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,
77 notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a
78 proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may

79 further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a
 80 medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate
 81 shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A
 82 license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems
 83 advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this
 84 section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a
 85 license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a
 86 license of a person whom the commissioner determines to be incapable
 87 of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary
 88 allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed
 89 by a deaf or hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such
 90 person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a
 91 certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the commissioner
 92 may require and signed by a licensed health care practitioner.

93 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any
 94 applicant who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be
 95 subject to the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

96 Sec. 3. Section 14-36m of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 97 *from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-36(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section