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***AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
MOTOR VEHICLES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not
5 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
6 The fee for such license shall be seventy-two dollars. [The] Pursuant to
7 the powers and authority under section 14-3, the commissioner may
8 [authorize] enter into one or more agreements with independent
9 contractors, including, but not limited to, an automobile club or
10 association, licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67
11 on or before July 1, 2007, authorizing such contractors to issue

12 duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to section 14-50a, renew
13 licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to section 1-1h and
14 conduct registration transactions at its office facilities. The
15 commissioner may authorize such [automobile clubs or associations]
16 contractors to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed [three]
17 five dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or
18 duplication, or for a registration transaction.

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
20 section, "certificate of title", "commissioner", "department", "owner"
21 and "vessel" have the same meanings as provided in section 15-202 of
22 the general statutes.

23 (b) Notwithstanding sections 15-203 to 15-232, inclusive, of the
24 general statutes, and except as provided in subsection (c) of this
25 section, a certificate of title shall not be required for a vessel and the
26 commissioner shall not accept an application for a certificate of title or
27 create a certificate of title for the period commencing on the effective
28 date of this section and ending December 31, 2018.

29 (c) A certificate of title for a vessel issued by the commissioner
30 pursuant to an application for a certificate of title filed during the
31 period commencing January 1, 2016, and ending on the date prior to
32 the effective date of this section may be used to transfer the ownership
33 of the vessel and in such instance, the commissioner shall issue a
34 certificate of title to the transferee provided the transferee delivers an
35 application for the certificate of title to the department.

36 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 15-206 of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
38 *passage*):

39 (b) An application for a certificate of title is not required and shall
40 not be accepted, and no certificate of title shall be issued, for:

41 (1) A documented vessel;

- 42 (2) A foreign-documented vessel;
- 43 (3) A barge;
- 44 (4) An amphibious vehicle for which a certificate of title is issued
45 pursuant to chapter 247 or a similar statute of another state;
- 46 (5) A vessel, other than a motorboat, as defined in section 15-141,
47 less than nineteen and one-half feet in length;
- 48 (6) A vessel propelled solely by paddle or oar;
- 49 (7) A vessel that operates only on a permanently fixed,
50 manufactured course and the movement of which is restricted to or
51 guided by means of a mechanical device to which the watercraft is
52 attached or by which the watercraft is controlled;
- 53 (8) A vessel owned by the United States, a foreign government or a
54 state, or a political subdivision thereof, which is used in the
55 performance of governmental functions;
- 56 (9) A vessel used solely as a lifeboat on another watercraft;
- 57 (10) A vessel before delivery if the vessel is under construction or
58 completed pursuant to contract;
- 59 (11) A vessel held by a dealer for sale or lease;
- 60 (12) A stationary floating structure that:
- 61 (A) Does not have and is not designed to have a mode of propulsion
62 of its own;
- 63 (B) Is dependent for utilities upon a continuous utility hookup to a
64 source originating on shore; and
- 65 (C) Has no sewage facilities or has a permanent, continuous hookup
66 to a shoreside sewage system;

67 (13) A vessel designated by the manufacturer as having a model
68 year of [2016] 2018 or earlier, and any vessel manufactured or
69 assembled prior to January 1, [2017] 2019, for which the manufacturer
70 or assembler has not designated a model year; or

71 (14) A vessel for which a certificate of title has been issued by
72 another state when this state has become the state of principal use for
73 the vessel if one or more of the exceptions enumerated in this
74 subsection apply to such vessel.

75 Sec. 4. Subsection (i) of section 14-12 of the general statutes are
76 repealed is the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
77 *2016*):

78 (i) The commissioner [or any city, town, borough or other taxing
79 district authorized under subsection (f) of section 14-33] may issue a
80 temporary registration to the owner of a motor vehicle. The application
81 for a temporary registration shall conform to the provisions of this
82 section. A temporary registration may be issued for a time determined
83 by the commissioner and may be renewed from time to time at the
84 discretion of the commissioner. The fee for a temporary registration or
85 any renewal thereof shall be as provided in subsection (n) of section
86 14-49.

87 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 14-34a of the general statutes is
88 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
89 *1, 2016*):

90 (c) Notwithstanding any such agreement or plan, (1) any such
91 commercial vehicle garaged at any fixed location or which leaves from
92 and returns to one or more points within this state in the normal
93 course of operations, shall be taxable in this state as personal property
94 in the town where such vehicle is garaged; and (2) [registration shall be
95 denied any such vehicle if any personal property taxes are unpaid with
96 respect to such vehicle, as provided in section 14-33; (3)] any such
97 vehicle based in this state shall be subject to the provisions of sections

98 14-12, as amended by this act, 14-15, 14-15a, 14-16a and chapter 247.

99 Sec. 6. Section 14-379 of the general statutes is repealed and the
100 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

101 As used in this section, sections [14-379] 14-380 to 14-390, inclusive,
102 subdivisions (3) and (4) of section 12-430 and sections 12-431, [14-33,]
103 14-163 and 53-205, unless the context otherwise requires:

104 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles;

105 (2) "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for
106 travel on snow or ice, except vehicles propelled by sail;

107 (3) "Snowmobile dealer" means a person engaged in the business of
108 manufacturing and selling new snowmobiles or selling new or used
109 snowmobiles, or both, having an established place of business for the
110 sale, trade and display of such snowmobiles;

111 (4) "All-terrain vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed to
112 travel over unimproved terrain that has been determined by the
113 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be unsuitable for operation on the
114 public highways and is not eligible for registration under chapter 246;

115 (5) "All-terrain vehicle dealer" means any person engaged in the
116 business of manufacturing and selling new all-terrain vehicles, or both,
117 having an established place of business for the manufacture, sale, trade
118 and display of such all-terrain vehicles; and

119 (6) "Operate" means to control the course of or otherwise use a
120 snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.

121 Sec. 7. Section 14-33 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is
122 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2016*)

123 Sec. 8. Section 14-33a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
124 *July 1, 2016*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-41(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	15-206(b)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	14-12(i)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	14-34a(c)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	14-379
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]