



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 256**

February Session, 2016

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN LIMITED DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FUNCTIONS BY TOWN CLERKS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working  
2 group to study the feasibility, costs and benefits of authorizing town  
3 clerks to perform certain limited functions that are statutorily assigned  
4 to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The working group shall (1)  
5 examine functions of the department that are performed at branch  
6 offices of the department, including, but not limited to, original  
7 issuance, renewal and replacement of motor vehicle operator's licenses  
8 and identity cards, and original issuance and renewal of motor vehicle  
9 registrations, (2) identify any such functions that may be performed by  
10 town clerks, and (3) analyze the feasibility, costs and benefits of  
11 authorizing town clerks to perform such functions.

12 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14 one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Town Clerks Association  
15 and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Conference of  
16 Municipalities;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one

18 of whom shall represent the Connecticut Town Clerks Association and  
19 one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

26 (7) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's  
27 designee.

28 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision  
29 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of  
30 the General Assembly.

31 (d) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later  
32 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
33 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

34 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
35 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working  
36 group from among the members of the working group. Such  
37 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,  
38 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of  
39 this section.

40 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the  
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
42 transportation and government administration shall serve as  
43 administrative staff of the working group.

44 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the working group shall submit a  
45 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

46 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
47 relating to transportation and government administration, in  
48 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
49 The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such  
50 report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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