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Committee Bill No. 76

LCO No. 5437



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A MILEAGE TAX STUDY WITH
STATE FUNDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 13b-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 The commissioner shall have the following general powers, duties
4 and responsibilities:

5 (1) To coordinate and develop comprehensive, integrated
6 transportation policy and planning to include a long-range master plan
7 of transportation for the state;

8 (2) To coordinate and assist in the development and operation of a
9 modern, safe, efficient and energy-conserving system of highway,
10 mass transit, marine and aviation facilities and services;

11 (3) To promote the coordinated and efficient use of all available and
12 future modes of transportation;

13 (4) To study commuter and urban travel and in cooperation with
14 federal, regional and local agencies and persons to formulate and
15 implement plans and programs to improve such travel, except a
16 federal study, paid for in part with state matching funds, to determine
17 the feasibility and implementation of a mileage-based user fee on
18 motor vehicles operated on state highways;

19 (5) To study means of providing facilities for parking motor vehicles
20 so as to encourage travel by the combination of motor vehicle and
21 other modes of transportation and in cooperation with federal,
22 regional and local agencies and persons to formulate and implement
23 plans and programs for this purpose;

24 (6) To study means of improving transportation safety and to
25 formulate and implement plans and programs and adopt regulations,
26 in accordance with chapter 54, for this purpose;

27 (7) To cooperate with federal, state, interstate and local agencies,
28 organizations and persons performing activities relating to
29 transportation;

30 (8) To exercise and perform such other duties and responsibilities as
31 may be conferred under this chapter and title 13a or as may otherwise
32 be conferred by law;

33 (9) To prepare a plan setting forth a recommendation for a
34 restructured system of regional transit districts within the state. Said
35 plan shall be based on: (A) Established patterns of commuter traffic
36 within the state; (B) federal requirements for receiving aid under the
37 Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964; and (C) present planning
38 regions. On or before February 1, 1978, the commissioner shall present
39 such plan to the General Assembly;

40 (10) To prepare pertinent reports, including but not limited to,
41 detailed reports of energy use analysis by mode of transportation;

42 (11) To provide for the planning and construction of any capital

43 improvements and the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of
44 any real asset that may be required for the development and operation
45 of a safe, efficient system of highway, mass transit, marine and
46 aviation transportation, provided (A) the acquisition, other than by
47 condemnation, or the sale or lease, of any property that is used for
48 such purposes shall be subject to the review and approval of the State
49 Properties Review Board in accordance with the provisions of
50 subsection (f) of section 4b-3, and (B) any contract for the planning,
51 construction, remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any
52 public building which is estimated to cost more than five hundred
53 thousand dollars shall be advertised and awarded in accordance with
54 section 13b-20n; and

55 (12) To participate, subject to the availability of funds, in transit-
56 oriented development projects at or near transit facilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	13b-4

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the Commissioner of Transportation from expending state funds for a federal study of mileage tax on motor vehicles operated on state highways.

[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.]

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