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AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGARDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-15 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2018*):

4 (b) Each person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions
5 of subsection (a) of this section or by another state, who in the opinion
6 of the commissioner is qualified, may electronically register or transfer
7 the registration of a motor vehicle used in connection with its business.
8 The licensee, within [five] ten days from the electronic issuance of such
9 registration or transfer, shall submit to the commissioner an
10 application together with all necessary documents to register or
11 transfer the registration of the vehicle with the Department of Motor
12 Vehicles. Any such licensee that registers or transfers registration shall
13 be required to register or transfer registrations electronically if the
14 commissioner determines that such licensee files with such

15 department, on average, seven or more such registrations or transfers
16 each month. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance
17 with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this
18 subsection.

19 Sec. 2. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

21 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, firm
22 or corporation, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified
23 and who is engaged in the business of filing applications for the
24 issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for motor
25 vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles, to file such
26 applications electronically if the commissioner determines that such
27 person, firm or corporation files, on average, seven or more such
28 applications each month. A qualified person, firm or corporation shall,
29 within [five] ten days from the electronic issuance of such registration,
30 submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary
31 documents required to register the vehicle with the department. The
32 commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
33 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.

34 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
36 *1, 2018*):

37 (a) A motor vehicle registration expires upon transfer of ownership
38 of the motor vehicle. [The person in whose name the motor vehicle is
39 registered shall return to the commissioner, within twenty-four hours
40 of the motor vehicle's transfer, the certificate of registration, the
41 number plate or plates issued for the vehicle together with a written
42 notice, subject to the penalties of false statement, containing the date
43 that ownership of the vehicle was transferred and the name, residence
44 and post-office address of the owner. The following statement shall
45 appear directly above the space provided for the signature of the
46 person filing the form: "I declare under the penalties of false statement

47 that this notice has been examined by me and to the best of my
48 knowledge and belief is complete, and the statements made herein are
49 true and correct."] The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall enter
50 such expiration in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles
51 only when the transferor cancels his or her registration for such motor
52 vehicle in accordance with procedures established by the
53 commissioner or when the transferee reregisters such motor vehicle
54 with the department, whichever occurs first.

55 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 14-18 of the general statutes is
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
57 *1, 2018*):

58 (d) All number plates shall be the property of the state and no title
59 therein shall pass to any person registering a motor vehicle under the
60 provisions of this chapter. The owner of any registered motor vehicle
61 which is not reregistered at the end of a registration period shall,
62 within ten days, cancel such registration in accordance with
63 procedures established by the commissioner and may return the
64 number plates [thereof] to the commissioner. Any person who sells a
65 motor vehicle pursuant to section 14-150 or 49-61 shall, within ten days
66 of such sale, return to the commissioner any number plates displayed
67 on the vehicle or which come into such person's possession in
68 connection with such sale. When the commissioner issues a new type
69 of number plate for use by all persons registering motor vehicles, the
70 obsolete number plates shall become the property of the registrant
71 upon the expiration date.

72 Sec. 5. Subsections (t) to (aa), inclusive, of section 14-49 of the
73 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
74 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

75 (t) For the registration of each camper, the commissioner shall
76 charge a biennial fee of [sixty-two dollars. On and after July 1, 2011,
77 the fee shall be] seventy-five dollars. [The commissioner shall refund
78 one-half of the registration fee for any camper registration when the

79 number plate or plates and registration certificate are returned with
80 one year or more remaining until the expiration of such registration.]

81 (u) Repealed by P.A. 85-81.

82 (v) There shall be charged for each motor vehicle adult or youth
83 instruction permit or renewal thereof a fee of nineteen dollars. There
84 shall be charged for each motorcycle instruction permit or renewal
85 thereof a fee of sixteen dollars.

86 (w) In addition to the fee established for the issuance of motor
87 vehicle number plates and except as provided in subsection (a) of
88 section 14-21b and subsection (c) of section 14-253a, there shall be an
89 additional safety fee of five dollars charged at the time of issuance of
90 any reflectorized safety number plate or set of plates. All moneys
91 derived from said safety fee shall be deposited in the Special
92 Transportation Fund.

93 (x) For the registration of each high-mileage vehicle, the
94 commissioner shall charge a fee of [thirty-nine dollars for each year or
95 part thereof. On and after July 1, 2011, the fee shall be] forty-seven
96 dollars.

97 (y) For each special use registration for a period of thirty days or
98 less, the fee shall be twenty-one dollars.

99 (z) The commissioner shall assess a ten-dollar late fee for renewal of
100 a motor vehicle registration in the event a registrant fails to renew his
101 or her registration within five days after the expiration of such
102 registration, except that no such fee shall be assessed for the late
103 renewal of the registration, pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection
104 (m) of this section, of (1) a trailer used exclusively for camping or any
105 other recreational purpose, or (2) a motor vehicle designed or
106 permanently altered in such a way as to provide living quarters for
107 travel or camping. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
108 if a registrant who is required to register a motor vehicle under section
109 14-34a fails to renew such registration not later than five days after the

110 expiration date of such registration, the commissioner shall assess a
111 late fee of one hundred fifty dollars.

112 [(aa) The commissioner shall refund one-half of the registration fee
113 for any motor vehicle when the number plate or plates and registration
114 certificate are returned on or after July 1, 2004, with one year or more
115 remaining until the expiration of such registration.]

116 Sec. 6. Section 14-49b of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes
117 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
118 *1, 2018*):

119 (a) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor
120 vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this
121 chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the
122 commissioner a fee of ten dollars for registration for a biennial period
123 and five dollars for registration for an annual period, except that any
124 individual who is sixty-five years of age or older on or after January 1,
125 1994, may, at the discretion of such individual, pay the fee for either a
126 one-year or two-year period. The provisions of this subsection shall
127 not apply to any motor vehicle that is not self-propelled, that is
128 electrically powered, or that is exempted from payment of a
129 registration fee. This fee may be identified as the "federal Clean Air Act
130 fee" on any registration form provided by the commissioner. Payments
131 collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited
132 as follows: (1) Fifty-seven and one-half per cent of such payments
133 collected shall be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund
134 established pursuant to section 13b-68, and (2) forty-two and one-half
135 per cent of such payments collected shall be deposited into the General
136 Fund. The fee required by this subsection is in addition to any other
137 fees prescribed by any other provision of this title for the registration
138 of a motor vehicle. [No part of the federal Clean Air Act fee shall be
139 subject to a refund under subsection (aa) of section 14-49.]

140 (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor
141 vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this

142 chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the
 143 commissioner a fee of ten dollars for registration for a biennial period
 144 for the following registration types: Passenger, motorcycle, motor
 145 home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or
 146 older and who obtains a one-year registration renewal under section
 147 14-49, as amended by this act, for such registration type shall pay five
 148 dollars for the annual registration period. The provisions of this
 149 subsection shall not apply to any motor vehicle that is not self-
 150 propelled or that is exempted from payment of a registration fee. This
 151 fee shall be identified as the "Passport to the Parks Fee" on any
 152 registration form provided by the commissioner. Payments collected
 153 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the
 154 Passport to the Parks account established pursuant to section 23-15h.
 155 The fee required by this subsection is in addition to any other fees
 156 prescribed by any other provision of this title for the registration of a
 157 motor vehicle. [No part of the "Passport to the Parks Fee" shall be
 158 subject to a refund under subsection (aa) of section 14-49.]

159 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 13b-59 of the general statutes is
 160 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 161 *1, 2018*):

162 (f) "Motor vehicle receipts" means all fees and other charges
 163 required by or levied pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-12,
 164 section 14-15, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 14-25a,
 165 section 14-28, subsection (b) of section 14-35, subsection (b) of section
 166 14-41, [section] sections 14-41a, [subsection (b) of section 14-44,
 167 sections] 14-47 and 14-48b, subsection (a) of section 14-49, subdivision
 168 (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-49, except as provided under
 169 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of said section, subsections (c), (d), (e),
 170 (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (s), (t), [(u),] (x), (y) and
 171 [(aa)] (z) of section 14-49, section 14-49a, [subsections] subsection (a)
 172 [and (g)] of section 14-50, subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (10)
 173 of subsection (a) of section 14-50a, sections 14-59, 14-61, as amended by
 174 this act, and 14-65, subsection (c) of section 14-66, subsection (e) of
 175 section 14-67, [subsection (f) of section] sections 14-67a, [sections] 14-

176 67d, 14-160 and 14-381, and subsection [(b)] (c) of section 14-382;

177 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 14-58 of the 2018 supplement to the
178 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
179 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

180 (a) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or repairer before engaging
181 in such business shall make a separate sworn application to the
182 commissioner for a license to engage in such business in each place of
183 business conducted by such dealer. The application shall include any
184 information that may be required by the commissioner on blanks to be
185 furnished by said commissioner. Each application shall be
186 accompanied by a fee of one hundred forty dollars for each place of
187 business conducted by the applicant, together with the fee for the type
188 of license for which the applicant is making application, and such fee
189 or fees shall not be subject to prorating and shall not be subject to
190 refund. No such license shall be transferable. When such licensee adds
191 buildings or [adjacent] abutting land to such licensee's licensed place
192 of business, the commissioner may require the licensee to furnish
193 satisfactory evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 14-
194 54, or with other applicable provisions of law, administered by the
195 municipality wherein such business is located, concerning building or
196 zoning requirements. When a change of officers of a corporation
197 engaged in such business is made, a notice of the change shall be sent
198 to the commissioner within a period of fifteen days from the date of
199 the change. The commissioner may suspend the license of any
200 corporation, after notice and hearing, when the newly appointed or
201 elected officers cannot be considered as qualified to conduct the
202 business as provided in section 14-51.

203 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is
204 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
205 *1, 2018*):

206 (a) Any dealer licensed under the provisions of this subpart who in
207 the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and sells or trades a

208 passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial
209 trailer, service bus, school bus or truck to a transferee who holds a
210 current registration certificate for a passenger motor vehicle,
211 motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer, service bus,
212 school bus or truck registered in this state may issue a sixty-day
213 temporary transfer of such registration to the vehicle transferred. The
214 commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new
215 temporary dealer transfer form furnished for the purposes of this
216 section. No dealer may make such temporary transfer of a registration
217 unless the transferee surrenders the current registration certificate to
218 the dealer indicating the disposition of the vehicle described thereon in
219 the space provided on the reverse side of such certificate and unless
220 the transferee is eighteen years of age or older. The dealer shall, within
221 [five] ten days from the issuance of such temporary registration,
222 submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary
223 documents for a permanent registration for the vehicle transferred. No
224 such temporary registration may be issued if (1) the transferred
225 passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial
226 trailer, service bus, school bus or truck is used and was not previously
227 registered in this state, unless the inspection requirements of section
228 14-12 have been met, (2) such motor vehicle is ten or more years old,
229 unless the inspection requirements of section 14-16a have been met, or
230 (3) such motor vehicle has been declared a total loss by an insurance
231 company, unless the inspection requirements of section 14-103a have
232 been met.

233 Sec. 10. Section 14-61b of the general statutes is repealed and the
234 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

235 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit any licensed
236 motor vehicle dealer or repairer to maintain, in an electronic format
237 prescribed by the commissioner, all records, documents and forms
238 required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such records,
239 documents and forms shall be produced in written format, upon
240 request by the department, during the licensee's business hours on the
241 same day of such request. A violation of this section shall be an

242 infraction.

243 Sec. 11. Subsection (f) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is
244 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
245 *1, 2018*):

246 (f) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to
247 the sale of any used motor vehicle by a new car dealer to a person, firm
248 or corporation which, pursuant to a lease contract option, purchases
249 such vehicle at the end of the lease term provided (1) such vehicle is
250 registered in this state in accordance with the provisions of section 14-
251 12, (2) the certificate of title for such vehicle is in the possession of a
252 lessor licensed under the provisions of section 14-15, as amended by
253 this act, (3) subsequent to such sale, such vehicle is registered in the
254 name of the prior lessee, and (4) such dealer obtains the certificate of
255 title from such lessor and transmits all necessary documents and fees
256 to the commissioner not later than [five] ten days following the
257 issuance of a motor vehicle registration for such vehicle.

258 Sec. 12. Section 14-66b of the general statutes is repealed and the
259 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

260 Each owner of a wrecker registered pursuant to subsection (c) of
261 section 14-66 shall keep and maintain a record stating the following
262 information: (1) The registration number of each motor vehicle towed
263 or transported and the registration number of each wrecker used to
264 tow or transport such motor vehicle; (2) the date and time the tow
265 commenced and was completed; (3) the location from which the
266 disabled motor vehicle was towed and the destination of such tow; (4)
267 the mileage of the wrecker at the commencement and completion of
268 the tow; (5) the charge for tow service and any other charges incurred
269 for services related to such tow; (6) the name and address of the person
270 requesting tow service; and (7) any other information the
271 commissioner deems necessary, specified in regulations adopted in
272 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Such records shall be
273 retained at the place of business of the wrecker service for a period of

274 two years and shall be available for inspection during regular business
275 hours by any law enforcement officer or inspector designated by the
276 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Each owner of a wrecker shall also
277 keep and maintain copies of any written contracts with owners or
278 lessees of property authorizing the towing or removal of motor
279 vehicles from the property of such owner or lessee, or with lending
280 institutions repossessing any motor vehicles, as provided in section 14-
281 145, and such contracts shall be available for inspection by motor
282 vehicle owners, agents of the owners, or lending institutions, upon
283 request. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit any licensed
284 motor vehicle dealer or repairer who operates a wrecker service to
285 maintain, in an electronic format prescribed by the commissioner, all
286 records, documents and forms required by the Department of Motor
287 Vehicles. Such records, documents and forms shall be produced in
288 written format, upon request by the department, during the licensee's
289 business hours on the same day of such request. Any person who
290 violates any provision of this section shall be deemed to have
291 committed an infraction.

292 Sec. 13. Subsection (i) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is
293 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
294 *1, 2018*):

295 (i) (1) Whenever any person has been convicted of any violation of
296 section 14-110, 14-147, 14-215, 14-222 or 14-224 and such person's
297 license has been suspended by the commissioner, such person may
298 make application to the commissioner for the reversal or reduction of
299 the term of such suspension. Such application shall be in writing and
300 shall state specifically the reasons why such applicant believes that the
301 applicant is entitled to such reversal or reduction. The commissioner
302 shall consider each such application and the applicant's driver control
303 record, as defined in section 14-111h, and may grant a hearing to the
304 applicant in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and section
305 14-4a.

306 (2) Any person whose license has been revoked in accordance with

307 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-227a
308 or subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 14-
309 227m may, at any time after two years from the date of such
310 revocation, request a hearing before the commissioner, conducted in
311 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, and the provisions of
312 subdivision (1) of this subsection for reversal or reduction of such
313 revocation. The commissioner shall require such person to provide
314 evidence that any reversal or reduction of such revocation shall not
315 endanger the public safety or welfare. Such evidence shall include, but
316 not be limited to, proof that such person has: [successfully] (A)
317 Successfully completed an alcohol or drug education and treatment
318 program [and proof that such person has] subsequent to such person's
319 most recent conviction or privilege suspension for an offense related to
320 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, (B) not been convicted of or
321 had a suspension of his or her operating privilege for any offense
322 related to alcohol, controlled substances or drugs during the preceding
323 two years, and (C) has not operated a motor vehicle during the
324 previous two years. The commissioner shall require any person, as a
325 condition of granting such reversal or reduction, to install and
326 maintain an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the
327 provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-227a. The approved ignition
328 interlock device shall be installed and maintained for any period
329 during the lifetime of such person in which such person owns or
330 operates a motor vehicle, except that such person may, at any time
331 after fifteen years from the date the commissioner grants such reversal
332 or reduction, request a hearing before the commissioner, conducted in
333 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to remove such ignition
334 interlock device. The commissioner may authorize the removal of such
335 ignition interlock device, for good cause shown, after such fifteen-year
336 period and such hearing. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in
337 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish standards to
338 implement the provisions of this section.

339 Sec. 14. Section 14-111e of the general statutes is repealed and the
340 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

341 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend, for a
342 period of one hundred fifty days, the motor vehicle operator's license
343 or nonresident operating privilege of any person [under the age of
344 twenty-one] who has been convicted of a violation of section 30-88a
345 involving the misuse of an operator's license and who was under the
346 age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.

347 (2) The commissioner shall suspend, for a period of sixty days, the
348 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of
349 any person [under the age of twenty-one] who has been convicted of a
350 violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 30-89,
351 subsection (a) of section 21a-279a or subsection (d) of section 21a-267
352 and who was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.

353 (3) The commissioner shall suspend, for a period of thirty days, the
354 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of
355 any person [under the age of twenty-one] who has been convicted of a
356 violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 30-89 and who
357 was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.

358 (b) [Any person under the age of twenty-one who has not been
359 issued a motor vehicle operator's license under section 14-36 and] The
360 commissioner shall not issue a new motor vehicle operator's license
361 under the provisions of section 14-36 to any person who has been
362 convicted of a violation of section 30-88a or section 30-89, subsection
363 (e) of section 1-1h, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a or subsection (d)
364 of section 21a-267 [shall not be issued a new operator's license by the
365 commissioner under section 14-36] and who was under the age of
366 twenty-one at the time of such violation until a period of one hundred
367 fifty days has elapsed from the date all applicable requirements for any
368 such license have been satisfied by [the applicant] such person.

369 Sec. 15. Section 14-180 of the general statutes is repealed and the
370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

371 If a dealer buys a vehicle and [holds it for resale and procures] has
372 (1) obtained the certificate of title from the owner or the lienholder or

373 [submits] (2) submitted a statement on a form prescribed by the
374 commissioner in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-171 [, the
375 dealer need not send] and an ownership transfer document prescribed
376 by the commissioner, such dealer may resell such vehicle without
377 sending the certificate or form and transfer document to the
378 commissioner. [but, upon] Upon transferring the vehicle to another
379 person other than by the creation of a security interest, such dealer
380 shall promptly execute the assignment and warranty of title by a
381 dealer, showing the [names and addresses] name and address of the
382 transferee or each transferee, if more than one, and of any lienholder
383 holding a security interest created or reserved at the time of the resale
384 and the date of such lienholder's security agreement, in the spaces
385 provided [therefor] on the certificate or [as the commissioner
386 prescribes] the form and ownership transfer document, and mail or
387 deliver the certificate or [statement] form and ownership transfer
388 document to the commissioner with the transferee's application for a
389 new certificate.

390 Sec. 16. Section 14-276 of the general statutes is repealed and the
391 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

392 (a) Registered school buses while transporting school children shall
393 be operated by holders of a valid passenger and school endorsement
394 issued in accordance with section 14-44, as amended by this act. Such
395 endorsement shall be held in addition to the commercial driver's
396 license required for the operation of such motor vehicles. A person
397 who has attained the age of seventy shall be allowed to hold a
398 passenger and school endorsement for the purpose of operating a
399 school bus, provided such person meets the minimum physical
400 requirements set by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and agrees to
401 submit to a physical examination at least twice a year or when
402 requested to do so by the superintendent of the school system in which
403 such person intends to operate a school bus. Any person to whom a
404 town has awarded a contract for the transportation of school children
405 who permits the operation of a registered school bus while
406 transporting school children by any person who does not hold a

407 passenger and school endorsement shall be fined not less than two
408 thousand five hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars.

409 (b) Not less than [twice per] once during the first and third week of
410 each month, a carrier shall review the report made by the
411 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of
412 subsection (h) of section 14-44, as amended by this act, with reference
413 to the name and motor vehicle operator's license number of each
414 person such carrier employs to operate a school bus, as defined in
415 section 14-275, or a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section
416 14-212. If, according to such report, any such employee's motor vehicle
417 operator's license or endorsement to operate a school bus or student
418 transportation vehicle has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked,
419 such carrier shall immediately prohibit such employee from operating
420 a school bus or student transportation vehicle.

421 (c) Any carrier who fails to review the report made by the
422 commissioner, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall be
423 subject to a civil penalty of one thousand dollars for the first violation,
424 and two thousand five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation.
425 Any carrier who fails to [remove as an operator] take immediate action
426 to prohibit the operation of a school bus or student transportation
427 vehicle by an operator who appears on a report, pursuant to
428 subsection (b) of this section, [not later than forty-eight hours after
429 reviewing such report, any employee whose motor vehicle operator's
430 license or endorsement to operate a school bus or student
431 transportation vehicle has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked,]
432 shall be subject to a civil penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars
433 for the first violation, and five thousand dollars for each subsequent
434 violation. Upon appropriate justification presented to the
435 commissioner by any carrier, the commissioner may make a
436 determination to reduce any such penalty.

437 Sec. 17. Subsection (c) of section 14-279 of the general statutes is
438 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
439 *1, 2018*):

440 (c) Upon receipt of a written report from any school bus operator or
441 an evidence file from a live digital video school bus violation detection
442 monitoring system, as defined in section 14-279a, specifying the license
443 plate number, color and type of any vehicle observed by such operator
444 or recorded by a camera affixed to such school bus violating any
445 provision of subsection (a) of this section and the date, approximate
446 time and location of such violation, a police officer shall issue [a
447 written warning or] a summons to the owner of any such vehicle. A
448 photographic or digital still or video image that clearly shows the
449 license plate number of a vehicle violating any provision of subsection
450 (a) of this section shall be sufficient proof of the identity of such vehicle
451 for purposes of subsection (b) of section 14-107.

452 Sec. 18. Section 15-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the
453 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

454 (a) The owner of a vessel [which has been awarded] for which the
455 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has issued a registration number or
456 registration decal [by this state] shall notify the [Commissioner of
457 Motor Vehicles] commissioner in writing within fifteen days [of the
458 transfer of all or any part of his interest in, other than the creation of a
459 security interest, or] of the theft, loss, destruction or abandonment of []
460 such vessel and surrender with such notice [his] the vessel's certificate
461 of number. Any such [transfer,] theft, loss, destruction or
462 abandonment shall terminate said certificate.

463 (b) Any person (1) who transfers to another ownership of a vessel
464 numbered by this state or a vessel [having been awarded] for which a
465 registration decal has been issued by [this state] the commissioner or
466 (2) who presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such
467 vessel has been stolen, lost or destroyed, may, upon surrendering the
468 outstanding certificate of number or certificate of decal and upon
469 application and payment of a fee of one dollar, have another vessel
470 numbered in [his] such person's name for the remainder of the
471 numbering period, or may have another registration decal issued in
472 [his] such person's name for the remainder of the registration period,

473 provided if the numbering fee or registration decal fee [in accordance
474 with the provisions of] required by section 15-144 is greater for such
475 other vessel to be numbered or to obtain a registration decal than the
476 fee paid for said registration period with respect to the vessel
477 transferred, such person shall pay, in addition to one dollar, a fee [in
478 addition to said one dollar,] equal to the registration fee [in said]
479 required by section 15-144 for such other vessel to be numbered or to
480 receive a registration decal minus the amount of such fee paid for said
481 registration period with respect to the vessel transferred.

482 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

483 (d) Any person, who for reasons acceptable to the Commissioner of
484 Motor Vehicles, requests a change in the type of registration issued for
485 a vessel owned by such person, from a registration number to a
486 registration decal, or from a registration decal to a registration number,
487 may, upon surrendering the outstanding registration and payment of a
488 fee of three dollars, have the new registration for such vessel issued in
489 such person's name for the remainder of the registration period.

490 Sec. 19. Section 38a-343a of the 2018 supplement to the general
491 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
492 (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

493 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require each
494 insurer that issues policies in this state to notify said commissioner
495 monthly, on a date specified by said commissioner, of the cancellation
496 and addition by the insurer of all such policies that occurred during
497 the preceding month. Such notice shall include the name of the named
498 insured in the policy, the policy number, the vehicle identification
499 number of each automobile covered by the policy and the effective
500 date of the policy's cancellation or addition. Said commissioner shall
501 specify an acceptable method of notification. The method of
502 notification specified may include computer tapes or electronic
503 transmission.

504 (2) Said commissioner may require each insurer that issues policies

505 in this state to provide monthly, on a date specified by said
506 commissioner, the policy information required for purposes of the
507 Online Insurance Verification System, as provided in section 14-112a.

508 (3) The failure of an insurer to comply with the requirements of this
509 section shall not affect the cancellation of any policy.

510 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive or accept all
511 notices of policy cancellation or addition or all policy information from
512 insurers, as required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Said
513 commissioner shall review and analyze the cancellation and addition
514 data or policy information submitted, together with such other
515 information as said commissioner may obtain from the insurers, from
516 the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or from any other
517 public or private agency or firm in possession of relevant information,
518 for the purpose of determining whether any registered owner
519 identified in any such notice has failed to continuously maintain
520 insurance coverage in violation of sections 14-12c and 38a-371. In
521 conducting such an inquiry to determine insured status, said
522 commissioner may contact registered vehicle owners by mail and
523 require that such mail inquiries be answered in not less than thirty
524 days, in a satisfactory manner containing such information and
525 verification of insurance coverage as said commissioner deems
526 necessary and acceptable.

527 Sec. 20. Section 12-71b of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes
528 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
529 *from passage*):

530 (a) Any person who owns a motor vehicle which is not registered
531 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on the first day of October in
532 any assessment year and which is registered subsequent to said first
533 day of October but prior to the first day of August in such assessment
534 year shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to
535 such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is subject to
536 property tax, in an amount as hereinafter provided, on the first day of

537 January immediately subsequent to the end of such assessment year.
538 The property tax payable with respect to such motor vehicle on said
539 first day of January shall be in the amount which would be payable if
540 such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of the town
541 where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on the first day of
542 October in such assessment year if such registration occurs prior to the
543 first day of November. If such registration occurs on or after the first
544 day of November but prior to the first day of August in such
545 assessment year, such tax shall be a pro rata portion of the amount of
546 tax payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of
547 such town on October first in such assessment year to be determined
548 (1) by a ratio, the numerator of which shall be the number of months
549 from the date of such registration, including the month in which
550 registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the
551 denominator of which shall be twelve or (2) upon the affirmative vote
552 of the legislative body of the municipality, by a ratio the numerator of
553 which shall be the number of days from the date of such registration,
554 including the day on which the registration occurs, to the first day of
555 October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be three
556 hundred sixty-five. For purposes of this section the term "assessment
557 year" means the period of twelve full months commencing with
558 October first each year.

559 (b) Whenever any person who owns a motor vehicle which has been
560 entered in the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is
561 subject to property tax in any assessment year and who, subsequent to
562 the first day of October in such assessment year but prior to the first
563 day of August in such assessment year, replaces such motor vehicle
564 with another motor vehicle, hereinafter referred to as the replacement
565 vehicle, which vehicle may be in a different classification for purposes
566 of registration than the motor vehicle replaced, and provided one of
567 the following conditions is applicable with respect to the motor vehicle
568 replaced: (1) The unexpired registration of the motor vehicle replaced
569 is transferred to the replacement vehicle, (2) the motor vehicle replaced
570 was stolen or totally damaged and proof concerning such theft or total

571 damage is submitted to the assessor in such town or (3) the motor
572 vehicle replaced is sold by such person within forty-five days
573 immediately prior to or following the date on which such person
574 acquires the replacement vehicle, such person shall be liable for the
575 payment of property tax with respect to the replacement vehicle in the
576 town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject to property tax, in
577 an amount as hereinafter provided, on the first day of January
578 immediately subsequent to the end of such assessment year. If the
579 replacement vehicle is replaced by such person with another motor
580 vehicle prior to the first day of August in such assessment year, the
581 replacement vehicle shall be subject to property tax as provided in this
582 subsection and such other motor vehicle replacing the replacement
583 vehicle, or any motor vehicle replacing such other motor vehicle in
584 such assessment year, shall be deemed to be the replacement vehicle
585 for purposes of this subsection and shall be subject to property tax as
586 provided herein. The property tax payable with respect to the
587 replacement vehicle on said first day of January shall be the amount by
588 which (A) is in excess of (B) as follows: (A) The property tax which
589 would be payable if the replacement vehicle had been entered in the
590 taxable list of the town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject
591 to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year if
592 such registration occurs prior to the first day of November, however if
593 such registration occurs on or after the first day of November but prior
594 to the first day of August in such assessment year, such tax shall be a
595 pro rata portion of the amount of tax payable if such motor vehicle had
596 been entered in the taxable list of such town on October first in such
597 assessment year to be determined by a ratio, the numerator of which
598 shall be the number of months from the date of such registration,
599 including the month in which registration occurs, to the first day of
600 October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be
601 twelve, provided if such person, on said first day of October, was
602 entitled to any exemption under section 12-81 which was allowed in
603 the assessment of the motor vehicle replaced, such exemption shall be
604 allowed for purposes of determining the property tax payable with
605 respect to the replacement vehicle as provided herein; (B) the property

606 tax payable by such person with respect to the motor vehicle replaced,
607 provided if the replacement vehicle is registered subsequent to the
608 thirty-first day of October but prior to the first day of August in such
609 assessment year such property tax payable with respect to the motor
610 vehicle replaced shall, for purposes of the computation herein, be
611 deemed to be a pro rata portion of such property tax to be prorated in
612 the same manner as the amount of tax determined under (A) above.

613 (c) Any person who owns a commercial motor vehicle which has
614 been temporarily registered at any time during any assessment year
615 and which has not during such period been entered in the taxable list
616 of any town in the state for purposes of the property tax and with
617 respect to which no permanent registration has been issued during
618 such period, shall be liable for the payment of property tax with
619 respect to such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is
620 subject to property tax on the first day of January immediately
621 following the end of such assessment year, in an amount as hereinafter
622 provided. The property tax payable shall be in the amount which
623 would be payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable
624 list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on
625 the first day of October in such assessment year.

626 (d) Any motor vehicle subject to property tax as provided in this
627 section shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
628 section, be subject to such property tax in the town in which such
629 motor vehicle was last registered in the assessment year ending
630 immediately preceding the day on which such property tax is payable
631 as provided in this section.

632 (e) Whenever any motor vehicle subject to property tax as provided
633 in this section has been replaced by the owner with another motor
634 vehicle in the assessment year immediately preceding the day on
635 which such property tax is payable, each such motor vehicle shall be
636 subject to property tax as provided in this section.

637 (f) Upon receipt by the assessor in any town of notice from the

638 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in a manner as prescribed by said
639 commissioner, with respect to any motor vehicle subject to property
640 tax in accordance with the provisions of this section and which has not
641 been entered in the taxable grand list of such town, such assessor shall
642 determine the value of such motor vehicle for purposes of property tax
643 assessment and shall add such value to the taxable grand list in such
644 town for the immediately preceding assessment date and the tax
645 thereon shall be levied and collected by the tax collector. Such property
646 tax shall be payable not later than the first day of February following
647 the first day of January on which the owner of such motor vehicle
648 becomes liable for the payment of property tax with respect to such
649 motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this section, subject
650 to any determination in accordance with section 12-142 that such tax
651 shall be due and payable in installments. Said owner may appeal the
652 assessment of such motor vehicle, as determined by the assessor in
653 accordance with this subsection, to the board of assessment appeals
654 next succeeding the date on which the tax based on such assessment is
655 payable, and thereafter, to the Superior Court as provided in section
656 12-117a. If the amount of such tax is reduced upon appeal, the portion
657 thereof which has been paid in excess of the amount determined to be
658 due upon appeal shall be refunded to said owner.

659 (g) Any motor vehicle which is not registered in this state shall be
660 subject to property tax in this state if such motor vehicle in the normal
661 course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or
662 remains in one or more points within this state, and such motor vehicle
663 shall be subject to such property tax in the town within which such
664 motor vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves
665 from and returns to or remains, provided when the owner of such
666 motor vehicle is a resident in any town in the state, it shall be
667 presumed that such motor vehicle most frequently leaves from and
668 returns to or remains in such town unless evidence, satisfactory to the
669 assessor in such town, is submitted to the contrary.

670 [(h) If the assessor in any town determines that a motor vehicle that
671 is not registered in this state is subject to property tax pursuant to

672 subsection (g) of this section, such assessor shall make a reasonable
673 effort to provide information regarding such motor vehicle's out-of-
674 state registration to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. After receipt
675 of such information, the commissioner shall make a reasonable effort
676 to provide such assessor with information regarding such motor
677 vehicle's make, model, model year, vehicle identification number and
678 the name and mailing address of the registered owner of such motor
679 vehicle. Such assessor shall (1) determine the value of such motor
680 vehicle for purposes of property tax assessment if the information
681 provided by the commissioner is sufficient to make such a
682 determination, and (2) add such value to the taxable grand list in such
683 town for the immediately preceding assessment date. The tax thereon
684 shall be levied, collected and payable and may be appealed, in
685 accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section. One per
686 cent of such collected tax shall be paid by the town into the Special
687 Transportation Fund, established pursuant to section 13b-68, to fund
688 the administrative costs associated with the registration of motor
689 vehicles registered out of state.]

690 Sec. 21. Subsection (h) of section 14-44 of the 2018 supplement to the
691 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
692 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

693 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-10, the
694 commissioner shall furnish to any board of education or to any public
695 or private organization that is actively engaged in providing public
696 transportation, including the transportation of school children, a report
697 containing the names and motor vehicle operator license numbers of
698 each person who has been issued an operator's license with one or
699 more public passenger endorsements, authorizing such person to
700 transport passengers in accordance with the provisions of section 14-
701 36a, but whose license or any such public passenger endorsement has
702 been withdrawn, suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of
703 Motor Vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this section, or
704 any other provision of this title. The report shall be issued and updated
705 periodically in accordance with a schedule to be established by the

706 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Such report may be transmitted or
 707 otherwise made available to authorized recipients by electronic means.
 708 [The commissioner shall ensure that each carrier, as defined in section
 709 14-212, is reviewing such report, pursuant to section 14-276, by (1)
 710 conducting random compliance audits of carriers to determine
 711 whether a carrier is performing such review as prescribed by said
 712 section 14-276, (2) maintaining a record of each such review by a
 713 carrier for the prior two years, and (3) making such record publicly
 714 available upon request.]

715 Sec. 22. Section 14-62c of the general states is repealed. (*Effective from*
 716 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-15(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-15d
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-16(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-18(d)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-49(t) to (aa)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-49b
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	13b-59(f)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-58(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-61(a)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-61b
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-62(f)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-66b
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-111(i)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-111e
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-180
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-276
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	14-279(c)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	15-147
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	38a-343a
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	12-71b
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	14-44(h)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the motor vehicle statutes as recommended by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

[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.]