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Public Act No. 19-161

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION LIFESAVER PROGRAM, TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, THE USE OF COLORED AND FLASHING LIGHTS, ROAD AND BRIDGE DESIGNATIONS, THE ISSUANCE OF REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS, SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES CONTRACTS, REPORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION STATUTES.

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

Section 1. Section 13b-376 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) [There is established an Operation Lifesaver Committee which shall be within the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes only. The committee] The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish and operate an operation lifesaver program designed to reduce the number of accidents at railway crossings and to increase the public awareness of railroad crossing hazards. [Said committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Transportation or his designee, the Commissioner of Education or his designee, and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or his designee, and six members appointed as follows: Two representatives of civic organizations, one appointed by the president pro tempore of the

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Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, a representative of the railroad industry appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, a representative of a parent teacher association appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, a representative of a local law enforcement agency appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and a local government official appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. The Commissioner of Transportation shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at such times as it deems necessary] The commissioner may enter into agreements with any national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public safety and providing education regarding railroad crossing hazards to establish, operate and maintain the program.

(b) The [Operation Lifesaver Committee] Commissioner of Transportation shall: (1) [Administer and operate the operation lifesaver program; (2) establish committees to promote] Ensure the Operation Lifesaver Committee, established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, guides and promotes the program on the local level; [(3)] (2) educate the public with information designed to reduce the number of accidents, deaths and injuries at railroad and at-grade crossings; [(4)] (3) encourage state and local law enforcement agencies to vigorously enforce the law governing motorist and pedestrian rights and responsibilities; [(5)] (4) encourage the development of engineering and safety improvements; [(6)] (5) encourage the maintenance of railroad and at-grade crossings; [(7)] (6) if a national nonprofit organization operates and maintains the program, require such organization to submit an annual report regarding the status of the program and make any recommendations regarding additional goals or objectives of the program to the [General Assembly implementing the purposes of the committee. The committee shall annually review its progress and submit its findings and recommendation to the joint standing committee of the General

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Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation] Operation Lifesaver Committee; and (7) adhere to the goals and objectives of the program.

(c) There is established an Operation Lifesaver Committee which shall be within the Department of Transportation. The committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the commissioner's designee and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the commissioner's designee. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at such times at it deems necessary.

(d) The Commissioner of Transportation may, within available federal resources, make grants and otherwise administer funds to public or private school systems to assist such school systems to establish, operate or maintain an operation lifesaver training program. The commissioner may apply for, receive and accept grants, gifts and bequests of funds made available by any person, political subdivision or entity, or any other agency, governmental or private, including the United States or any of its agencies and instrumentalities, to carry out the purposes of this section.

[(c)] (e) The Department of Transportation may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 14-270 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Commissioner of Transportation or other authority having charge of the repair or maintenance of any highway or bridge is authorized to grant permits for transporting vehicles or combinations

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of vehicles or vehicles and load, or other objects not conforming to the provisions of sections 14-98, 14-262, 14-262a, 14-264, 14-267a and 14-269 but, in the case of motor vehicles, only the Commissioner of Transportation shall be authorized to issue such permits. Such permits shall be written, and may limit the highways or bridges which may be used, the time of such use and the maximum rate of speed at which such vehicles or objects may be operated, and may contain any other condition considered necessary by the authority granting the same, provided the Department of Transportation shall not suffer any loss of revenue granted or to be granted from any agency or department of the federal government for the federal interstate highway system or any other highway system.

(b) Any permit issued in respect to any vehicle, self-propelled vehicle, or combination of vehicles or vehicle and trailer on account of its excessive weight shall be limited to the gross weight shown or to be shown on the commercial registration certificate or any commercial registration certificate issued on an apportionment basis. A permit granted under this section for a vehicle or load, greater than twelve feet, but no greater than thirteen feet six inches in width and traveling on undivided highways, shall require a single escort motor vehicle to precede such vehicle or load. No escort motor vehicle shall be required to follow such vehicle or load on such highways.

(c) Any permit issued under this section or a legible copy or facsimile shall be retained in the possession of the operator of the vehicle, self-propelled vehicle or combination of vehicles or vehicle and trailer for which such permit was issued, except that an electronic confirmation of the existence of such permit or the use of the special number plates described in section 14-24 and any regulations adopted thereunder shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of this section.

(d) (1) The owner or lessee of any vehicle may pay either a fee of thirty dollars for each permit issued for such vehicle under this section

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or a fee as described in subdivision (3) of this subsection for such vehicle, payable to the Department of Transportation. (2) An additional transmittal fee of five dollars shall be charged for each permit issued under this section and transmitted via electronic means. (3) The commissioner may issue an annual permit for any vehicle transporting (A) a divisible load, (B) an overweight or oversized-overweight indivisible load, or (C) an oversize indivisible load. The owner or lessee shall pay an annual fee of nine dollars per thousand pounds or fraction thereof for each such vehicle. A permit may be issued in any increment up to one year, provided the owner or lessee shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars for such vehicle or vehicle and trailer for each month or fraction thereof. (4) The annual permit fee for any vehicle transporting an oversize indivisible load shall not be less than six hundred fifty dollars. (5) The commissioner may issue permits for divisible loads in the aggregate not exceeding fifty-three feet in length.

(e) (1) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, prescribing standards for issuance of permits for vehicles with divisible or indivisible loads not conforming to the provisions of section 14-267a.

(2) In adopting regulations pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall allow for the issuing of a wrecker towing or transporting emergency permit, provided such movement of a wrecked or disabled vehicle by a wrecker with a permit issued pursuant to this subdivision shall be in accordance with any limitations as to highway or bridge use and maximum rate of speed as specified by the commissioner.

(f) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to the federal government, the state, municipalities or fire departments.

(g) Any person who violates the provisions of any permit issued

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under this section or fails to obtain such a permit, when operating any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles described in section 14-163c, shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the weight specified in such permit shall be subject to a penalty calculated by subtracting the permitted weight from the actual vehicle weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

(2) A person who fails to obtain a permit issued under section 14-262 or 14-264 and who is operating a vehicle at a weight that exceeds the statutory limit for weight shall be subject to a penalty calculated by subtracting the statutory limit for weight from the actual vehicle weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

(3) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the length specified in such permit shall be subject to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;

(4) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the width specified in such permit shall be subject to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;

(5) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the height specified in such permit shall be subject to a minimum fine of one thousand dollars;

(6) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section on routes not specified in such permit, shall be fined (A) one thousand five hundred dollars for each violation of the statutory limit for length, width, height or weight, and (B) shall be subject to a penalty calculated by subtracting the statutory weight limit of subsection (b) of section 14-267a from the actual vehicle weight and such weight

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difference shall be fined at the rate provided for in subparagraph (G) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 14-267a; or

(7) A person (A) operating a vehicle with an indivisible load and violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to obtain a permit, or (B) operating a vehicle with a divisible load and violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to be off loaded to the permit limit.

(h) (1) If the origin, destination, load description, tractor registration, trailer registration, hours of travel, number of escorts, signs or flags of a vehicle with a permit issued under this section differ from those stated on such permit or required by regulations adopted pursuant to this section, a minimum fine of two hundred dollars shall be assessed for each such violation.

(2) If the days of travel of a vehicle with a permit issued under this section differ from those stated on such permit or the vehicle is operated under a false or fraudulent permit, a minimum fine of one thousand five hundred dollars shall be assessed for such violation in addition to any other penalties assessed.

(i) A person operating a vehicle under a forged permit shall be subject to a minimum fine of ten thousand dollars, in addition to any other penalties which may be assessed, and such vehicle shall be impounded until payment of such fine or fines, or until order of the Superior Court. As used in this subsection, "forged permit" means a permit for a nonconforming vehicle that is subject to the provisions of this section, that has been falsely made, completed or altered, and "falsely made", "falsely completed" and "falsely altered" have the same [meaning] meanings as [set forth] provided in section 53a-137.

[(j) For the period beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30,

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2017, the commissioner shall waive the amount of any fee increase imposed under this section that took effect on July 1, 2016, for any person who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that (1) such increased fee affects a material term in a contract for services that is in effect on July 1, 2016, or is subject to competitive bidding on July 1, 2016, and (2) such person is a party to such contract or a participant in such competitive bidding process.]

Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 13b-119 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(c) (1) No transportation network company shall permit an individual to act as a transportation network company driver on its digital network if such individual: (A) Has, during the three years prior to the date of such individual's application to be a transportation network company driver, (i) committed more than three moving violations, as defined in section 14-111g, (ii) committed one serious traffic violation, as defined in section 14-1, or (iii) had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended pursuant to section 14-227b; (B) has been convicted, within seven years prior to the date of such individual's application, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, acts of violence or acts of terror; (C) is included in the state sexual offenders registry or the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website; (D) does not possess a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a motor vehicle operator's license issued by a reciprocal state; (E) does not possess proof of registration for each motor vehicle such individual proposes to use as a transportation network company vehicle; or (F) is not at least nineteen years of age. For the purposes of this subsection, "reciprocal state" means a state that permits transportation network company drivers who possess a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's

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license to provide a prearranged ride that originates in such state.

Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such report shall (1) identify a possible route for a multiuse trail to connect the Arrigoni Bridge in the city of Middletown to the Farmington Canal Trail in the town of Cheshire via the city of Meriden and the commuter rail station in the city of Meriden, (2) recommend phases for the construction of such trail and estimate the cost of each such phase, and (3) summarize any public comments received by the Departments of Transportation or Energy and Environmental Protection or the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments concerning the report or the possible route for such trail.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 14-290 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(a) Motor vehicles in the custody and use of officers in the performance of their duties shall be exempt from any traffic regulations of any town, city or borough, including, but not limited to, regulations concerning the payment of parking meters, and from the provisions of this chapter and [of] chapter 246, so far as such exemption is necessary for the effective enforcement of any of the provisions of the statutes.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 14-279b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(b) As provided in subsection (b) of section 14-107, proof of the registration number of the motor vehicle therein concerned shall be prima facie evidence that the owner was the operator thereof, except that, in the case of a leased or rented motor vehicle, such proof shall be prima facie evidence that the lessee was the operator thereof. A photographic or digital still or video image that clearly shows the license plate number of a vehicle violating section 14-279 shall be sufficient proof of the [identify] identity of such vehicle for purposes of subsection (b) of section 14-107.

Sec. 7. Section 15-74b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) No public service company shall construct or maintain any overhead line or facility within the limits of a clear zone.

(b) (1) Immediately upon July 6, 1971, the executive director shall establish clear zones, in accordance with regulations adopted by the executive director, for all public airport runways, and shall establish a list of priorities for the abatement or correction of encroachments thereon by public service companies. (2) Subject to the availability of funds, the executive director shall, from time to time, order the relocation, removal or such other appropriate corrective action as the executive director deems necessary to abate or correct such encroachments on clear zones.

(c) Where overhead lines already exist within the limits of an established clear zone, the executive director shall reimburse the owner public service company for the cost of relocation, removal or other corrective measures approved by the executive director. Funds required for the implementation of this section shall be appropriated from existing and future appropriations for state aid to airports in accordance with procedures adopted by the authority pursuant to section 1-121.

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Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation concerning the modernization of the parking garages at the commuter rail stations in the municipalities of Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford. In developing the plan, the commissioner shall address: (1) The flow of traffic inside and outside each such parking garage; (2) access to other forms of transportation at each such parking garage, including, but not limited to, public and private bus and shuttle transportation services; (3) integration with any plan adopted by the municipality where the parking garage is located; (4) whether any interlocal agreements may need to be executed regarding the modernization of each such parking garage; (5) pedestrian access and safety; (6) needs created by the current and anticipated use of each such parking garage by all types of vehicles and pedestrians; (7) ways to incorporate new technologies at each such parking garage; and (8) ways to maximize the amount of open space around each such parking garage.

Sec. 9. Subsection (c) of section 16-19ggg of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(c) No person shall park in a space equipped with a public electric vehicle charging station, unless such person is operating a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle, as defined in section 16-19eee. Violation of this subsection shall be an infraction.

Sec. 10. Section 14-96q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(a) A permit is required for the use of colored or flashing lights on all motor vehicles or equipment specified in this section except: (1)

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Motor vehicles not registered in this state used for transporting or escorting any vehicle or load, or combinations thereof, which is either oversize or overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, as amended by this act; or (2) motor vehicles or equipment that are (A) equipped with lights in accordance with this section, (B) owned or leased by the federal government, the state of Connecticut, or any other state, commonwealth or local municipality, and (C) registered to such governmental entity. When used in this section the term "flashing" shall be considered to include the term "revolving".

(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or such other person specifically identified in this section, is authorized to issue permits for the use of colored or flashing lights on vehicles in accordance with this section, at the commissioner's or such person's discretion. Any person, firm or corporation other than the state or any metropolitan district, town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit fee of twenty dollars to the commissioner for each such vehicle. Such fee shall apply only to permits issued by the commissioner.

(c) A flashing blue light or lights [, including flashing blue lights,] may be used on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a volunteer fire department or company or an active member of an organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been issued a permit by the chief executive officer of such department or company to use [such] a flashing blue light or lights while on the way to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring such member's services. Such permit shall be on a form provided by the commissioner and may be revoked by such chief executive officer or successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer fire department or company or organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company shall keep on file, on forms provided by the commissioner, the names and addresses of members who have been authorized to use a flashing blue light or

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lights as provided in this subsection. Such listing shall also designate the registration number of the motor vehicle on which authorized a flashing blue light or lights are to be used.

(d) A green light or lights, including a flashing green light or lights, may be used on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a volunteer ambulance association or company who has been issued a permit by the chief executive officer of such association or company to use such a light or lights, while on the way to or at the scene of an emergency requiring such member's services. Such permit shall be on a form provided by the commissioner and may be revoked by such chief executive officer or successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer ambulance association or company shall keep on file, on forms provided by the commissioner, the names and addresses of members who have been authorized to use a flashing green light or lights as provided in this subsection. Such listing shall also designate the registration number of the vehicle on which the authorized flashing green lights are to be used.

(e) The commissioner may issue a permit for a flashing red light or lights [, including flashing red lights,] which may be used on a motor vehicle or equipment (1) used by paid fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to a total of five individuals per department, (2) used by volunteer fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to a total of five individuals per department, (3) used by members of the fire police on a stationary vehicle as a warning signal during traffic directing operations at the scene of a fire or emergency, (4) used by chief executive officers of emergency medical service organizations, as defined in section 19a-175, the first or second deputies, or if there are no deputies, the first or second assistants, of such an organization that is a municipal or volunteer or licensed organization, (5) used by local fire marshals, or (6) used by directors of emergency management.

(f) The commissioner may issue a permit for a yellow or amber light

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or lights, including a flashing yellow or amber light or lights, which may be used on motor vehicles or equipment that are (1) specified in subsection (e) of this section, (2) maintenance vehicles, [as defined in section 14-1,] or (3) vehicles transporting or escorting any vehicle or load or combinations thereof, which is or are either oversize or overweight, or both, and being operated or traveling under a permit issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, as amended by this act. A yellow or amber light or lights, including a flashing yellow or amber light or lights, may be used without obtaining a permit from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on wreckers registered pursuant to section 14-66, on vehicles of carriers in rural mail delivery service or on vehicles operated by construction inspectors employed by the state of Connecticut, authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation, used during the performance of inspections on behalf of the state. The Commissioner of Transportation shall maintain a list of such authorized construction inspectors, including the name and address of each inspector and the registration number for each vehicle on which the lights are to be used.

(g) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue a permit for a white light or lights, including a flashing white light or lights, which may be used on a motor vehicle or equipment as specified in subdivision (1), (2), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (e) of this section. A vehicle being operated by a member of a volunteer fire department or company or a volunteer emergency medical technician may use flashing white head lamps, provided such member or emergency medical technician is on the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency and has received written authorization from the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality to use such head lamps. Such head lamps shall only be used within the municipality granting such authorization or from a personal residence or place of employment, if located in an adjoining municipality. Such authorization may be revoked for use of such head lamps in violation of this subdivision. For

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the purposes of this subsection, the term "flashing white lights" shall not include the simultaneous flashing of head lamps.

(h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, to use a blue, red, yellow, or white light or lights, including a flashing light or lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in subsection (j) of this section.

(i) The commissioner may issue a permit for ambulances, as defined in section 19a-175, which may, in addition to the flashing light or lights allowed in subsection (h) of this section, use flashing lights of other colors specified by federal requirements for the manufacture of an ambulance. If the commissioner issues a permit for any ambulance, such permit shall be issued at the time of registration and upon each renewal of such registration.

(j) A green, yellow or amber light or lights, including a flashing green, yellow or amber light or lights or any combination thereof, may be used on a maintenance vehicle owned and operated by the Department of Transportation.

(k) No person, other than a police officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles operating a state or local police vehicle, shall operate a motor vehicle displaying a steady blue or steady red illuminated light or both steady blue and steady red illuminated lights that are visible externally from the front of the vehicle.

[(j)] (l) Use of colored and flashing lights except as authorized by this section shall be an infraction.

Sec. 11. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 13b-118 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

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(2) A transportation network company driver shall display on a transportation network company vehicle a removable decal at all times when the driver is connected to a digital network or is engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride. Such decal shall be: (A) Issued by the transportation network company; (B) sufficiently large so as to be readable during daylight hours at a distance of at least fifty feet; [and] (C) reflective, illuminated or otherwise visible in darkness; and (D) displayed on the passenger side of the transportation network company vehicle if such decal is illuminated.

Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, an inventory of all parcels located in the city of New Haven that are under the control of the Department of Transportation in connection with the Interstate Route 95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor Improvement Program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such inventory shall not include the parcel of land identified as Lot 900 in Block 954 of city of New Haven Tax Assessor's Map 78. Such inventory shall indicate when the commissioner intends to return said parcels to the control of the city of New Haven.

Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) On or before August 15, 2019, and quarterly thereafter until positive train control systems are implemented and operational on passenger rail lines in the state, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a status report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation concerning the progress made to implement positive train control systems on such passenger rail lines.

Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 97,

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from the northerly intersection with Connecticut Route 14 (Palmer Road) to the intersection with U.S. Route 6, in the town of Scotland shall be designated as the "Conservation Officer James V. Spignesi, Jr. Memorial Highway".

Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 63, from the intersection of Burnt Swamp Road northerly to Connecticut Route 67, in the town of Woodbridge shall be designated as the "PFC Eric D. Soufrine Memorial Highway".

Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 04321 on Connecticut Route 69 (Hamilton Avenue), overpassing Interstate Route 84 eastbound and westbound, in the city of Waterbury shall be designated as the "Thomas Conway Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 305 (Bloomfield Avenue), traveling in an easterly direction from the ramps servicing Interstate Route 91 southbound to the ramps servicing Interstate Route 91 northbound, in the town of Windsor shall be designated as the "Windsor Volunteer Firefighter Memorial Overpass".

Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 01237 on Prospect Street overpassing Interstate Route 84 eastbound and westbound in Plantsville shall be designated as the "U.S. Army SPC4 William A. Beard Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 615 (Old Hartford Road), from the intersection of Wall Street proceeding in an easterly direction and continuing southerly onto Connecticut Route 85 to its access point with Connecticut Route 2 westbound, in the town of Colchester shall be designated as the "Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company Memorial Highway".

Sec. 20. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of U.S. Route 1 in the city of Norwalk, from the Darien-Norwalk town line traveling in a northerly

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direction to the intersection of Keeler Avenue, shall be designated as the "Trooper First Class Walter Greene Memorial Highway".

Sec. 21. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 05687 on U.S. Route 44 overpassing Interstate Route 84 and the ramps for Interstate Route 291 and Interstate Route 384 in the town of Manchester shall be designated as the "PFC Michael Sokola Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 22. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 01732 on Connecticut Route 118 overpassing Connecticut Route 8 in the town of Harwinton shall be designated as the "State Rep. Joseph Mascetti Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 06290 on Connecticut Route 3 overpassing Interstate Route 91 in the town of Wethersfield shall be designated as "Rocco V. Laraia, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 03575 on Hillstown Road overpassing Interstate Route 384 in the town of Manchester shall be designated as the "Captain Leo Godreau Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) Pedestrian Bridge No. 05654 overpassing the Interstate Route 84 eastbound off-ramp and the Interstate Route 84 westbound on-ramp in the city of Hartford shall be designated as the "Lt. Col. William A. Oefinger Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Special Service Road 476, from the northbound Interstate Route 95 access ramp northerly to the southbound Interstate Route 95 access ramp, in the town of Westport shall be designated as the "Rachel Doran Memorial Highway".

Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 01117 on State Road 846 (West Main Street) overpassing the Naugatuck River in the city of Waterbury shall be designated as the "Samuel K. Beamon, Sr. Memorial Bridge".

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Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 00023 on Interstate Route 95 overpassing West Avenue in the city of Stamford shall be designated as the "William S. "Bill" Callion, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) Special Service Road 700, from Water Street westerly to the merge with Connecticut Route 130, in the city of Bridgeport shall be designated as the "Rep. Ezequiel Santiago Memorial Highway".

Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 117, from the intersection with U.S. Route 1 northerly to Interstate Route 95 southbound, in the town of Groton shall be designated as the "Joseph "Jo Jo Nice" Gingerella Memorial Highway".

Sec. 31. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation shall place signs indicating the location of the Veterans Memorial Park, the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial and the Greater Middletown Military Museum near the following locations in the city of Middletown: Connecticut Route 66 at Old Mill Road; Connecticut Route 217 at Westfield Street; and Connecticut Route 3 at Fisher Road.

Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation shall place signs indicating the location of the Great Meadow Salt Marsh near Interstate Route 95 in the town of Stratford.

Sec. 33. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation shall place signs indicating the location of the Strong Family Farm, the Arts Center East, the Vernon Historical Society and the New England Civil War Museum in the town of Vernon.

Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 372, from the intersection of Connecticut Route 71 to the intersection of Burnham Street, in the town of Berlin shall be designated as the "Mary Aresimowicz Memorial Highway".

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Sec. 35. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 10 (Waterville Road), from the town line of Avon-Farmington to the intersection with U.S. Route 44, in the town of Avon shall be designated as the "Avon Volunteer Fire Dept. Memorial Highway".

Sec. 36. Section 14-62c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge each new car dealer or used car dealer licensed pursuant to section 14-52 a fee of thirty-five dollars for each transaction in which the new car dealer or used car dealer processes a used motor vehicle traded in by the purchaser of a new motor vehicle or used motor vehicle from such new car dealer or used car dealer. Any fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a new car dealer or used car dealer from seeking remuneration for the fee imposed by this section.

Sec. 37. Subsection (b) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications and renewal applications for removable windshield placards from (1) any person who is blind, as defined in section 1-1f; (2) any person with disabilities; (3) any parent or guardian of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is under eighteen years of age at the time of application; (4) any parent or guardian of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is unable to request or complete an application; and (5) any organization which meets criteria established by the commissioner and which certifies to the commissioner's satisfaction that the vehicle for which a placard is requested is primarily used to transport persons who are blind or persons with disabilities. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this

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section, on and after October 1, 2011, the commissioner shall not accept applications for special license plates, but shall accept renewal applications for such plates that were issued prior to October 1, 2011. No person shall be issued a placard in accordance with this section unless such person is the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license, or identification card issued in accordance with the provisions of section 1-1h. The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations for the issuance of placards to persons who, by reason of hardship, do not hold or cannot obtain an operator's license or identification card. The commissioner shall maintain a record of each placard issued to any such person. Such applications and renewal applications shall be on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The application and renewal application shall include: (A) Certification by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 378, or a member of the driver training unit for persons with disabilities established pursuant to section 14-11b, that the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2; or (B) certification by a psychiatrist who is employed by, or under contract with, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant (i) is a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who has post-traumatic stress disorder certified as service-connected by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and (ii) meets the definition of a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2. In the case of persons who are blind, the application or renewal application shall include certification of legal blindness made by the Department of Rehabilitation Services, an ophthalmologist or an optometrist. Any person who makes a certification required by this subsection shall sign the application or renewal application under penalty of false statement pursuant to section 53a-157b. The commissioner, in said commissioner's discretion, may accept the discharge papers of a disabled veteran, as defined in

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section 14-254, in lieu of such certification. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require additional certification at the time of the original application or at any time thereafter. If a person who has been requested to submit additional certification fails to do so within thirty days of the request, or if such additional certification is deemed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be unfavorable to the applicant, the commissioner may refuse to issue or, if already issued, suspend or revoke such special license plate or placard. The commissioner shall not issue more than one placard per applicant, except the commissioner shall issue one placard to each applicant who is a parent or guardian of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is under eighteen at the time of application, provided no more than two such placards shall be issued on behalf of such person. The fee for the issuance of a temporary removable windshield placard shall be five dollars. Any person whose application has been denied or whose special license plate or placard has been suspended or revoked shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

Sec. 38. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019, and applicable to contracts entered into on and after said date*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Service provider" means a person providing services under a snow removal and ice control services contract;

(2) "Service receiver" means a person receiving services under a snow removal and ice control services contract;

(3) "Snow removal and ice control services contract" means a contract or agreement for the performance of: (A) Plowing, shoveling or removal of snow or ice, (B) de-icing services, or (C) a service incidental to subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, including, but not limited to, operating or moving snow removal or de-icing equipment or materials.

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(b) A provision, clause, covenant or agreement that is part of or in connection with a snow removal and ice control services contract and that: (1) Requires or has the effect of requiring a service provider to indemnify a service receiver for acts that the service provider is not required to perform, or is instructed by the service receiver not to perform, under a snow removal and ice control services contract, or (2) requires, or has the effect of requiring, a service provider to hold a service receiver harmless from any tort liability for damages resulting from the acts or omissions of the service receiver or the service receiver's agents or employees is against public policy and void if it prohibits the service provider, by express contract terms or in writing, from mitigating a specific snow, ice or other mixed-precipitation event or risk.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to snow removal and ice control services contracts to be performed on municipal or state-owned roadways or property.

Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and at least one organization that advocates for persons with autism spectrum disorder, shall design and make available blue envelopes that (1) provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelopes regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder, and (2) are capable of holding a person's motor vehicle operator's license, registration and insurance identification card. On and after January 1, 2020, upon request by a person with autism spectrum disorder or if such person is a minor, such person's parent or guardian, the commissioner shall provide a blue envelope designed pursuant to this section to such person, parent or guardian.

Sec. 40. Section 18 of public act 14-199 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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Not later than [January 1, 2015] October 1, 2020, the Department of Transportation shall, within available appropriations, submit a report, in connection with the state-certified industrial reinvestment project authorized pursuant to [public act 14-2] section 32-4m of the general statutes and in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such report shall include a study of the challenges to access and egress in and around the stadium facility site, as defined in section 32-651 of the general statutes, recommendations for solutions to such challenges and an estimate of the cost of such solutions.

Sec. 41. Section 15 of public act 17-230 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Transportation shall conduct a study on the feasibility of constructing a tunnel from Greenwich to Bridgeport. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, the feasibility of constructing such tunnel under Interstate 95. Not later than [January 1, 2019] December 1, 2020, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, of the commissioner's findings to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

Sec. 42. Section 13 of public act 17-140 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall study how to implement and fund a level of service from taxicabs and transportation network companies to individuals with disabilities that is substantially equivalent to the level of service provided to other members of the general public. Such study shall examine the viability of funding such level of service through a per-trip surcharge on all rides provided by

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taxicabs, motor vehicles in livery service and transportation network company drivers. Such study shall examine and develop recommendations for how to: (1) Assure equivalent service to individuals with disabilities from taxicabs and transportation network companies with regard to the following service parameters: (A) Response time, (B) fares, (C) geographic area of service, and (D) hours and days of service; (2) provide for the establishment of an accessibility program fund for the receipt of any such per-trip surcharges and the disbursement of program funds to transportation network companies and taxicab certificate holders for the following purposes: (A) Reimbursement for costs associated with converting or purchasing motor vehicles to be used as taxicabs or for transportation network company prearranged rides that are fully accessible by a wheelchair ramp or lift, and (B) compensation incentives for taxicab and transportation network company drivers who allot the requisite time to assist individuals with disabilities in boarding such drivers' motor vehicles; and (3) initiate the use of transportation network company prearranged rides for assembling and managing a comprehensive transportation system for individuals with disabilities within the Medicaid population that provides such individuals with a transportation option for being transported to and from medical care facilities.

(b) In conducting the study described in subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Transportation may consult with any individual who has expertise in any aspect of such study's requirements, as described in subsection (a) of this section, including, but not limited to, members of the faculty of The University of Connecticut and representatives of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, American Association of People with Disabilities, National Council of Independent Living, taxicab drivers and owners, motor vehicle in livery service drivers and owners, transportation network company drivers and transportation network companies.

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(c) Not later than [January 1, 2019] December 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit such recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in addition to any recommendations for legislation to implement such recommendations.

Sec. 43. Section 85 of public act 01-9 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The [Commissioner of Transportation] executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority shall [, within available appropriations,] conduct a study on the safety hazards relating to the height of structures to be erected proximate to general aviation airports. Not later than January 1, [2002] 2021, the [commissioner] executive director shall submit a report on its findings to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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