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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SEAT BELTS, THE OPERATION LIFESAVER PROGRAM, MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION STATUTES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 13b-376 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

5 (a) [There is established an Operation Lifesaver Committee which  
6 shall be within the Department of Transportation for administrative  
7 purposes only. The committee] The Commissioner of Transportation  
8 shall establish and operate an operation lifesaver program designed to

9 reduce the number of accidents at railway crossings and to increase the  
10 public awareness of railroad crossing hazards. [Said committee shall  
11 consist of the Commissioner of Transportation or his designee, the  
12 Commissioner of Education or his designee, and the Commissioner of  
13 Emergency Services and Public Protection or his designee, and six  
14 members appointed as follows: Two representatives of civic  
15 organizations, one appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
16 Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives, a representative of the railroad industry appointed by  
18 the speaker of the House of Representatives, a representative of a  
19 parent teacher association appointed by the majority leader of the  
20 Senate, a representative of a local law enforcement agency appointed  
21 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and a local  
22 government official appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.  
23 The Commissioner of Transportation shall serve as chairperson of the  
24 committee. The committee shall meet at such times as it deems  
25 necessary] The commissioner may enter into agreements with any  
26 national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public safety  
27 and providing education regarding railroad crossing hazards to  
28 establish, operate and maintain the program.

29 (b) The [Operation Lifesaver Committee] Commissioner of  
30 Transportation shall: (1) [Administer and operate the operation  
31 lifesaver program; (2) establish committees to promote] Ensure the  
32 Operation Lifesaver Committee, established pursuant to subsection (c)  
33 of this section, guides and promotes the program on the local level;  
34 [(3)] (2) educate the public with information designed to reduce the  
35 number of accidents, deaths and injuries at railroad and at-grade  
36 crossings; [(4)] (3) encourage state and local law enforcement agencies  
37 to vigorously enforce the law governing motorist and pedestrian rights  
38 and responsibilities; [(5)] (4) encourage the development of  
39 engineering and safety improvements; [(6)] (5) encourage the  
40 maintenance of railroad and at-grade crossings; [(7)] (6) if a national  
41 nonprofit organization operates and maintains the program, require  
42 such organization to submit an annual report regarding the status of

43 the program and make any recommendations regarding additional  
44 goals or objectives of the program to the [General Assembly  
45 implementing the purposes of the committee. The committee shall  
46 annually review its progress and submit its findings and  
47 recommendation to the joint standing committee of the General  
48 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation]  
49 Operation Lifesaver Committee; and (7) adhere to the goals and  
50 objectives of the program.

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

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

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

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

74 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation or other authority having

75 charge of the repair or maintenance of any highway or bridge is  
76 authorized to grant permits for transporting vehicles or combinations  
77 of vehicles or vehicles and load, or other objects not conforming to the  
78 provisions of sections 14-98, 14-262, 14-262a, 14-264, 14-267a and 14-269  
79 but, in the case of motor vehicles, only the Commissioner of  
80 Transportation shall be authorized to issue such permits. Such permits  
81 shall be written, and may limit the highways or bridges which may be  
82 used, the time of such use and the maximum rate of speed at which  
83 such vehicles or objects may be operated, and may contain any other  
84 condition considered necessary by the authority granting the same,  
85 provided the Department of Transportation shall not suffer any loss of  
86 revenue granted or to be granted from any agency or department of  
87 the federal government for the federal interstate highway system or  
88 any other highway system.

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

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

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

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

124 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations<sub>2</sub>  
125 in accordance with chapter 54<sub>2</sub> prescribing standards for issuance of  
126 permits for vehicles with divisible or indivisible loads not conforming  
127 to the provisions of section 14-267a.

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

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

137 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of any permit issued  
138 under this section or fails to obtain such a permit, when operating any  
139 motor vehicle or combination of vehicles described in section 14-163c,

140 shall be subject to the following penalties:

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

146 (2) A person who fails to obtain a permit issued under section 14-  
147 262 or 14-264 and who is operating a vehicle at a weight that exceeds  
148 the statutory limit for weight shall be subject to a penalty calculated by  
149 subtracting the statutory limit for weight from the actual vehicle  
150 weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred  
151 pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

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

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

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

161 (6) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
162 section on routes not specified in such permit, shall be fined (A) one  
163 thousand five hundred dollars for each violation of the statutory limit  
164 for length, width, height or weight, and (B) shall be subject to a penalty  
165 calculated by subtracting the statutory weight limit of subsection (b) of  
166 section 14-267a from the actual vehicle weight and such weight  
167 difference shall be fined at the rate provided for in subparagraph (G)  
168 of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 14-267a; or

169 (7) A person (A) operating a vehicle with an indivisible load and

170 violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6),  
171 inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to obtain a permit, or (B)  
172 operating a vehicle with a divisible load and violating one or more of  
173 the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection  
174 shall be required to be off loaded to the permit limit.

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

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

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

195 [(j) For the period beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30,  
196 2017, the commissioner shall waive the amount of any fee increase  
197 imposed under this section that took effect on July 1, 2016, for any  
198 person who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that  
199 (1) such increased fee affects a material term in a contract for services  
200 that is in effect on July 1, 2016, or is subject to competitive bidding on  
201 July 1, 2016, and (2) such person is a party to such contract or a

202 participant in such competitive bidding process.]

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

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

228 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Transportation,  
229 in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
230 Protection and the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of  
231 Governments, shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions  
232 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee  
233 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
234 transportation. Such report shall (1) identify a possible route for a



235 multiuse trail to connect the Arrigoni Bridge in the city of Middletown  
236 to the Farmington Canal Trail in the town of Cheshire via the city of  
237 Meriden and the commuter rail station in the city of Meriden, (2)  
238 recommend phases for the construction of such trail and estimate the  
239 cost of each such phase, and (3) summarize any public comments  
240 received by the Departments of Transportation or Energy and  
241 Environmental Protection or the Lower Connecticut River Valley  
242 Council of Governments concerning the report or the possible route for  
243 such trail.

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

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

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

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

266 Sec. 7. Section 15-74b of the general statutes is repealed and the

267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

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

287 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2021, the  
288 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a plan, in accordance  
289 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
290 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
291 matters relating to transportation concerning the modernization of the  
292 parking garages at the commuter rail stations in the municipalities of  
293 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford. In developing the plan, the  
294 commissioner shall address: (1) The flow of traffic inside and outside  
295 each such parking garage; (2) access to other forms of transportation at  
296 each such parking garage, including, but not limited to, public and  
297 private bus and shuttle transportation services; (3) integration with  
298 any plan adopted by the municipality where the parking garage is

299 located; (4) whether any interlocal agreements may need to be  
300 executed regarding the modernization of each such parking garage; (5)  
301 pedestrian access and safety; (6) needs created by the current and  
302 anticipated use of each such parking garage by all types of vehicles  
303 and pedestrians; (7) ways to incorporate new technologies at each such  
304 parking garage; and (8) ways to maximize the amount of open space  
305 around each such parking garage.

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

309 (c) No person shall park in a space equipped with a public electric  
310 vehicle charging station, unless such person is operating a plug-in  
311 hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle, as defined in section  
312 16-19eee. Violation of this subsection shall be an infraction.

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

315 (a) A permit is required for the use of colored or flashing lights on  
316 all motor vehicles or equipment specified in this section except: (1)  
317 Motor vehicles not registered in this state used for transporting or  
318 escorting any vehicle or load, or combinations thereof, which is either  
319 oversize or overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued  
320 by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, as  
321 amended by this act; or (2) motor vehicles or equipment that are (A)  
322 equipped with lights in accordance with this section, (B) owned or  
323 leased by the federal government, the state of Connecticut, or any  
324 other state, commonwealth or local municipality, and (C) registered to  
325 such governmental entity. When used in this section the term  
326 "flashing" shall be considered to include the term "revolving".

327 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or such other person  
328 specifically identified in this section, is authorized to issue permits for  
329 the use of colored or flashing lights on vehicles in accordance with this  
330 section, at the commissioner's or such person's discretion. Any person,

331 firm or corporation other than the state or any metropolitan district,  
332 town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit fee of twenty dollars  
333 to the commissioner for each such vehicle. Such fee shall apply only to  
334 permits issued by the commissioner.

335 (c) A flashing blue light or lights [, including flashing blue lights,]  
336 may be used on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a  
337 volunteer fire department or company or an active member of an  
338 organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been  
339 issued a permit by the chief executive officer of such department or  
340 company to use [such] a flashing blue light or lights while on the way  
341 to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring such member's  
342 services. Such permit shall be on a form provided by the commissioner  
343 and may be revoked by such chief executive officer or successor. The  
344 chief executive officer of each volunteer fire department or company or  
345 organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company shall keep on file,  
346 on forms provided by the commissioner, the names and addresses of  
347 members who have been authorized to use a flashing blue light or  
348 lights as provided in this subsection. Such listing shall also designate  
349 the registration number of the motor vehicle on which authorized a  
350 flashing blue light or lights are to be used.

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

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

378 (f) The commissioner may issue a permit for a yellow or amber light  
379 or lights, including a flashing yellow or amber light or lights, which  
380 may be used on motor vehicles or equipment that are (1) specified in  
381 subsection (e) of this section, (2) maintenance vehicles, [as defined in  
382 section 14-1,] or (3) vehicles transporting or escorting any vehicle or  
383 load or combinations thereof, which is or are either oversize or  
384 overweight, or both, and being operated or traveling under a permit  
385 issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-  
386 270, as amended by this act. A yellow or amber light or lights,  
387 including a flashing yellow or amber light or lights, may be used  
388 without obtaining a permit from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
389 on wreckers registered pursuant to section 14-66, on vehicles of  
390 carriers in rural mail delivery service or on vehicles operated by  
391 construction inspectors employed by the state of Connecticut,  
392 authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation, used during the  
393 performance of inspections on behalf of the state. The Commissioner of  
394 Transportation shall maintain a list of such authorized construction  
395 inspectors, including the name and address of each inspector and the  
396 registration number for each vehicle on which the lights are to be used.

397 (g) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue a permit for a  
398 white light or lights, including a flashing white light or lights, which

399 may be used on a motor vehicle or equipment as specified in  
400 subdivision (1), (2), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (e) of this section. A  
401 vehicle being operated by a member of a volunteer fire department or  
402 company or a volunteer emergency medical technician may use  
403 flashing white head lamps, provided such member or emergency  
404 medical technician is on the way to the scene of a fire or medical  
405 emergency and has received written authorization from the chief law  
406 enforcement officer of the municipality to use such head lamps. Such  
407 head lamps shall only be used within the municipality granting such  
408 authorization or from a personal residence or place of employment, if  
409 located in an adjoining municipality. Such authorization may be  
410 revoked for use of such head lamps in violation of this subdivision. For  
411 the purposes of this subsection, the term "flashing white lights" shall  
412 not include the simultaneous flashing of head lamps.

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

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

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

429 (k) No person, other than a police officer or inspector of the  
430 Department of Motor Vehicles operating a state or local police vehicle,

431 shall operate a motor vehicle displaying a steady blue or steady red  
432 illuminated light or both steady blue and steady red illuminated lights  
433 that are visible externally from the front of the vehicle.

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

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

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

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

460 Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) On or before August 15, 2019, and  
461 quarterly thereafter until positive train control systems are  
462 implemented and operational on passenger rail lines in the state, the

463 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a status report, in  
464 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
465 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
466 cognizance of matters relating to transportation concerning the  
467 progress made to implement positive train control systems on such  
468 passenger rail lines.

469 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 97,  
470 from the northerly intersection with Connecticut Route 14 (Palmer  
471 Road) to the intersection with U.S. Route 6, in the town of Scotland  
472 shall be designated as the "Conservation Officer James V. Spignesi, Jr.  
473 Memorial Highway".

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

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

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

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

491 Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 615  
492 (Old Hartford Road), from the intersection of Wall Street proceeding in  
493 an easterly direction and continuing southerly onto Connecticut Route



494 85 to its access point with Connecticut Route 2 westbound, in the town  
495 of Colchester shall be designated as the "Colchester Hayward  
496 Volunteer Fire Company Memorial Highway".

497 Sec. 20. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of U.S. Route 1 in the city of  
498 Norwalk, from the Darien-Norwalk town line traveling in a northerly  
499 direction to the intersection of Keeler Avenue, shall be designated as  
500 the "Trooper First Class Walter Greene Memorial Highway".

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

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

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

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

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

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

523 Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 01117 on State Road 846

524 (West Main Street) overpassing the Naugatuck River in the city of  
525 Waterbury shall be designated as the "Samuel K. Beamon, Sr.  
526 Memorial Bridge".

527 Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 00023 on Interstate Route  
528 95 overpassing West Avenue in the city of Stamford shall be  
529 designated as the "William S. "Bill" Callion, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

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

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

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

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

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

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

554 Aresimowicz Memorial Highway".

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

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

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

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

573 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications  
574 and renewal applications for removable windshield placards from (1)  
575 any person who is blind, as defined in section 1-1f; (2) any person with  
576 disabilities; (3) any parent or guardian of any person who is blind or  
577 any person with disabilities, if such person is under eighteen years of  
578 age at the time of application; (4) any parent or guardian of any person  
579 who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is unable to  
580 request or complete an application; and (5) any organization which  
581 meets criteria established by the commissioner and which certifies to  
582 the commissioner's satisfaction that the vehicle for which a placard is  
583 requested is primarily used to transport persons who are blind or  
584 persons with disabilities. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this  
585 section, on and after October 1, 2011, the commissioner shall not accept

586 applications for special license plates, but shall accept renewal  
587 applications for such plates that were issued prior to October 1, 2011.  
588 No person shall be issued a placard in accordance with this section  
589 unless such person is the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's  
590 license, or identification card issued in accordance with the provisions  
591 of section 1-1h. The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations  
592 for the issuance of placards to persons who, by reason of hardship, do  
593 not hold or cannot obtain an operator's license or identification card.  
594 The commissioner shall maintain a record of each placard issued to  
595 any such person. Such applications and renewal applications shall be  
596 on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The application and  
597 renewal application shall include: (A) Certification by a licensed  
598 physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse  
599 licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 378, or a member  
600 of the driver training unit for persons with disabilities established  
601 pursuant to section 14-11b, that the applicant meets the definition of a  
602 person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as  
603 defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2; or (B) certification by a psychiatrist  
604 who is employed by, or under contract with, the United States  
605 Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant (i) is a veteran, as  
606 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who has post-traumatic  
607 stress disorder certified as service-connected by the United States  
608 Department of Veterans Affairs, and (ii) meets the definition of a  
609 person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as  
610 defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2. In the case of persons who are blind,  
611 the application or renewal application shall include certification of  
612 legal blindness made by the Department of Rehabilitation Services, an  
613 ophthalmologist or an optometrist. Any person who makes a  
614 certification required by this subsection shall sign the application or  
615 renewal application under penalty of false statement pursuant to  
616 section 53a-157b. The commissioner, in said commissioner's discretion,  
617 may accept the discharge papers of a disabled veteran, as defined in  
618 section 14-254, in lieu of such certification. The Commissioner of Motor  
619 Vehicles may require additional certification at the time of the original  
620 application or at any time thereafter. If a person who has been

621 requested to submit additional certification fails to do so within thirty  
622 days of the request, or if such additional certification is deemed by the  
623 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be unfavorable to the applicant,  
624 the commissioner may refuse to issue or, if already issued, suspend or  
625 revoke such special license plate or placard. The commissioner shall  
626 not issue more than one placard per applicant, except the  
627 commissioner shall issue one placard to each applicant who is a parent  
628 or guardian of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities,  
629 if such person is under eighteen at the time of application, provided no  
630 more than two such placards shall be issued on behalf of such person.  
631 The fee for the issuance of a temporary removable windshield placard  
632 shall be five dollars. Any person whose application has been denied or  
633 whose special license plate or placard has been suspended or revoked  
634 shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the  
635 provisions of chapter 54.

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

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

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

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

648 (b) A provision, clause, covenant or agreement that is part of or in  
649 connection with a snow removal and ice control services contract and  
650 that: (1) Requires or has the effect of requiring a service provider to  
651 indemnify a service receiver for acts that the service provider is not  
652 required to perform, or is instructed by the service receiver not to

653 perform, under a snow removal and ice control services contract, or (2)  
654 requires, or has the effect of requiring, a service provider to hold a  
655 service receiver harmless from any tort liability for damages resulting  
656 from the acts or omissions of the service receiver or the service  
657 receiver's agents or employees is against public policy and void if it  
658 prohibits the service provider, by express contract terms or in writing,  
659 from mitigating a specific snow, ice or other mixed-precipitation event  
660 or risk.

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

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

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

680 Not later than [January 1, 2015] October 1, 2020, the Department of  
681 Transportation shall, within available appropriations, submit a report,  
682 in connection with the state-certified industrial reinvestment project  
683 authorized pursuant to [public act 14-2] section 32-4m of the general  
684 statutes and in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

685 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
686 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.  
687 Such report shall include a study of the challenges to access and egress  
688 in and around the stadium facility site, as defined in section 32-651 of  
689 the general statutes, recommendations for solutions to such challenges  
690 and an estimate of the cost of such solutions.

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

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

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

706 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall study how to  
707 implement and fund a level of service from taxicabs and transportation  
708 network companies to individuals with disabilities that is substantially  
709 equivalent to the level of service provided to other members of the  
710 general public. Such study shall examine the viability of funding such  
711 level of service through a per-trip surcharge on all rides provided by  
712 taxicabs, motor vehicles in livery service and transportation network  
713 company drivers. Such study shall examine and develop  
714 recommendations for how to: (1) Assure equivalent service to  
715 individuals with disabilities from taxicabs and transportation network  
716 companies with regard to the following service parameters: (A)

717 Response time, (B) fares, (C) geographic area of service, and (D) hours  
718 and days of service; (2) provide for the establishment of an accessibility  
719 program fund for the receipt of any such per-trip surcharges and the  
720 disbursement of program funds to transportation network companies  
721 and taxicab certificate holders for the following purposes: (A)  
722 Reimbursement for costs associated with converting or purchasing  
723 motor vehicles to be used as taxicabs or for transportation network  
724 company prearranged rides that are fully accessible by a wheelchair  
725 ramp or lift, and (B) compensation incentives for taxicab and  
726 transportation network company drivers who allot the requisite time  
727 to assist individuals with disabilities in boarding such drivers' motor  
728 vehicles; and (3) initiate the use of transportation network company  
729 prearranged rides for assembling and managing a comprehensive  
730 transportation system for individuals with disabilities within the  
731 Medicaid population that provides such individuals with a  
732 transportation option for being transported to and from medical care  
733 facilities.

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

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



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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	13b-376
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-270
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	13b-119(c)(1)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-290(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	14-279b(b)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	15-74b
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	16-19ggg(c)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-96q
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	13b-118(a)(2)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 36	October 1, 2019	14-62c
Sec. 37	October 1, 2019	14-253a(b)
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2019, and applicable to contracts entered into on and after said date</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>from passage</i>	PA 14-199, Sec. 18
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	PA 17-230, Sec. 15
Sec. 42	<i>from passage</i>	PA 17-140, Sec. 13
Sec. 43	<i>from passage</i>	PA 01-9 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 85