After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. Section 14-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(a) Each new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section 14-51, or lessor licensed under the provisions of section 14-15 shall offer the purchaser or lessee of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of sale or lease, the optional service of etching the complete vehicle identification number [of the vehicle] on a lower corner of the windshield and on each side or rear window in such vehicle. Each such dealer or lessor may etch the complete vehicle identification number [of a motor vehicle] on any such vehicle in its inventory prior
to its sale or lease provided it specifies the charge for such service separately on the order for the sale of the motor vehicle as prescribed by the provisions of section 14-62.

(b) If a new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section 14-51, offers the purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of sale, the optional service of marking vehicle [components] component parts with the complete vehicle identification number, the dealer shall specify the charge for such service separately on the order for the sale of the motor vehicle as prescribed by the provisions of section 14-62. [The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection. Such regulations may provide standards for the marking of component parts in a secure manner, and for telephone or on-line access to a secure database of vehicles including motorcycles and parts that have been marked and registered in such database. Such regulations may also provide for the marking of parts used to replace parts that have been marked in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, by repairers licensed in accordance with section 14-52.] Each new or used dealer that sells a motorcycle shall offer to the purchaser to mark the complete vehicle identification number on the component parts of [said] the motorcycle. [Such service shall be subject to the regulations and standards adopted by the commissioner in accordance with this subsection.] The marking of component parts shall (1) be permanently etched in a secure manner using a covert application, (2) be identified by adding a vinyl stencil in a manner that is highly resistant to counterfeiting, unable to be removed in one piece and, if the vinyl stencil is removed, the vinyl stencil leaves a permanent mark on the previously labeled component part, (3) remain visible after five or more layers of paint have been applied to the area in which the vehicle identification number is etched, (4) use a chemical application that does not damage the paint on the vehicle, motorcycle or component parts, and (5) include the name and telephone number or the Internet web site of the company that performed the marking of the component parts. The dealer, lessor or company performing the service of marking component parts shall
maintain a secure database of vehicles, including motorcycles, and component parts that have been marked and registered in such database. Such database shall be accessible by the Department of Motor Vehicles and all law enforcement agencies in the state. As used in this subsection, (A) "covert application" means a latent marking that is only visible with assistance, such as an ultraviolet light, and (B) "component part" includes, but is not limited to, the hood, trunk, wheels and doors of a motor vehicle or the frame or steering column of a motorcycle.

(c) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or lessor shall charge reasonable rates for etching services and parts marking services rendered within the state pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section and shall file a schedule of such rates with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Each such dealer or lessor may from time to time file an amended schedule of such rates with the commissioner. No such dealer or lessor may charge any rate for such etching services or parts marking services which is greater than the rates contained in the most recent schedule filed with the commissioner.

(d) A motor vehicle dealer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, may verify a manufacturer's vehicle identification number to satisfy any provision requiring such verification in this chapter, or chapter 246a or 247. Such verification shall be provided in a written affidavit signed by such a motor vehicle dealer, or his or her designee, and submitted to the commissioner. Such affidavit shall contain a statement that the manufacturer's vehicle identification number corresponds to such number (1) on the manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin, if the motor vehicle is new, (2) on a current certificate of title, or (3) on a current motor vehicle registration document. Such affidavit shall also contain a statement that the vehicle identification number has not been mutilated, altered or removed.

(e) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (c) of this section [] shall be subject to the penalties of false statement, provided
for in sections 14-110 and 53a-157b.

(f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations may provide standards for the marking of component parts and parts used to replace parts that have been marked in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section by repairers licensed in accordance with section 14-52."

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Sec. 501        | October 1, 2019 | 14-99h         |