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**"AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO A
TRANSPORTATION STATUTE."**

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

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 Section 14-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 (a) Each new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section 14-
6 51, or lessor licensed under the provisions of section 14-15 shall offer
7 the purchaser or lessee of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of
8 sale or lease, the optional service of etching the complete vehicle
9 identification number [of the vehicle] on a lower corner of the
10 windshield and on each side or rear window in such vehicle. Each
11 such dealer or lessor may etch the complete vehicle identification
12 number [of a motor vehicle] on any such vehicle in its inventory prior
13 to its sale or lease provided it specifies the charge for such service
14 separately on the order for the sale of the motor vehicle as prescribed
15 by the provisions of section 14-62.

16 (b) If a new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section 14-51,
17 offers the purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of sale,
18 the optional service of marking vehicle [components] component parts
19 with the complete vehicle identification number, the dealer shall
20 specify the charge for such service separately on the order for the sale
21 of the motor vehicle as prescribed by the provisions of section 14-62.
22 [The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
23 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection. Such regulations
24 may provide standards for the marking of component parts in a secure
25 manner, and for telephone or on-line access to a secure database of
26 vehicles including motorcycles and parts that have been marked and
27 registered in such database. Such regulations may also provide for the
28 marking of parts used to replace parts that have been marked in
29 accordance with the provisions of this subsection, by repairers licensed
30 in accordance with section 14-52.] Each new or used dealer that sells a
31 motorcycle shall offer to the purchaser to mark the complete vehicle
32 identification number on the component parts of [said] the motorcycle.
33 [Such service shall be subject to the regulations and standards adopted
34 by the commissioner in accordance with this subsection.] The marking
35 of component parts shall (1) be permanently etched in a secure manner
36 using a covert application, (2) be identified by adding a vinyl stencil in
37 a manner that is highly resistant to counterfeiting, unable to be
38 removed in one piece and, if the vinyl stencil is removed, the vinyl
39 stencil leaves a permanent mark on the previously labeled component
40 part, (3) remain visible after five or more layers of paint have been
41 applied to the area in which the vehicle identification number is
42 etched, (4) use a chemical application that does not damage the paint
43 on the vehicle, motorcycle or component parts, and (5) include the
44 name and telephone number or the Internet web site of the company
45 that performed the marking of the component parts. The dealer, lessor
46 or company performing the service of marking component parts shall
47 maintain a secure database of vehicles, including motorcycles, and
48 component parts that have been marked and registered in such
49 database. Such database shall be accessible by the Department of
50 Motor Vehicles and all law enforcement agencies in the state. As used

51 in this subsection, (A) "covert application" means a latent marking that
52 is only visible with assistance, such as an ultraviolet light, and (B)
53 "component part" includes, but is not limited to, the hood, trunk,
54 wheels and doors of a motor vehicle or the frame or steering column of
55 a motorcycle.

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

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

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

81 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
82 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such

83 regulations may provide standards for the marking of component
84 parts and parts used to replace parts that have been marked in
85 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section by
86 repairers licensed in accordance with section 14-52."

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