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Substitute Senate Bill No. 261

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The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 1-1h of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (e) Any person who misrepresents his or her age or practices any  
5 other deceit in the procurement of an identity card, or uses or exhibits  
6 an identity card belonging to any other person, shall be guilty of a class  
7 D misdemeanor and shall have such identity card revoked by the  
8 commissioner.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general statutes is  
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
11 *2021*):

12 (a) Any person (1) whose operator's license or [right] privilege to

13 operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by  
14 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, [or] (2) who has been disqualified  
15 from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or (3) whose identity card,  
16 issued under section 1-1h, as amended by this act, has been revoked due  
17 to misrepresentation or deceit, shall pay a restoration fee of one hundred  
18 seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such  
19 person of a new operator's license or identity card or the restoration of  
20 such operator's license or [such] privilege to operate a motor vehicle or  
21 commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to  
22 any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty  
23 dollars of such fee in a separate nonlapsing school bus seat belt account  
24 which shall be established within the General Fund.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-11c of the general statutes is  
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
27 *2021*):

28 (b) The Motor Carrier Advisory Council shall consist of the following  
29 voting members: The Commissioners of Transportation, Motor  
30 Vehicles, [Public Safety] Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
31 Revenue Services, Economic and Community Development and Energy  
32 and Environmental Protection, or their designees, and any other  
33 commissioner of a state agency, or such commissioner's designee,  
34 invited to participate. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the  
35 commissioner's designee shall organize and serve as chairperson of the  
36 council. The council shall only make recommendations or take actions  
37 by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting. The council  
38 may make recommendations as the council deems appropriate to the  
39 United States Congress, the Governor or the General Assembly.

40 Sec. 4. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
41 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

42 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, firm  
43 or corporation, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and  
44 who is engaged in the business of filing applications for the issuance of  
45 a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for motor vehicles with

46 the Department of Motor Vehicles, to file such applications  
47 electronically if the commissioner determines that such person, firm or  
48 corporation files, on average, seven or more such applications each  
49 month. A qualified person, firm or corporation shall, [within] not later  
50 than ten days [from] after the electronic issuance of such registration,  
51 submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary  
52 documents required to register the vehicle with the department. Any  
53 such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to file such  
54 application electronically upon the request of the commissioner shall  
55 pay a twenty-five-dollar fee to the commissioner for each application  
56 submitted. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance  
57 with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this  
58 section.

59 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is  
60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
61 *2021*):

62 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural person,  
63 such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on the  
64 certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who shall  
65 assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the owner  
66 and upon the making of an application pursuant to this subsection. The  
67 owner making such designation shall have all rights of ownership of  
68 such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the beneficiary shall have  
69 no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and an  
70 application is made pursuant to this subsection. Not later than [sixty]  
71 one hundred twenty days after the death of the owner, the beneficiary  
72 may make application to the commissioner for the issuance of a  
73 certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle  
74 in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1)  
75 The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is  
76 designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the  
77 deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the  
78 commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection  
79 (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and

80 number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247. If the  
81 beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period  
82 specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no right to obtain  
83 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection after  
84 the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain  
85 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection shall  
86 be subordinate to the rights of each lienholder whose security interest  
87 in such motor vehicle is duly recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The  
88 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to  
89 implement the provisions of this subsection.

90 Sec. 6. Section 14-21z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
91 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

92 (a) On and after [January 1, 2020] July 1, 2021, the Commissioner of  
93 Motor Vehicles shall issue Save Our Lakes commemorative number  
94 plates of a design to enhance public awareness of the state's effort to  
95 preserve and protect the state's lakes, rivers and ponds from aquatic  
96 invasive species and cyanobacteria blooms. Said design shall be  
97 determined by agreement between the Commissioner of Energy and  
98 Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No  
99 use shall be made of such plates except as official registration marker  
100 plates.

101 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall [establish, by  
102 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged]  
103 charge a fee of sixty dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative  
104 number [plates] plate, with letters and numbers selected by the  
105 commissioner, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the  
106 registration of a motor vehicle. [The fee shall be for such number plates  
107 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor  
108 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher  
109 fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of numbers  
110 as authorized by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed  
111 for plates issued under said section; and (2) such number plates which  
112 are low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to

113 the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section. The  
114 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted  
115 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary  
116 lakes and ponds preservation donation, which shall be deposited in the  
117 Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account established under  
118 section 14-21aa. All fees established and collected pursuant to this  
119 section shall be deposited in said account.] The commissioner shall  
120 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the  
121 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,  
122 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,  
123 and forty-five dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and  
124 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as  
125 amended by this act.

126 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of eighty  
127 dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate that (A)  
128 contains letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, as  
129 amended by this act, or (B) is a low number plate in accordance with  
130 section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for number plates  
131 issued under said sections. The commissioner shall deposit fifteen  
132 dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the Department of  
133 Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing  
134 and replacing such commemorative number plates, and sixty-five  
135 dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds  
136 Preservation account.

137 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, no additional  
138 renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of registration for any motor  
139 vehicle bearing Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates which  
140 contain letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of  
141 the renewal fee for Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates with  
142 letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.  
143 No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration  
144 to or from a registration with Save Our Lakes commemorative number  
145 plates.

146 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may request an additional  
147 voluntary donation of fifteen dollars at the time of registration renewal  
148 for any motor vehicle bearing a Save Our Lakes commemorative  
149 number plate. Five dollars of the donation may be dedicated to the  
150 administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ten dollars  
151 of such donation shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and  
152 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as  
153 amended by this act. [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in  
154 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
155 Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
156 chapter 54, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance,  
157 renewal and replacement of Save Our Lakes commemorative number  
158 plates.]

159 Sec. 7. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

161 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut  
162 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account". The Connecticut Lakes,  
163 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
164 account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law to be  
165 deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the  
166 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. The account  
167 shall be available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
168 Protection for (1) restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, rivers and  
169 ponds in the state; (2) programs of the Department of Energy and  
170 Environmental Protection for the eradication of aquatic invasive species  
171 and cyanobacteria blooms; (3) education and public outreach programs  
172 to enhance the public's understanding of the need to protect and  
173 preserve the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (4) allocation of grants to  
174 state and municipal agencies and not-for-profit organizations to  
175 conduct research and to provide public education and public awareness  
176 to enhance understanding and management of the natural resources of  
177 the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (5) provision of funds for all services  
178 that support the protection and conservation of the state's lakes, rivers  
179 and ponds; and (6) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles

180 for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Save Our  
181 Lakes commemorative number plates, including administrative  
182 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z, as amended by this act.

183 (b) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
184 Protection may receive private donations to the Connecticut Lakes,  
185 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account and any such receipts shall be  
186 deposited in the account.

187 (c) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
188 Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the Save  
189 Our Lakes commemorative number plate image for use on clothing,  
190 recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or  
191 programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of  
192 supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation  
193 account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing  
194 shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds  
195 Preservation account.

196 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, not less than  
197 eighty per cent of any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes,  
198 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account pursuant to section 14-21bb  
199 shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4),  
200 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

201 Sec. 8. Section 14-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
202 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

203 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue distinctive  
204 registration marker plates to each motor vehicle, except a taxicab or  
205 motor vehicle in livery service, that is used as a student transportation  
206 vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. Each such registration of a student  
207 transportation vehicle shall be issued for a period of one year and,  
208 subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-103, may be  
209 renewed by the owner, in accordance with schedules established by the  
210 commissioner. The fee for such registration or for any renewal thereof  
211 shall be determined as follows: (1) In the case of any such motor vehicle

212 designed as a service bus, the fee shall be one-half of the fee prescribed  
213 for the registration of a service bus, in accordance with the provisions of  
214 subsection (p) of section 14-49, and (2) in the case of any such motor  
215 vehicle designed as a passenger motor vehicle, the fee shall be one-half  
216 of the fee prescribed for the biennial combination registration of a  
217 passenger motor vehicle or one-third of the fee prescribed for the  
218 triennial combination registration of a passenger motor vehicle, in  
219 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection [(a)] (e)  
220 of section 14-49, as amended by this act.

221 Sec. 9. Section 14-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
222 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

223 (a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab, school  
224 bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation vehicle or  
225 service bus and no person may operate or cause to be operated upon  
226 any public highway any such motor vehicle until the owner or lessee  
227 thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory to the  
228 commissioner [, which insurance or bond] that shall indemnify the  
229 insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any  
230 person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result  
231 from or have been caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle  
232 described in the contract of insurance or such bond. Such insurance or  
233 bond shall not be required from (1) a municipality which the  
234 commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial responsibility to  
235 meet legal liability for personal injury, death or damage resulting from  
236 or caused by the use or operation of a service bus owned or operated by  
237 such municipality, or (2) the owner or lessee of such class of motor  
238 vehicle who holds a certificate of public necessity and convenience from  
239 the Department of Transportation if such owner or lessee has procured  
240 from the department a certificate that the department has found that  
241 such owner or lessee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal  
242 liability for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from or  
243 caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle. The Department  
244 of Transportation may issue such certificate upon presentation of  
245 evidence of financial responsibility that is satisfactory to it.



246 (b) [(1)] The amount of insurance or of such bond [which] that each  
247 such vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity  
248 against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting  
249 from damage to the property of passengers or others for any one  
250 accident shall be not less than [(A) fifty thousand dollars for one person  
251 subject to that limit per person; (B) for all persons in any one accident  
252 where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, one hundred  
253 thousand dollars; (C) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, one hundred  
254 fifty thousand dollars; (D) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, two  
255 hundred thousand dollars; (E) twenty-one to thirty passengers,  
256 inclusive, two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (F) thirty-one  
257 passengers or more, three hundred thousand dollars; and such policy or  
258 such bond shall indemnify the insured against legal liability resulting  
259 from damage to the property of passengers or of others to the amount  
260 of ten thousand dollars] (1) a single limit of liability of (A) one hundred  
261 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport seven  
262 passengers or less, or (B) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, if such  
263 vehicle is designed or used to transport eight to fourteen passengers  
264 without compensation; (2) the minimum amounts established in 49 CFR  
265 Part 387, as amended from time to time, if such vehicle is designed or  
266 used to transport eight passengers or more for compensation, or fifteen  
267 passengers or more without compensation; (3) one million five hundred  
268 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the  
269 provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or  
270 used to transport fourteen passengers or less; and (4) five million  
271 dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the provisions  
272 of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or used to  
273 transport fifteen passengers or more.

274 [(2) In lieu of the foregoing, a single limit of liability shall be allowed  
275 as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death  
276 and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers  
277 or of others for any one accident (A) where the carrying capacity is seven  
278 passengers or less, not less than one hundred thousand dollars; (B) eight  
279 to twelve passengers, inclusive, not less than one hundred fifty  
280 thousand dollars; (C) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, not less

281 than two hundred thousand dollars; (D) twenty-one to thirty  
282 passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars;  
283 and (E) thirty-one passengers or more, not less than three hundred  
284 thousand dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (i)  
285 a municipality which the commissioner has found to have sufficient  
286 financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as provided  
287 in subsection (a) of this section or (ii) the owner or lessees of any such  
288 motor vehicle holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity  
289 issued by the Department of Transportation whom the department has  
290 found to be of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for  
291 damages as provided in subsection (a).]

292 (c) (1) Any person or company issuing any such insurance or  
293 indemnity bond shall file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a  
294 certificate in such form as the commissioner prescribes, and no such  
295 insurance or bond shall lapse, expire or be cancelled while the  
296 registration is in force until the commissioner has been given at least ten  
297 days' written notice of an intention to cancel and until the commissioner  
298 has accepted other insurance or another indemnity bond and has  
299 notified the person or company seeking to cancel such insurance or  
300 bond that such other insurance or bond has been accepted or until the  
301 registration of such motor vehicle described in such insurance policy or  
302 bond has been suspended or cancelled.

303 (2) No person or company issuing any such insurance or indemnity  
304 bond shall issue an insurance policy or indemnity bond for a motor  
305 vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this section for limits less than those  
306 specified in subsection (b) [or (f)] of this section. Upon initial registration  
307 or renewal of any such motor vehicle, the commissioner may presume  
308 that an insurance policy or indemnity bond meets the minimum  
309 amounts specified in said subsection (b) [or (f)] for such vehicle.

310 (d) Any person injured in person or property by any such motor  
311 vehicle may apply to the commissioner for the name and description of  
312 the insurer of the vehicle causing such injury or the name of the surety  
313 upon any indemnity bond of any such owner or the name of the holder

314 of a certificate of financial responsibility.

315 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be  
316 fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than  
317 one year or both.

318 [(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person,  
319 association or corporation operating a motor vehicle in livery service  
320 under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, shall carry  
321 insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death and  
322 legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers or of  
323 others for any one accident in an amount not less than one million five  
324 hundred thousand dollars for vehicles with a seating capacity of  
325 fourteen passengers or less and five million dollars for vehicles with a  
326 seating capacity of fifteen passengers or more.]

327 Sec. 10. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
328 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

329 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,  
330 no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway of this  
331 state or private road on which a speed limit has been established in  
332 accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a until such person has  
333 obtained a motor vehicle operator's license.

334 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older who does not hold a  
335 motor vehicle operator's license may not operate a motor vehicle on the  
336 public highways of the state for the purpose of instruction until such  
337 person has applied for and obtained an adult instruction permit from  
338 the commissioner. Such person shall not be eligible for an adult  
339 instruction permit if such person has had a motor vehicle operator's  
340 license or privilege suspended or revoked. An adult instruction permit  
341 shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her  
342 immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public  
343 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and  
344 accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued  
345 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or

346 older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years preceding  
347 the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the motor vehicle  
348 being operated and who has not had his or her motor vehicle operator's  
349 license suspended by the commissioner during the four-year period  
350 preceding the instruction. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall  
351 not issue a motor vehicle operator's license to any person holding an  
352 adult instruction permit who has held such permit for less than ninety  
353 days unless such person (A) is a member of the armed forces on active  
354 duty outside the state, or (B) has previously held a motor vehicle  
355 operator's license. (2) A person holding a valid out-of-state motor  
356 vehicle operator's license may operate a motor vehicle for a period of  
357 [thirty] ~~sixty~~ days following such person's establishment of residence in  
358 Connecticut, if the motor vehicle is of the same class as that for which  
359 his or her out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license was issued. (3)  
360 No person may cause or permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a  
361 person under sixteen years of age.

362 (c) (1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has  
363 not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor  
364 vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the  
365 [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner for a youth instruction  
366 permit. The commissioner may issue a youth instruction permit to an  
367 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as to  
368 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the  
369 road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 and has  
370 filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,  
371 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the youth instruction permit  
372 and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both  
373 parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires,  
374 (B) the legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the  
375 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no  
376 qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal  
377 guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled outside of this state or  
378 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the  
379 applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or  
380 marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The

381 commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the  
382 commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in  
383 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended by this act,  
384 or any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle  
385 operation and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e, as  
386 amended by this act, to issue a youth instruction permit, subject to such  
387 standards and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in  
388 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each youth  
389 instruction permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance or on  
390 the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's  
391 license, whichever is earlier. Any holder of a youth instruction permit  
392 who attains eighteen years of age may retain such permit until the  
393 expiration of such permit. (2) The youth instruction permit shall entitle  
394 the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate  
395 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, provided  
396 such holder is under the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person  
397 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section  
398 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to  
399 operate, for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle  
400 of the same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not  
401 had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the  
402 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (3)  
403 Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction of and  
404 accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued under  
405 the provisions of section 14-73, no passenger in addition to the person  
406 providing instruction shall be transported unless such passenger is a  
407 parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a  
408 youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member of a certified  
409 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an  
410 emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national  
411 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of  
412 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history  
413 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the  
414 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be  
415 exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection

416 only when such holder is [en route] driving to or from the location of  
417 the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency call. (5) The  
418 commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit used in  
419 violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of this  
420 subsection.

421 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any  
422 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant  
423 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements  
424 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) [present] submit to  
425 the [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner, in such manner as  
426 the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion  
427 (i) in a public secondary school, a technical education and career school  
428 or a private secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle  
429 operation prepared as provided in section 14-36e, as amended by this  
430 act, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'  
431 school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training in  
432 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each  
433 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful  
434 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-  
435 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit  
436 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) [present] submit to the  
437 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a  
438 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight  
439 hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four  
440 hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects  
441 of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle,  
442 the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the  
443 consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of  
444 alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related  
445 motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an examination which may  
446 include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning  
447 motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required  
448 under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road  
449 skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application  
450 and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant

451 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction  
452 permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an  
453 applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or  
454 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth  
455 instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an  
456 applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver  
457 training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the  
458 provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period  
459 of time required by said unit. The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles]  
460 commissioner shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction  
461 at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to  
462 such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the  
463 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good  
464 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended  
465 by this act, or secondary school driver education program authorized  
466 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, as amended by this act, to  
467 administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws  
468 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant  
469 to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving  
470 practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this  
471 subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results  
472 of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by  
473 this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing  
474 instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under  
475 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty  
476 dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a  
477 resident of another state, completed the course required in  
478 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe  
479 driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall  
480 complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any  
481 requirement in this subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of  
482 this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years  
483 of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any  
484 other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has  
485 received training and instruction of a similar nature.

486 (2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training  
487 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home  
488 training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the  
489 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs. Such  
490 statement shall be signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or  
491 by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant,  
492 [which states] and state that the applicant has obtained a youth  
493 instruction permit and has successfully completed a driving course  
494 taught by the person signing the statement, that the signer has had an  
495 operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the  
496 statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by  
497 the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the  
498 statement. [or, if] If the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent,  
499 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the  
500 instruction, [a] such statement may be signed by the applicant's  
501 stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided  
502 the person signing the statement is qualified.

503 (3) If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant under  
504 this section, the test shall be given in English or Spanish at the option of  
505 the applicant, provided the commissioner shall require that the  
506 applicant shall have sufficient understanding of English for the  
507 interpretation of traffic control signs.

508 (4) The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner may adopt  
509 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
510 implement the purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements  
511 for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, the content of safe  
512 driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary  
513 schools, and the administration and certification of required testing.

514 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the  
515 applicant signs and [files with] submits to the commissioner, in such  
516 manner as the commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made  
517 subject to penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-  
518 157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen



519 years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the license.

520 (2) Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an applicant for  
521 a new motor vehicle operator's license shall [, in the discretion of the  
522 commissioner, file,] submit with the application [,] a copy of such  
523 applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence, as determined  
524 by the commissioner, of date of birth and evidence of identity.

525 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously  
526 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or [who has not  
527 operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years] whose  
528 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two  
529 years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the  
530 applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, [or]  
531 a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such  
532 manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper  
533 person to operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant  
534 has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor  
535 vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory  
536 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the  
537 road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle  
538 operator's license may be administered in such form as the  
539 commissioner deems appropriate, including audio, electronic or written  
540 testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered in English, Spanish  
541 or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's  
542 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census  
543 Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such  
544 knowledge test shall include a question concerning highway work zone  
545 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under  
546 section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than  
547 one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile  
548 telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the  
549 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa. If any  
550 such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of  
551 the United States where a similar examination is required, the  
552 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such

553 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the  
554 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,  
555 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as  
556 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed  
557 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's  
558 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such  
559 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the  
560 examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle [licenses]  
561 license, the commissioner shall [only] waive the driving skills test for  
562 such applicant [who] and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive  
563 the knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant meets  
564 the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time.  
565 For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who  
566 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable  
567 from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same  
568 meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is  
569 satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the  
570 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or  
571 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and  
572 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to  
573 operate.

574 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem  
575 which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle  
576 safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to  
577 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding  
578 such problem, such applicant or license holder is a proper person to  
579 operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may further require a  
580 certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority  
581 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall in all cases be  
582 treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license, containing such  
583 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or  
584 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to  
585 prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or  
586 unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person whom the  
587 commissioner determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor

588 vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle  
589 operator's license issued to or renewed by a person who is deaf or hard  
590 of hearing shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such  
591 impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such  
592 impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed  
593 by a licensed health care practitioner.

594 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant  
595 who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be subject to  
596 the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

597 (f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor vehicle  
598 in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2) any motor  
599 vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which such person's right to  
600 operate is limited.

601 (g) The commissioner may place a restriction on the motor vehicle  
602 operator's license of any person or on any special operator's permit  
603 issued to any person in accordance with the provisions of section 14-37a  
604 that restricts the holder of such license or permit to the operation of a  
605 motor vehicle that is equipped with an approved ignition interlock  
606 device, as defined in section 14-227j, for such time as the commissioner  
607 shall prescribe, if such person has: (1) Been convicted for a first or second  
608 time of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a,  
609 and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of  
610 suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of  
611 subsections (g) and (i) of section 14-227a; (2) been ordered by the  
612 Superior Court not to operate any motor vehicle unless it is equipped  
613 with an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the  
614 provisions of section 14-227j; (3) been granted a reversal or reduction of  
615 such person's license suspension or revocation, in accordance with the  
616 provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-111; (4) been issued a motor  
617 vehicle operator's license upon the surrender of an operator's license  
618 issued by another state and such previously held license contains a  
619 restriction to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition  
620 interlock device; (5) been convicted of a violation of section 53a-56b or

621 53a-60d; (6) been permitted by the commissioner to be issued or to retain  
622 an operator's license subject to reporting requirements concerning such  
623 person's physical condition, in accordance with the provisions of  
624 subsection (e) of this section and sections 14-45a to 14-46g, inclusive, as  
625 amended by this act; (7) had such person's operator's license suspended  
626 under subsection (i) of section 14-227b and has served not less than  
627 forty-five days of the prescribed period of such suspension; (8) been  
628 convicted for a first or second time of a violation of subsection (a) of  
629 section 14-227m and has served not less than forty-five days of the  
630 prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with  
631 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227m and subsection (i) of  
632 section 14-227a; or (9) been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) or  
633 (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n and has served not less than forty-  
634 five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in  
635 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227n and  
636 subsection (i) of section 14-227a.

637 (h) Before issuing a motor vehicle operator's license in accordance  
638 with this section or section 14-44c, as amended by this act, the  
639 commissioner shall request information from the National Driver  
640 Registry and the Commercial Driver License Information System, in  
641 accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR section 383.73. Each driving  
642 history record shall contain a notation of the date on which such inquiry  
643 was made.

644 (i) (1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for  
645 a first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined  
646 not less than seventy-five dollars or more than ninety dollars and, for  
647 any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty  
648 dollars or more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not  
649 more than thirty days, or both.

650 (2) In addition to the penalty prescribed under subdivision (1) of this  
651 subsection, any person who violates any provision of this section who  
652 (A) has, prior to the commission of the present violation, committed a  
653 violation of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, shall be fined

654 not more than five hundred dollars or sentenced to perform not more  
655 than one hundred hours of community service, or (B) has, prior to the  
656 commission of the present violation, committed two or more violations  
657 of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, or any combination  
658 thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year, ninety  
659 days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner.

660 (j) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in  
661 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

662 Sec. 11. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

664 (a) The commissioner may acquire, by lease or purchase, and install  
665 at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and at such other  
666 locations where operator's licenses are issued or renewed, such  
667 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
668 chapter.

669 (b) The commissioner may [provide for the renewal of] renew or  
670 produce a duplicate of any motor vehicle operator's license, commercial  
671 driver's license or identity card without personal appearance of the  
672 license or card holder [, in circumstances where the holder is a member  
673 of the armed forces, is temporarily residing outside of this state for  
674 business or educational purposes, or in other circumstances where, in  
675 the judgment of the commissioner, such personal appearance would be  
676 impractical or pose a significant hardship. The commissioner shall  
677 decline to issue any such renewal without personal appearance if the  
678 commissioner is not satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot  
679 personally appear, if the commissioner does not have the applicant's  
680 color] if (1) the commissioner has on file a photograph or digital image  
681 [on file, if] of the applicant that meets the specifications and standards  
682 prescribed by the commissioner and may be used on such license or  
683 identity card, (2) the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the  
684 identity of the applicant, [has not been presented, or if] (3) the  
685 commissioner [has reason to believe] is satisfied that the applicant is [no  
686 longer] a legal resident of this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the

687 applicant personally appeared to renew such license or identity card  
688 within the time limitations specified in state or federal law, and (5) the  
689 applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or duplicate  
690 issuance of a license or identity card.

691 (c) The commissioner may issue, [or] renew [any] or duplicate a  
692 license, [any] an instruction permit or an identity card [issued or  
693 renewed] pursuant to this title or section 1-1h, as amended by this act,  
694 by any method that the commissioner deems to be secure and efficient.  
695 If the commissioner determines that an applicant has met all conditions  
696 for such issuance, [or] renewal or duplication, the commissioner may  
697 require that such license, instruction permit or identity card be  
698 produced at a centralized location and mailed to the applicant. The  
699 commissioner may issue a temporary license, instruction permit or  
700 identity card for use by the applicant for the period prior to the  
701 applicant's receipt of the permanent license, instruction permit or  
702 identity card. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity  
703 card shall not be required to contain a photograph or digital image of  
704 the applicant as specified in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of section  
705 14-36h. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity card shall  
706 have an expiration date not later than thirty days after the date of  
707 issuance and shall remain valid until the earlier of such expiration date  
708 or the date the applicant receives such license, instruction permit or  
709 identity card.

710 (d) [The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide] If the  
711 commissioner provides for the renewal or duplicate issuance of the  
712 motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity  
713 card [of any person not identified in] without the personal appearance  
714 of the license or card holder in accordance with the provisions of  
715 subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall establish  
716 procedures to renew or issue a duplicate of such license or identity card  
717 by mail or by electronic communication with the Department of Motor  
718 Vehicles.

719 Sec. 12. Section 14-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the

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

721       (a) As used in this section, "classroom instruction" includes training  
722 or instruction offered in person in a congregate setting, through real-  
723 time interactive distance learning or through a combination of both in-  
724 person and real-time interactive distance learning.

725       (b) Each local and regional board of education may provide a course  
726 of instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety on a  
727 secondary school level, which course (1) shall consist of not less than  
728 thirty clock hours of classroom instruction offered during or after school  
729 hours as said board of education, in its discretion, may provide,  
730 including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the  
731 responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b) of  
732 section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of said  
733 subsection (b), and (2) may include behind-the-wheel instruction of up  
734 to twenty clock hours. [Said] Such course shall be open to enrollment by  
735 any person between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, who is  
736 a resident of the town or school district or whose parent, parents or legal  
737 guardian owns property taxable in such town or school district. Any  
738 such board of education may contract for such behind-the-wheel  
739 instruction with a licensed drivers' school.

740       Sec. 13. Section 14-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
741 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

742       The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in  
743 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the  
744 establishment, conduct and scope of driver education programs in  
745 secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements of section 14-  
746 36e, as amended by this act. Such regulations shall (1) permit any local  
747 or regional board of education or private secondary school to contract  
748 with a licensed drivers' school approved by the Commissioner of Motor  
749 Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction of such driver education  
750 program and instruction therein may be given by such school's driving  
751 instructors who are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, [and]  
752 (2) require that the classroom instruction of any such driver education

753 program [shall] include a discussion concerning highway work zone  
754 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under  
755 section 14-212d, and (3) permit a class or classroom instruction to be  
756 offered in person in a congregate setting, through real-time interactive  
757 distance learning or through a combination of both in-person and real-  
758 time interactive distance learning.

759 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is  
760 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
761 *passage*):

762 (b) The commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not  
763 limited to, an automobile club or association licensed in accordance with  
764 the provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any  
765 municipality, to issue duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to  
766 section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to  
767 section 1-1h, as amended by this act, and conduct registration  
768 transactions. [at the office or facilities of such contractors or  
769 municipalities.] The commissioner may authorize such contractors and  
770 municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed eight  
771 dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or  
772 duplication, or for a registration transaction.

773 Sec. 15. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
774 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

775 (a) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercial  
776 driver's instruction permit, shall include the following:

777 (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of the  
778 person;

779 (2) A physical description of the person, including [sex] gender,  
780 height and eye color;

781 (3) Date of birth;

782 (4) The applicant's Social Security number;



783 (5) The person's statement, under oath, that such person meets the  
784 physical qualification standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended  
785 from time to time;

786 (6) The person's statement, under oath, that the type of vehicle in  
787 which the person has taken or intends to take the driving skills test is  
788 representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or  
789 intends to operate;

790 (7) The person's statement, under oath, that such person is not subject  
791 to disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of operating  
792 privileges in any state, and that he or she does not hold an operator's  
793 license in any other state;

794 (8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has  
795 been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten  
796 years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not  
797 hold an operator's license in any other state; and

798 (9) The person's signature, and certification of the accuracy and  
799 completeness of the application, subject to the penalties of false  
800 statement under section 53a-157b. The application shall be accompanied  
801 by the fee prescribed in section 14-44h.

802 (b) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days  
803 may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a  
804 commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

805 (c) At the time of application for a commercial driver's license, the  
806 applicant shall make the applicable certification, as required by 49 CFR  
807 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in which such person shall  
808 engage. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to a person who  
809 fails to make such certification.

810 (d) On and after January 6, 2023, the commissioner shall request a  
811 driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in accordance  
812 with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from time to time, for any person who  
813 applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial driver's license.

814 The commissioner shall use information obtained from the Drug and  
815 Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether a  
816 person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not  
817 disclose such information to any person or entity not directly involved  
818 in determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial  
819 motor vehicle.

820 [(d)] (e) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person  
821 who knowingly falsifies information or certifications required under  
822 subsection (a) of this section shall have such person's operator's license  
823 or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended for sixty  
824 days.

825 Sec. 16. Subsection (g) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is  
826 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
827 *2021*):

828 (g) The commissioner may issue a commercial driver's instruction  
829 permit to any person who holds a valid operator's license. Such permit  
830 may be issued for a period not exceeding one [hundred eighty days, and  
831 may be reissued or renewed for one additional period not exceeding one  
832 hundred eighty days, provided the reissuance or renewal of such permit  
833 occurs within a two-year period from its initial issuance] year. Any  
834 holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit who has not obtained  
835 a commercial driver's license on or before the expiration date of such  
836 [reissued or renewed] permit shall be required to retake the commercial  
837 driver's license knowledge test and any applicable endorsement  
838 knowledge tests. The holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit  
839 may, unless otherwise disqualified or suspended, drive a commercial  
840 motor vehicle if such holder is accompanied by the holder of a  
841 commercial driver's license of the appropriate class and bearing  
842 endorsements for the type of vehicle being driven who occupies a seat  
843 beside the individual for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the  
844 commercial motor vehicle. The commissioner shall not administer a  
845 commercial driver's license driving skills test to any holder of a  
846 commercial driver's instruction permit unless such person has held such

847 permit for a minimum period of fourteen days.

848 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 14-44i of the general statutes is  
849 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
850 *2021*):

851 (b) There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license  
852 knowledge test a fee of sixteen dollars. There shall be charged for each  
853 commercial driver's license skills test a fee of thirty dollars. There shall  
854 be charged for each commercial driver's instruction permit a fee of [ten]  
855 twenty dollars.

856 Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 14-44k of the general statutes is  
857 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
858 *1, 2021*):

859 (g) Any person who (1) uses any motor vehicle in the commission of  
860 a felony involving the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of a  
861 controlled substance, or (2) uses a commercial motor vehicle in the  
862 commission of a felony involving severe forms of trafficking in persons,  
863 as defined in 22 USC 7102(11), as amended from time to time, shall be  
864 disqualified for life and ineligible for reinstatement in accordance with  
865 subsection (h) of this section.

866 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 14-45a of the general statutes is  
867 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
868 *2021*):

869 (b) Prior to issuing a motor vehicle operator's license to a person who  
870 has not previously been issued a license in this state or [has not operated  
871 a motor vehicle within the preceding two years] whose Connecticut  
872 motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to  
873 the application date, the commissioner may require such person to pass  
874 a vision screening to determine if the person meets vision standards  
875 specified in the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
876 section.

877 Sec. 20. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is

878 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
879 *1, 2021*):

880 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part  
881 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross  
882 vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred  
883 pounds, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one hundred  
884 thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to such  
885 vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may, at  
886 such individual's discretion, renew the combination registration of such  
887 vehicle owned by such individual for either a one-year period or the  
888 registration period as determined by the commissioner pursuant to  
889 subsection (a) of section 14-22.

890 (2) For the registration of a school bus, the commissioner shall charge  
891 an annual fee of one hundred seven dollars for a type I school bus and  
892 sixty-four dollars for a type II school bus.

893 (3) For the registration of a motor vehicle when used in part for  
894 commercial purposes and as a passenger motor vehicle or of a motor  
895 vehicle having a seating capacity greater than ten and not used for the  
896 conveyance of passengers for hire, the commissioner shall charge a  
897 biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as outlined  
898 in section 14-47, plus the sum of fourteen dollars and shall issue  
899 combination registration to such vehicle.

900 (4) Each vehicle registered as combination shall be issued a number  
901 plate bearing the word "combination". No vehicle registered as  
902 combination may have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of twelve  
903 thousand five hundred pounds.

904 (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having a gross vehicle  
905 weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred pounds that is  
906 not used in part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall  
907 charge a triennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as  
908 provided in section 14-47, plus the sum of twenty-one dollars. The  
909 commissioner may issue passenger registration to any such vehicle with

910 a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred pounds or  
911 less.

912 Sec. 21. Section 14-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
913 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

914 (a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the  
915 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or  
916 the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued either a  
917 new car dealer's, a used car dealer's, a repairer's or a limited repairer's  
918 license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the  
919 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor  
920 vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five  
921 hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer or limited repairer, three  
922 hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially  
923 according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner so as  
924 to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a  
925 staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less  
926 than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a  
927 prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior  
928 to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall  
929 send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the  
930 commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not  
931 filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee  
932 prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in  
933 business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after  
934 the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred  
935 dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this  
936 subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.

937 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each  
938 applicant for a repairer's or a limited repairer's license shall furnish [a  
939 cash bond or] a surety bond in the amount of five thousand dollars.

940 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each applicant  
941 for a new car dealer's or a used car dealer's license shall furnish [a cash  
942 bond or] a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

943 (3) Each applicant for a leasing or rental license issued pursuant to  
944 section 14-15, who is engaged in the leasing or renting of motor vehicles  
945 for periods of thirty days or more shall furnish [a cash bond or] a surety  
946 bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars.

947 (4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive,  
948 of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee  
949 complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation  
950 relating to the conduct of such business and provided as indemnity for  
951 any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts of the licensee  
952 constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or such  
953 licensee going out of business. Each [cash bond shall be deposited with  
954 the commissioner and each] surety bond shall be executed in the name  
955 of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but  
956 the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the  
957 commissioner after a hearing held before said commissioner in  
958 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. For purposes of this  
959 subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any person, firm or  
960 corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor vehicle inventory, or  
961 (B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity as a dealer, who buys  
962 motor vehicles from or sells motor vehicles to another licensed dealer.

963 (5) The commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two  
964 hundred dollars against any licensee for failing to provide proof of bond  
965 renewal or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the  
966 existing bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or  
967 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is  
968 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

969 (c) The commissioner may request information from any applicant  
970 for a repairer's license or used car dealer's license concerning the  
971 financial status and ability of such applicant to comply with the  
972 requirements of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder.  
973 The commissioner shall review such information to determine if the  
974 applicant has sufficient financial resources to conduct the business in a  
975 manner consistent with the reasonable security and protection of its

976 customers in regard to the duties and responsibilities imposed by the  
977 provisions of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The  
978 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the applicant fails to  
979 provide any such information requested or, if, after review by the  
980 commissioner, the commissioner is not satisfied as to such applicant's  
981 financial status. The commissioner may, in any case deemed  
982 appropriate, grant a license on condition that the applicant post [a cash  
983 bond or] a surety bond, in accordance with the provisions of subsection  
984 (b) of this section, in an amount prescribed by the commissioner that is  
985 greater than the minimum amount required by the applicable  
986 provisions of said subsection (b). Any applicant aggrieved by any  
987 decision of the commissioner made pursuant to this subsection shall be  
988 afforded an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions  
989 of chapter 54. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance  
990 with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

991 (d) Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of the  
992 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of  
993 the repairing of any motor vehicle without a license shall be guilty of a  
994 class B misdemeanor.

995 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall transmit to the  
996 Commissioner of Revenue Services and the Commissioner of Energy  
997 and Environmental Protection a summary of any complaint that the  
998 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles receives alleging that a person, firm or  
999 corporation is engaging in the business of the buying, selling, offering  
1000 for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of the repairing of any  
1001 motor vehicle without a license.

1002 Sec. 22. Section 14-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1003 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1004 (a) The commissioner may, after notice and hearing, refuse to grant  
1005 or renew a license to a person, firm or corporation to engage in the  
1006 business of selling or repairing motor vehicles pursuant to the  
1007 provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, if the applicant for  
1008 or holder of such a license, or an officer or major stockholder if the

1009 applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, has been found liable in a  
1010 civil action for, or convicted of, a violation of any provision of laws  
1011 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer including  
1012 a motor vehicle recycler, or of any violation involving fraud, larceny or  
1013 deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United  
1014 States or of any state. Each applicant for such a license shall submit to a  
1015 state criminal history records check, conducted in accordance with  
1016 section 29-17a and based on the applicant's name and date of birth, not  
1017 more than thirty days before such application is made and provide the  
1018 results of such records check to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The  
1019 commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to submit its  
1020 application electronically. Upon renewal of such license, [such] a  
1021 licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or  
1022 conviction under penalty of false statement.

1023 (b) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant or  
1024 renew a license to an applicant [or licensee] for or the holder of a used  
1025 car dealer's license that is delinquent in the payment of sales tax in  
1026 connection with a business from which it is or was obligated to remit  
1027 sales tax, as reported to the commissioner by the Department of  
1028 Revenue Services.

1029 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is  
1030 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1031 *1, 2021*):

1032 (a) Each sale shall be evidenced by [an] a retail purchase order  
1033 properly signed by both the buyer and seller, a copy of which shall be  
1034 furnished to the buyer when executed, and an invoice upon delivery of  
1035 the motor vehicle, both of which shall contain the following information:  
1036 (1) Make of vehicle; (2) [year of] the vehicle's model year, whether sold  
1037 as new or used, and [on invoice] the vehicle's identification number; (3)  
1038 deposit, and (A) if the deposit is not refundable, the words "No Refund  
1039 of Deposit" shall appear at this point, [and] (B) if the deposit is  
1040 conditionally refundable, the words "Conditional Refund of Deposit"  
1041 shall appear at this point, followed by a statement giving the conditions



1042 for refund, [and] (C) if the deposit is unconditionally refundable, the  
1043 words "Unconditional Refund" shall appear at this point, and (D) if the  
1044 buyer is financing the motor vehicle through the seller, a statement that  
1045 the deposit is refundable if the seller does not provide written proof of  
1046 approved financing to the buyer prior to the execution of the retail  
1047 purchase order; (4) cash selling price; (5) finance charges, and (A) if  
1048 these charges do not include insurance, the words "No Insurance" shall  
1049 appear at this point, and (B) if these charges include insurance, a  
1050 statement shall appear at this point giving the exact type of coverage; (6)  
1051 allowance on motor vehicle traded in, if any, and description of the  
1052 same; (7) stamped or printed in a size equal to at least ten-point bold  
1053 type on the face of both order and invoice one of the following forms:  
1054 (A) "This motor vehicle not guaranteed", or (B) "This motor vehicle is  
1055 guaranteed", followed by a statement as to the terms of such guarantee,  
1056 which terms shall include the duration of the guarantee or the number  
1057 of miles the guarantee shall remain in effect. Such statement shall not  
1058 apply to household furnishings of any trailer; (8) if the motor vehicle is  
1059 new but has been subject to use by the seller or use in connection with  
1060 his business as a dealer, the word "demonstrator" shall be clearly  
1061 displayed on the face of both order and invoice; (9) any dealer  
1062 conveyance fee or processing fee and a statement that such fee is not  
1063 payable to the state of Connecticut printed in at least ten-point bold type  
1064 on the face of both order and invoice; and (10) the dealer's legal name,  
1065 address and license number. For the purposes of this subdivision,  
1066 "dealer conveyance fee" or "processing fee" means a fee charged by a  
1067 dealer to recover reasonable costs for processing all documentation and  
1068 performing services related to the closing of a sale, including, but not  
1069 limited to, the registration and transfer of ownership of the motor  
1070 vehicle which is the subject of the sale.

1071 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 14-69 of the general statutes is  
1072 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1073 *2021*):

1074 (a) No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers'  
1075 school without being licensed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

1076 An application for a license shall be in writing and shall contain such  
1077 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for a license  
1078 shall be fingerprinted before such application is approved. The  
1079 commissioner shall subject each applicant for a license to state and  
1080 national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with  
1081 section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry  
1082 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any such applicant has a  
1083 criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry,  
1084 the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to issue a  
1085 license to conduct a drivers' school in accordance with the standards and  
1086 procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted  
1087 pursuant to said section. If the application is approved, the applicant  
1088 shall be granted a license upon the payment of a fee of seven hundred  
1089 dollars and a deposit with the commissioner of [cash or] a bond of a  
1090 surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned on  
1091 the faithful performance by the applicant of any contract to furnish  
1092 instruction, in either case in such amount as the commissioner may  
1093 require, such [cash or] bond to be held by the commissioner to satisfy  
1094 any execution issued against such school in a cause arising out of failure  
1095 of such school to perform such contract. For each additional place of  
1096 business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of one  
1097 hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee opens an additional  
1098 place of business with one year or less remaining on the term of its  
1099 license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-eight dollars for  
1100 each such additional place of business for the year or any part thereof  
1101 remaining on the term of such license. No license shall be required in  
1102 the case of any board of education, or any public, private or parochial  
1103 school, which conducts a course in driver education established in  
1104 accordance with sections 14-36e, as amended by this act, and 14-36f, as  
1105 amended by this act. A license so issued shall be valid for two years. The  
1106 commissioner shall issue a license certificate or certificates to each  
1107 licensee, one of which shall be displayed in each place of business of the  
1108 licensee. In case of the loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate, the  
1109 commissioner shall issue a duplicate upon proof of the facts and the  
1110 payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

1111 Sec. 25. Section 14-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1112 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1113 The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
1114 provisions of chapter 54, [for (1)] regarding the conduct of drivers'  
1115 schools and instructor license requirements. Such regulations shall (1)  
1116 establish the conduct of drivers' schools, including, but not limited to,  
1117 requirements as to the inspection of the vehicles used by the drivers'  
1118 schools in the conduct of their business, instructional standards and  
1119 procedures, including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes  
1120 concerning the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under  
1121 subsection (b) of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the  
1122 provisions of said subsection, ~~[(b),]~~ instruction concerning highway  
1123 work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor  
1124 vehicle under section 14-212d, the administration of a test at the  
1125 conclusion of each class, the posting of rates charged for instruction, and  
1126 the general form in which records [shall be kept] concerning persons  
1127 under instruction and those who have completed their course of  
1128 instruction [, and (2) the establishment of] shall be kept and, when  
1129 required, the method of transmission to the commissioner, (2) permit a  
1130 class or classroom instruction to be offered in person in a congregate  
1131 setting, through real-time interactive distance learning or through a  
1132 combination of both in-person and real-time interactive distance  
1133 learning, and (3) establish the requirements for a person to receive a  
1134 license as an instructor in accordance with section 14-73. On and after  
1135 October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall not issue a license that is limited  
1136 to classroom instruction. Any person who was issued such limited  
1137 license prior to October 1, 2010, may maintain and renew such license.

1138 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 14-111g of the general statutes is  
1139 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1140 *passage*):

1141 (b) The retraining program shall be taught by a designee of the  
1142 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by an instructor approved by the  
1143 commissioner and shall (1) review principles of motor vehicle operation,

1144 (2) develop alternative attitudes for those attitudes contributing to  
1145 aggressive driving behavior, and (3) emphasize the need to practice safe  
1146 driving behavior. The retraining program shall be offered by the  
1147 Department of Motor Vehicles or by any other organization certified by  
1148 the commissioner to conduct such program in person in a congregate  
1149 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-  
1150 person and distance learning. Any drivers' school, as defined in section  
1151 14-68, that meets the licensure requirements of part IV of this chapter  
1152 shall be eligible to seek certification to offer the motor vehicle operator's  
1153 retraining program. The commissioner shall determine the number of  
1154 program providers necessary to serve the needs of the public. Each  
1155 organization or drivers' school seeking certification or recertification to  
1156 conduct such retraining program shall submit an application to the  
1157 department in such form as the commissioner shall require and an  
1158 application fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Each such applicant shall:  
1159 (A) Be registered to do business in this state and continuously maintain  
1160 good standing with the office of the Secretary of the State; (B) file and  
1161 continuously maintain a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand  
1162 dollars. Such bond shall be conditioned upon compliance with the  
1163 provisions of any state or federal law or regulation concerning the  
1164 conduct of an operator retraining program and provided as indemnity  
1165 for any loss or expense sustained by either the state or any person by  
1166 reason of any acts or omissions of the program provider. Such bond  
1167 shall be executed in the name of the State of Connecticut for the benefit  
1168 of any aggrieved party, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked  
1169 except upon order of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after a  
1170 hearing held before the commissioner in accordance with the provisions  
1171 of chapter 54; (C) have a permanent place of business in this state where  
1172 all operator retraining program records shall be maintained and  
1173 accessible to the commissioner during normal business hours; (D)  
1174 submit for approval by the commissioner a detailed curriculum and  
1175 lesson plan, including any changes to such curriculum and lesson plan,  
1176 which shall be used in each operator retraining class; and (E)  
1177 electronically transmit information concerning enrollment and class  
1178 completion to the commissioner at such times and in such form as the

1179 commissioner shall prescribe. Prior to the certification of an applicant,  
1180 the commissioner shall investigate the applicant's character, driving  
1181 history and criminal history. If the applicant is a business entity, such  
1182 investigation shall include the principals and officers of such entity. The  
1183 applicant shall submit to the commissioner any information pertaining  
1184 to current or past criminal or civil actions. The certification of a program  
1185 provider by the commissioner shall not be transferable and shall be  
1186 valid for a two-year period. Recertification of a provider shall be at the  
1187 discretion of the commissioner and in such form and manner  
1188 determined by the commissioner.

1189 Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is  
1190 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1191 *2021*):

1192 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
1193 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations  
1194 shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control  
1195 equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission  
1196 standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic  
1197 standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy  
1198 and Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of  
1199 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or  
1200 waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by  
1201 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and  
1202 compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the  
1203 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such  
1204 regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board  
1205 diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor  
1206 vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or  
1207 which will be registered in this state, and to all motor vehicles sold by a  
1208 dealer licensed in this state as required by subsection (n) of this section,  
1209 except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand  
1210 pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors  
1211 attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary  
1212 registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago;

1213 (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered  
1214 but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as  
1215 defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II  
1216 school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer  
1217 either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for  
1218 the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; (12)  
1219 vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a  
1220 and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles; (13)  
1221 electric bicycles, as defined in section 14-1; or (14) electric foot scooters,  
1222 as defined in section 14-1. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations  
1223 shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four  
1224 or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the  
1225 previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse  
1226 upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental  
1227 Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department  
1228 of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate  
1229 applicable federal environmental or transportation planning  
1230 requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the  
1231 commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and  
1232 compliance or waiver prior to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the  
1233 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection finds that it is  
1234 necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision  
1235 (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model  
1236 years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning  
1237 emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
1238 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
1239 to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles  
1240 having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor  
1241 vehicles four or less model years of age.

1242 Sec. 28. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the  
1243 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1244 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1245 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the Office  
1246 of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to time

1247 modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each  
1248 biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for  
1249 inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such  
1250 fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the  
1251 costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including  
1252 administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor,  
1253 exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by  
1254 the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official  
1255 emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply  
1256 with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the  
1257 right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to  
1258 the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection  
1259 without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal  
1260 holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special  
1261 circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection  
1262 to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for  
1263 reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee of  
1264 twenty dollars against the owner of a motor vehicle that has not  
1265 presented such motor vehicle for an emissions inspection within thirty  
1266 days following the expiration date of the assigned inspection period, or  
1267 that has not presented such motor vehicle for a reinspection within sixty  
1268 days following a test failure, or both. The commissioner may waive such  
1269 late fee when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the  
1270 failure to have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned  
1271 inspection period or during the sixty-day reinspection period was due  
1272 to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been  
1273 transferred, the new owner shall have such motor vehicle inspected  
1274 within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle. The  
1275 commissioner may specify a longer period for all new owners to achieve  
1276 compliance after a transfer of ownership if circumstances require  
1277 closure or limited operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles or  
1278 emissions inspection stations. After the expiration of such thirty-day  
1279 period, or the period specified by the commissioner, the commissioner  
1280 shall require the payment of the late fee specified in this subdivision. If  
1281 the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the

1282 commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions  
1283 exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such  
1284 vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be  
1285 assessed.

1286 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is  
1287 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1288 *2021*):

1289 (a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be  
1290 deemed to have given such person's consent to a chemical analysis of  
1291 such person's blood, breath or urine and, if such person is a minor, such  
1292 person's parent or parents or guardian shall also be deemed to have  
1293 given their consent. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" includes a  
1294 snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as such terms are defined in section  
1295 14-379.

1296 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is  
1297 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1298 *passage*):

1299 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in  
1300 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing a procedure  
1301 for the safety training of school bus operators and operators of student  
1302 transportation vehicles. Such regulations shall provide for minimum  
1303 proficiency requirements for school bus operators. The safety training  
1304 administered by the commissioner shall conform to the minimum  
1305 requirements of number 17 of the National Highway Safety Standards.  
1306 Such safety training shall include instruction relative to the location,  
1307 contents and use of the first aid kit in the motor vehicle. A class or  
1308 classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting,  
1309 through distance learning or through a combination of both in-person  
1310 and distance learning.

1311 Sec. 31. Subsection (c) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is  
1312 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1313 *passage*):



1314 (c) Any town or regional school district may require its school bus  
1315 operators to have completed a safety training course in the operation of  
1316 school buses, consisting of a minimum of ten hours of behind-the-wheel  
1317 instruction and three hours of classroom instruction. Classroom  
1318 instruction shall include instruction offered in person in a congregate  
1319 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-  
1320 person and distance learning.

1321 Sec. 32. Subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is  
1322 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1323 *passage*):

1324 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit marine  
1325 dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to assign registration numbers and  
1326 issue [temporary] certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of a  
1327 vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the issuance of such  
1328 [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
1329 an application together with all necessary documents, information and  
1330 fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate of number issued  
1331 for the vessel transfer.

1332 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit such marine  
1333 dealers to issue [temporary] certificates of decal upon the sale or transfer  
1334 of a documented vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the  
1335 issuance of such [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of  
1336 Motor Vehicles an application together with all necessary documents,  
1337 information and fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate  
1338 of decal [with respect to] issued for such vessel.

1339 (3) [On and after March 1, 2005, the] The Commissioner of Motor  
1340 Vehicles shall permit marine dealers [, as defined in section 15-141,] to  
1341 submit the applications and documents required under subdivisions (1)  
1342 and (2) of this subsection by electronic means. [Said] The commissioner  
1343 [shall] may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry  
1344 out the provisions of this subdivision.

1345 Sec. 33. Section 14-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1346 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1347 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any  
1348 highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered  
1349 with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for  
1350 repairs or necessary work if it bears the [markers] number plates of a  
1351 licensed and registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided  
1352 any motor vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a  
1353 period of [sixty] ninety days following establishment by the owner of  
1354 residence in this state, be operated on any highway without first being  
1355 registered with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this  
1356 subsection, (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A)  
1357 registers a motor vehicle he or she does not own, or (B) operates, allows  
1358 the operation of, parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor  
1359 vehicle on any highway, or (2) a resident of this state who operates or  
1360 parks a motor vehicle such resident owns with [marker] number plates  
1361 issued by another state on any highway shall be fined one thousand  
1362 dollars. If the owner of a motor vehicle previously registered with the  
1363 commissioner, the registration of which expired not more than thirty  
1364 days previously, operates, allows the operation of, parks or allows that  
1365 parking of such a motor vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount  
1366 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the  
1367 right to retain his or her operator's license shall not be affected. No  
1368 operator other than the owner shall be subject to penalty for the  
1369 operation or parking of such a previously registered motor vehicle. As  
1370 used in this subsection, the term "unregistered motor vehicle" includes  
1371 any vehicle that is not eligible for registration by the commissioner due  
1372 to the absence of necessary equipment or other characteristics of the  
1373 vehicle that make it unsuitable for highway operation, unless the  
1374 operation of such vehicle is expressly permitted by another provision of  
1375 this chapter or chapter 248.

1376 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in  
1377 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall [file in the office of] submit  
1378 to the commissioner an application signed by [him] such owner and  
1379 containing such information and proof of ownership as the

1380 commissioner may require. The application shall be made [on blanks  
1381 furnished by the commissioner. The blanks shall be] in such form and  
1382 contain such provisions and information as the commissioner may  
1383 determine.

1384 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of  
1385 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting  
1386 qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations  
1387 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to (1) issue new  
1388 registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp  
1389 trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks or other  
1390 vehicle types as determined by the commissioner, [when they are sold  
1391 by a licensed dealer. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of  
1392 ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of  
1393 this subsection] and (2) renew such registrations for such vehicle types.  
1394 A person [purchasing] registering or renewing the registration of a  
1395 motor vehicle or other vehicle type as determined by the commissioner  
1396 from a dealer so appointed [and registering such vehicle pursuant to  
1397 this section] shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the  
1398 dealer, [a fee] the registration fee in accordance with the provisions of  
1399 section 14-49, as amended by this act, and any other applicable fees. The  
1400 commissioner may authorize such dealer to charge a convenience fee  
1401 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, as amended by this act. The  
1402 commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the  
1403 application and [fee] fees, other than the convenience fee, shall be  
1404 transmitted to the commissioner.

1405 (d) A motor vehicle registration certificate issued upon an application  
1406 containing any material false statement is void from the date of its issue  
1407 and shall be surrendered, upon demand, with any number plate or  
1408 plates, to the commissioner. Any money paid for the registration  
1409 certificate shall be forfeited to the state. No person shall obtain or  
1410 attempt to obtain any registration for another by misrepresentation or  
1411 impersonation and any registration so obtained shall be void. The  
1412 commissioner may require each applicant for a motor vehicle  
1413 registration to furnish personal identification satisfactory to the

1414 commissioner and may require any applicant who has established  
1415 residence in this state for more than thirty days to obtain a motor vehicle  
1416 operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of  
1417 section 14-36, as amended by this act, or an identification card issued  
1418 pursuant to section 1-1h, as amended by this act. Any person who  
1419 violates any provision of this subsection and any person who fails to  
1420 surrender a falsely obtained motor vehicle registration or number plate  
1421 or plates upon the demand of the commissioner shall be fined not more  
1422 than two hundred dollars.

1423 (e) The commissioner may register any motor vehicle under the  
1424 provisions of this chapter, may assign a distinguishing registration  
1425 number to the registered motor vehicle and may then issue a certificate  
1426 of registration to the owner. A certificate of registration shall contain the  
1427 registration number assigned to the motor vehicle and its vehicle  
1428 identification number and shall be in such form and contain such further  
1429 information as the commissioner determines.

1430 (f) (1) The commissioner may refuse to register or issue a certificate  
1431 of title for a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if [he] the  
1432 commissioner determines that the characteristics of the motor vehicle or  
1433 class of motor vehicles make it unsafe for highway operation. The  
1434 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions  
1435 of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection and the  
1436 provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

1437 (2) The commissioner shall not register a motor vehicle if [he] the  
1438 commissioner knows that the motor vehicle's equipment fails to comply  
1439 with the provisions of this chapter, provided nothing contained in this  
1440 section shall preclude the commissioner from issuing one or more  
1441 temporary registrations for a motor vehicle not previously registered in  
1442 this state or from issuing a temporary registration for a motor vehicle  
1443 under a trade name without a certified copy of the notice required by  
1444 section 35-1.

1445 (3) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle, except a  
1446 platform truck the motive power of which is electricity, or a tractor

1447 equipped with solid tires, if it is not equipped with lighting devices as  
1448 prescribed by this chapter. The registration of any motor vehicle which  
1449 is not equipped with such prescribed lighting devices is void and money  
1450 paid for the registration shall be forfeited to the state. Nothing in this  
1451 subdivision shall prevent the commissioner, at [his] the commissioner's  
1452 discretion, from registering a motor vehicle not equipped with certain  
1453 lighting devices if the operation of the vehicle is restricted to daylight  
1454 use.

1455 (4) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle or a  
1456 combination of a motor vehicle and a trailer or semitrailer [which] that  
1457 exceeds the limits specified in section 14-267a.

1458 (5) [On or after October 1, 1984, no] No motor vehicle registration  
1459 shall be issued by the commissioner for any motorcycle unless the  
1460 application for registration is accompanied by sufficient proof, as  
1461 determined by the commissioner, that the motorcycle is insured for the  
1462 amounts required by section 14-289f.

1463 (6) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle which is  
1464 subject to the federal heavy vehicle use tax imposed under Section 4481  
1465 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any subsequent corresponding  
1466 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time  
1467 amended, if the applicant fails to furnish proof of payment of such tax,  
1468 in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United  
1469 States.

1470 (g) The commissioner may elect not to register any motor vehicle  
1471 which is ten or more model years old and which has not been previously  
1472 registered in this state until the same has been presented, as directed by  
1473 the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of the  
1474 Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official emissions  
1475 inspection station or other business or firm, authorized by the  
1476 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct safety inspections, and has  
1477 passed the inspection as to its safety features as required by the  
1478 commissioner. When a motor vehicle owned by a resident of this state  
1479 is garaged in another jurisdiction and cannot be conveniently presented

1480 at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, an authorized  
1481 emissions inspection station or other facility, the commissioner may  
1482 accept an inspection made by authorities in such other jurisdiction or by  
1483 appropriate military authorities, provided the commissioner  
1484 determines that such inspection is comparable to that conducted by the  
1485 Department of Motor Vehicles. If the commissioner authorizes the  
1486 contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection  
1487 stations or other business or firm to conduct the safety inspections  
1488 required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the  
1489 contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen  
1490 dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any  
1491 motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-  
1492 52, as amended by this act, and meeting qualifications established by the  
1493 commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to  
1494 make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety  
1495 inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is  
1496 in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration.  
1497 No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to  
1498 make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner  
1499 authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections,  
1500 such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in  
1501 such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance  
1502 of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment  
1503 standards and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner  
1504 as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

1505 (h) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle unless it  
1506 meets the equipment related registration requirements contained in  
1507 sections 14-80, 14-100, 14-100a, 14-100b, 14-106a and 14-275.

1508 (i) The commissioner or any city, town, borough or other taxing  
1509 district authorized under subsection (f) of section 14-33 may issue a  
1510 temporary registration to the owner of a motor vehicle. The application  
1511 for a temporary registration shall conform to the provisions of this  
1512 section. A temporary registration may be issued for a period of time  
1513 determined by the commissioner and may be renewed from time to time

1514 at the discretion of the commissioner. The fee for a temporary  
1515 registration or any renewal thereof shall be as provided in subsection  
1516 (n) of section 14-49.

1517 (j) The commissioner may issue a special use registration to the owner  
1518 of a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed thirty days for the sole  
1519 purpose of driving such vehicle to another state in which the vehicle is  
1520 to be registered and exclusively used. The application for such  
1521 registration shall conform to the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
1522 section. The commissioner may issue special use certificates and plates  
1523 in such form as [he] the commissioner may determine. The special use  
1524 certificate shall state such limitation on the operation of such vehicle and  
1525 shall be carried in the vehicle at all times when it is being operated on  
1526 any highway.

1527 (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (e) of  
1528 this section, the commissioner shall issue to a municipality, as defined  
1529 in section 7-245, or a regional solid waste authority comprised of several  
1530 municipalities, upon receipt of an application by the municipality or  
1531 regional solid waste authority, a general distinguishing number plate  
1532 for use on a motor vehicle owned or leased by such municipality or  
1533 regional solid waste authority.

1534 (l) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Motor Vehicles  
1535 shall record the number of electric vehicles, as defined in section 16-  
1536 19eee, registered in the state. This data shall be publicly available on the  
1537 department's Internet web site and shall include (1) the number of  
1538 electric vehicles registered in the state each year, and (2) the total  
1539 number of electric vehicles registered in the state. The department shall  
1540 update this information every six months.

1541 Sec. 34. Subsection (h) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is  
1542 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1543 *passage*):

1544 (h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as  
1545 defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, as amended by this act, to use

1546 a blue, red, yellow, or white light or lights, including a flashing light or  
1547 lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in subsection [(j)]  
1548 (k) of this section.

1549 Sec. 35. Section 14-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1550 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1551 (a) As used in this section, "emergency vehicle" means (1) any  
1552 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical  
1553 service organization responding to an emergency call [,] or taking a  
1554 patient to a hospital, (2) any vehicle used by a fire department or by any  
1555 officer of a fire department while on the way to a fire or while  
1556 responding to an emergency call but not while returning from a fire or  
1557 emergency call, (3) any state or local police vehicle operated by a police  
1558 officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles answering an  
1559 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators, [or] (4) any  
1560 Department of Correction vehicle operated by a Department of  
1561 Correction officer while in the course of such officer's employment and  
1562 while responding to an emergency call, or (5) any Department of Energy  
1563 and Environmental Protection vehicle operated by a Department of  
1564 Energy and Environmental Protection employee authorized to operate  
1565 such vehicle while in the course of such employee's employment and  
1566 while on the way to a fire or responding to an emergency call but not  
1567 while returning from a fire or emergency call.

1568 (b) (1) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (A) park or stand  
1569 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (B) except as  
1570 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed past any red  
1571 light, [or] stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or  
1572 stopping to the extent necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle,  
1573 (C) exceed the posted speed limits or other speed limits imposed by or  
1574 pursuant to section 14-218a or 14-219 as long as such operator does not  
1575 endanger life or property by so doing, and (D) disregard statutes,  
1576 ordinances or regulations governing direction of movement or turning  
1577 in specific directions.

1578 (2) The operator of any emergency vehicle shall immediately bring



1579 such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when  
1580 approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking or  
1581 following any registered school bus on any highway or private road or  
1582 in any parking area or on any school property when such school bus is  
1583 displaying flashing red signal lights and such operator may then  
1584 proceed as long as he or she does not endanger life or property by so  
1585 doing.

1586 (c) The exemptions granted in this section shall apply only when an  
1587 emergency vehicle is making use of an audible warning signal device,  
1588 including, but not limited to, a siren, whistle or bell which meets the  
1589 requirements of subsection (f) of section 14-80, and visible flashing or  
1590 revolving lights which meet the requirements of sections 14-96p and 14-  
1591 96q, as amended by this act, and to any state or local police vehicle  
1592 properly and lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device  
1593 only.

1594 (d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of an  
1595 emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety  
1596 of all persons and property.

1597 (e) Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle making  
1598 use of such an audible warning signal device and such visible flashing  
1599 or revolving lights or of any state or local police vehicle properly and  
1600 lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device only, the  
1601 operator of every other vehicle in the immediate vicinity shall  
1602 immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to,  
1603 the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and  
1604 shall stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has  
1605 passed, except when otherwise directed by a state or local police officer  
1606 or a firefighter.

1607 (f) Any person who is (1) operating a motor vehicle that is not an  
1608 emergency vehicle, [as defined in subsection (a) of this section,] and (2)  
1609 following an ambulance that is using flashing lights or a siren, shall not  
1610 follow such [vehicle] ambulance more closely than one hundred feet.

1611 (g) Any officer of a fire department may remove, or cause to be  
1612 removed, any vehicle upon any [public] highway or private way which  
1613 obstructs or [retards] impedes any fire department, or any officer  
1614 thereof, in controlling or extinguishing any fire.

1615 (h) Any person who wilfully or negligently obstructs or [retards any  
1616 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical  
1617 service organization while answering any emergency call or taking a  
1618 patient to a hospital, or any vehicle used by a fire department or any  
1619 officer or member of a fire department while on the way to a fire, or  
1620 while responding to an emergency call, or any vehicle used by the state  
1621 police or any local police department, or any officer of the Division of  
1622 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
1623 Protection or any local police department while on the way to an  
1624 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators,] impedes an  
1625 emergency vehicle or any vehicle used by the state or local police shall  
1626 be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

1627 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting the use of  
1628 a siren upon any motor vehicle other than an emergency vehicle [, as  
1629 defined in subsection (a) of this section, or a rescue service vehicle  
1630 which] or an authorized emergency medical services vehicle that is  
1631 registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section  
1632 19a-181.

1633 (j) A police officer may issue a written warning or a summons to the  
1634 owner of a vehicle based upon an affidavit signed by the operator of an  
1635 emergency vehicle specifying (1) the license plate number, color and  
1636 type of any vehicle observed violating any provision of subsection (e) or  
1637 (h) of this section, and (2) the date, approximate time and location of  
1638 such violation.

1639 Sec. 36. Subdivision (5) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is  
1640 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1641 *passage*):

1642 (5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department

1643 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) [a public service company or  
 1644 municipal department ambulance or emergency vehicle designated or  
 1645 authorized for use as an authorized emergency vehicle by the  
 1646 commissioner] an ambulance;

1647 Sec. 37. Section 14-163f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 1648 *October 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-1h(e)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-50b(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-11c(b)
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Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-45a(b)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-49(e)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-52
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-52a
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-62(a)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-69(a)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	14-78
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	14-111g(b)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-164c(c)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-164c(k)(1)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-227b(a)

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Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	14-276a(a)
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	14-276a(c)
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	15-144(e)
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-12
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	14-96q(h)
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	14-283
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	14-1(5)
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Potential Revenue Loss	52,800	44,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	48,000	48,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	School Bus Seat Belt account (Non-lapsing GF) - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account (Non-lapsing GF) - Revenue Gain/Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

**Explanation**

Sections 1 and 2 require the DMV to revoke an identity card due to misrepresentation or deceit and impose a \$175 restoration fee with a requirement that \$50 of each fee be deposited into the School Bus Seat Belt account. To the extent that identity cards are revoked, and people

seek restoration, this section results in a minimal revenue gain to both the Transportation Fund and to the School Bus Seat Belt account, depending on the number of identity card restorations.

**Section 4** imposes a \$25 per application fee on entities that fail or refuse to file certain applications electronically upon the request of the DMV Commissioner and, to the extent that entities are non-compliant and that the fee more than covers administrative costs, results in a potential minimal revenue gain to the Transportation Fund.

**Section 5** lengthens the period a beneficiary designated on a registration certificate must transfer the vehicle after the death of the owner, resulting in no fiscal impact because it is not expected to change the number of vehicles registered in any municipality for property tax purposes.

**Sections 6 and 7** establish fees for the Save Our Lakes commemorative license plate, remove the requirement that fees be established through regulation, and make conforming technical changes. A fee of \$60 (or \$80 for non-standard plates) will be charged for the plate in addition to the registration fee. Of the total fee, \$15 shall go towards the production of the new plate, and \$45 (or \$65 for non-standard plates) shall go into the renamed "Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account," to be used by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the purposes outlined in the bill. This account was established by PA 18-101 as the "Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account."

**Section 8** increases the registration fees for student transportation vehicles designed as passenger vehicles, resulting in no fiscal impact because this section is codifying current practice.

**Section 9** modifies insurance requirements for certain commercial passenger vehicles and has no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities because it deals with commercial insurance requirements.

**Section 10** lengthens, from 30 to 60 days, the period during which a

person may operate a motor vehicle with a valid out-of-state license following the establishment of Connecticut residency. As under current law, violations of this section will be subject to fines of up to \$90 for a first offense and higher amounts for subsequent offenses. In FY 20, 98 violations resulted in fine revenue of \$14,929. To the extent that fewer people are fined as a result of lengthening the out-of-state license grace period, this section results in potential minimal revenue loss to the Transportation Fund.

**Section 15** requires the DMV to check the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse before validating a commercial driver's license beginning January 6, 2023, resulting in no fiscal impact because clearinghouse costs will be funded through the relevant federal agency.

**Sections 16 and 17** modify the duration of commercial learner's permits (CLPs) from 180 days, with an option to renew, to a single one-year duration and increase the fee a commensurate amount, from \$10 to \$20. In FY 19 and FY 20, DMV issued an average of 5,672 CLPs, of which 4,798 were for initial issuances and 874 were for renewals. To the extent that this same proportion of applicants need only a 180-day CLP but are now required to pay for a full-year duration, these sections result in a revenue gain of approximately \$48,000 annually.

**Section 20** expands the option for seniors to obtain a one-year registration to include combination registration on passenger vehicles. The bill adjusts the fees proportionately; however, to the extent that seniors decide to shorten their renewal periods, there may be a maximum revenue loss of approximately \$52,800 in FY 22 and \$44,000 in FY 23<sup>1</sup>, with annual fees returning near current levels by FY 25. This revenue loss would be dependent on the number of individuals who choose the shorter registration period and it is not anticipated that every individual would choose this option.

**Section 33** lengthens, from 60 to 90 days, the period by which new

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<sup>1</sup> There are approximately 2,400 passenger combination vehicles currently registered by seniors. These figures assume that population remains constant and that all eligible seniors opt for the one-year renewal.

residents must register an out-of-state vehicle in Connecticut. As under current law, violations of this section will be subject with up to a \$1,000 fine, with all collections remitted to the municipalities in which the violations occur. In FY 20, 78 violations resulted in fine revenue of \$150. To the extent that fewer people are fined as a result of the lengthening of the registration period, this section results in potential minimal revenue loss to municipalities.

The other sections of the bill are technical, make conforming changes, or otherwise do not have a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, except as otherwise described.



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## **SUMMARY**

This bill makes numerous unrelated changes in motor vehicle laws. Among other things, the bill:

1. expands the circumstances under which the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can renew and duplicate credentials without an applicant's personal appearance (§ 11);

2. eliminates a restriction requiring DMV contractors to process license and registration transactions at their own facilities (§ 14);
3. allows for driver education courses, operator retraining programs, and school bus and student transportation vehicle safety training to be provided fully or partially online (§§ 12, 13, 25, 26, 30 & 31); and
4. increases the minimum insurance coverage requirements for non-livery service vehicles (e.g., buses) that transport eight or more passengers (§ 9).

Lastly, the bill makes numerous technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021, unless otherwise noted below, and a technical change effective upon passage (§ 34).

#### **§§ 1 & 2 — IDENTITY CARDS**

*Establishes grounds for revoking identity cards and establishes a restoration fee for a revoked identity card*

The bill requires the DMV commissioner to revoke an identity (ID) card if (1) the owner misrepresents his or her age or otherwise deceives to get the ID card or (2) it is used or exhibited by someone other than the owner. Under existing law, these actions are class D misdemeanors, punishable by a fine of up to \$250, up to 30 days imprisonment, or both.

The bill also requires owners of a revoked ID card to pay a \$175 restoration fee in order to obtain a new ID card, which is the same amount to restore a suspended or revoked driver's license. By law, a restoration fee must be paid in addition to other applicable fees.

#### **§ 4 — LIEN OR TITLE SERVICE FILING FEE**

*Imposes a fee on a lien or title service that files seven or more registration or title applications per month and fails to do so electronically*

The bill imposes a \$25 fee on applications submitted by a lien or title service that files seven or more motor vehicle registration or title applications per month and fails or refuses to do so electronically when requested by the DMV commissioner.

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**§ 5 — VEHICLE TRANSFERS TO BENEFICIARIES**

*Extends the timeframe to transfer a vehicle to a beneficiary after the owner's death*

This bill lengthens, from 60 to 120 days, the time period during which a beneficiary designated on a motor vehicle registration certificate must request a new registration certificate and title in his or her name after the vehicle owner's death.

**§ 6 — “SAVE OUR LAKES” PLATES**

*Establishes fees for Save Our Lakes commemorative plates and allows DMV to retain a portion to defray production and issuance costs*

The bill (1) establishes fees of \$60 and \$80 for Save Our Lakes commemorative plates and (2) allows DMV to keep a part of the fees (\$15) to defray plate production and issuance costs. Under the bill, the lower \$60 fee is charged if the DMV commissioner selects the plate's letters and numbers. The bill's higher \$80 fee is for plates with letters in place of numbers or for low number plates. The remainder of each plate fee, after DMV's costs, must be deposited into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers, and Ponds Preservation account. By law, plate fees are in addition to other vehicle registration fees.

Correspondingly, the bill eliminates the current requirement that the DMV commissioner establish the Save Our Lakes plate fees by regulation. It also deletes a requirement that the DMV commissioner adopt specific regulations on the plates' issuance, renewal, and replacement.

Additionally, the bill extends by 18 months the date by which the DMV commissioner must begin issuing Save Our Lakes plates, from January 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021.

**§ 8 — STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

*Increases the registration fees for student transportation vehicles designed as passenger vehicles to reflect current DMV practice*

The bill increases the annual registration fee for student transportation vehicles (STVs) designed as passenger vehicles from \$40 to \$44 to reflect DMV's current practice of issuing these vehicles combination plates rather than passenger plates due to their mixed-use

nature.

## § 9 — COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VEHICLE INSURANCE

*Principally increases the minimum insurance coverage requirements for non-livery service vehicles (e.g., buses) that transport eight or more passengers*

The bill makes several modifications to the requirements on insurance policies and indemnity bonds for buses, taxis, livery service vehicles, and STVs. It eliminates the option for these vehicles to select double or split limit of liability policies or bonds and instead requires them to have single limit of liability providing coverage against claims for personal injury or death and property damage for any one accident.

Under the bill, non-livery service vehicles designed or used to transport eight to 14 passengers without compensation must have at least \$750,000 in coverage. Currently, the minimum coverage requirements for those vehicles range from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

For non-livery service vehicles designed or used to transport (1) eight or more passengers for compensation or (2) 15 or more passengers without compensation, the bill requires at least the amounts established under federal law, which are currently \$1.5 million for vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or fewer, including the driver, and \$5 million for vehicles with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more, including the driver (49 CFR. § 387.33). Under current law, the minimum coverage requirements for those vehicles ranged from \$150,000 to \$300,000 and \$200,000 to \$300,000 respectively.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, the minimum coverage requirement is (1) \$100,000 for non-livery service vehicles that transport seven or fewer passengers (e.g., taxis); (2) \$1.5 million for livery service vehicles that transport 14 or fewer passengers; and (3) \$5 million for livery service vehicles that transport 15 or more passengers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

## §§ 10 & 19 — DRIVER'S LICENSE CHANGES

*Increases the time period by which individuals must obtain a Connecticut driver's license after establishing residency in the state; modifies driver testing requirements for*

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*applicants with expired licenses; and gives the DMV commissioner more discretion in directing how applicants submit supporting documents*

The bill lengthens, from 30 to 60 days, the time period within which a person with an out-of-state driver's license must obtain a Connecticut license after establishing residency here.

Under current law, driver's license applicants who have not operated a motor vehicle in the preceding two years must take a driver's test and may be required to pass a vision screening. The bill instead applies these provisions to applicants whose Connecticut licenses expired more than two years prior.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the DMV commissioner to direct how driver's license applicants must submit supporting documents.

#### **§ 10 — COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE KNOWLEDGE TESTS FOR ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS**

*Allows for the waiver of commercial driver's license knowledge tests for qualifying veterans and service members*

The bill authorizes the DMV commissioner, in her discretion, to waive commercial driver's license (CDL) knowledge tests for eligible veterans and active duty service members who meet conditions set by federal regulation. By law, unchanged by the bill, the commissioner must waive the CDL driving skills test for such applicants who meet similar conditions.

The bill specifically applies to:

1. armed forces and National Guard members who currently hold a military operator's license of the same class as the CDL they are applying for and
2. veterans who (a) apply within two years after their military discharge and (b) before their discharge, held a military operator's license to drive the same class of vehicles allowed under their prospective CDL.

By law, a "veteran" is anyone discharged or released under

conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces (i.e., the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any of their reserve components, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law).

For purposes of the knowledge test waiver, under federal regulations an applicant must certify and provide evidence that during the one-year period prior to applying for the CDL, he or she has not had:

1. more than one license (except for a military license);
2. any license suspended, revoked, or cancelled;
3. any type of motor vehicle conviction that would disqualify an applicant from getting a commercial license (e.g., driving under the influence);
4. more than one conviction for a serious traffic violation (e.g., driving recklessly); or
5. any conviction for violating any military, state, or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) in connection with any traffic accident or any record of an accident where he or she was at fault.

The applicant must also provide evidence and certify that he or she:

1. is or was regularly employed and designated as an operator of one of eight specific vehicles (e.g., Air Force 2T1 vehicle operator) and
2. is or was operating a vehicle that is representative of the type he or she expects to operate (49 CFR. § 383.77).

## **§ 11 — ISSUING CREDENTIALS WITHOUT APPLICANT'S PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

*Expands the circumstances under which DMV can renew and duplicate credentials without an applicant's personal appearance*

The bill expands the circumstances under which DMV can renew and



duplicate credentials without an applicant's personal appearance. Under the bill, the DMV commissioner may renew or duplicate a driver's license, CDL, or an ID card without the applicant's personal appearance if:

1. the commissioner has on file the applicant's photo or digital image that (a) meets the standards and specifications the commissioner prescribes (see below) and (b) may be used on a license or ID card;
2. the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the applicant's identity;
3. the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is a legal resident of this state;
4. in the case of renewal, the applicant has personally appeared to renew the license or ID card within the time limitations specified in state or federal law; and
5. the applicant meets all other requirements for a renewal or duplicate license.

Under current law, the commissioner may renew these credentials without the applicant's personal appearance only (1) if the applicant is an armed forces member, (2) if the applicant is temporarily residing out-of-state for business or educational purposes, or (3) in other circumstances where, in the commissioner's judgement, personal appearance would be impractical or impose significant hardship. Current law does not allow the commissioner to issue duplicate credentials without personal appearance.

The bill specifies that temporary licenses, instruction permits, and ID cards are not required to contain an applicant's photo. Current law requires all licenses and ID cards to contain the holder's photo or digital image.

The bill also repeals the commissioner's authority to adopt

regulations on renewing licenses and ID cards by mail or electronic communications with DMV. Instead, if the commissioner elects to renew or issue duplicate credentials without the applicant's personal appearance, she must establish procedures to renew or issue them by mail or electronic communication with DMV.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **§§ 12, 13 & 25 — ONLINE DRIVER EDUCATION**

*Allows driver's education courses to be provided fully or partially through real-time, interactive distance learning*

Under current law, driver's education provided by commercial driving schools and secondary schools must be provided through classroom instruction, which is generally defined as group instruction of students in a classroom or a similar group situation by qualified instructors (Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 14-36f-1(2) & 14-78-20(2)).

The bill allows these courses to be provided fully or partially through real-time, interactive distance learning. For the purposes of courses provided by secondary schools, it defines "classroom instruction" to include instruction provided through real-time, interactive distance learning or through a combination of in-person and real-time, interactive distance learning. It also requires that the regulations for commercial and secondary school driver's education permit classes to be offered fully or partially through distance learning.

The law authorizes DMV to adopt regulations about commercial driving schools, including establishing instructional standards and recordkeeping requirements for them. The bill requires DMV to update its commercial driving school regulations to include (1) requirements as to the administration of a test at the conclusion of each class and (2) the form in which required student records must be transmitted to the commissioner, when required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **§ 14 — DMV CONTRACTORS**

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*Eliminates a restriction requiring DMV contractors to process license and registration transactions at their own facilities*

By law, the DMV commissioner is authorized to contract with other entities, including automobile clubs and municipalities, to conduct various license and registration transactions.

Under current law, the commissioner can only authorize a contractor or municipality to conduct these transactions at the contractor's or municipality's office or facilities. The bill eliminates this restriction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **§ 15 — COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE VALIDATION**

*Requires DMV to check the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse before validating a commercial driver's license, in accordance with federal regulations*

The bill conforms state law to federal regulations by requiring the DMV commissioner, beginning January 6, 2023, to request a CDL applicant's record from the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to determine whether he or she is qualified to renew, transfer, or upgrade a CDL (49 CFR. § 383.725). The clearinghouse is an online database that gives employers and government agencies access to information about CDL and commercial learner's permit holders' drug and alcohol program violations (e.g., positive drug or alcohol test results and test refusals).

In accordance with the federal regulations, the bill also prohibits the commissioner from disclosing the information in the applicant's clearinghouse record to any person or entity not directly involved in evaluating the applicant's CDL qualifications (49 CFS. § 383.725(c)).

### **§§ 16 & 17 — COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE LEARNER'S PERMITS**

*Extends the duration of commercial driver's license learner's permits*

This bill modifies the duration of a CDL learner's permit from 180 days (i.e., six months) with an option to have it reissued or renewed for an additional 180 days within a two-year period, to a single, one-year period. Relatedly, it adjusts the fee for the permit from \$10 to \$20.

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**§ 18 — COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE DISQUALIFICATIONS**

*Adds certain human trafficking felonies to the list of offenses resulting in a lifetime disqualification for a commercial driver's license*

The bill conforms state law to federal regulation by requiring a lifetime CDL disqualification without the possibility of reinstatement for any person who commits certain human trafficking felonies, as defined under federal law, while using a commercial motor vehicle. Specifically, this provision applies to the following felonies:

1. sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform the act is under age 18; or
2. the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery (49 CFR. § 383.51 & 22 USC. § 7201(11)).

By law, unchanged by the bill, CDL holders are disqualified for life and ineligible for reinstatement if they commit a felony involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance while using any motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**§ 20 — ONE-YEAR REGISTRATIONS FOR SENIORS**

*Allows seniors to renew combination registrations for a one-year period*

Existing law allows registrants age 65 or older to opt to renew their passenger motor vehicle registrations for a one-year period instead of a two- or three-year registration period (CGS § 14-49(a)). The bill additionally allows them to opt to renew combination registrations for a one-year period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**§§ 21 & 24 — LICENSE DEPOSITS**

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*Eliminates the cash deposit option for repairer, dealer, leasing or rental, and drivers' school licenses*

The bill eliminates the option to deposit cash with DMV as a condition of obtaining the following licenses: (1) repairer, (2) limited repairer, (3) new car dealer, (4) used car dealer, (5) leasing or rental, or (6) drivers' school. In doing so, it requires those license applicants to submit surety bonds, which is an option under current law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021, except the change affecting drivers' school licenses is effective July 1, 2021.

## **§ 22 — DEALER AND REPAIRER LICENSES**

*Allows (1) the DMV commissioner to consider civil judgments against dealer and repairer license applicants and (2) new car dealer, repairer, and limited repairer license applicants to be licensed even if they owe sales tax*

This bill (1) authorizes the DMV commissioner to consider civil judgments against dealer and repairer license applicants as part of deciding whether to grant or renew those licenses and (2) allows the commissioner to require those license applications be submitted electronically. Under the bill, license holders requesting renewals must disclose any civil judgments against them under penalty of false statement.

Additionally, the bill eliminates current law's prohibition on new car dealers, repairers, and limited repairers from receiving initial or renewed licenses if they owe sales tax but maintains it for used car dealer licenses.

## **§ 23 — DEALER FINANCING REFUND**

*Establishes conditions for a vehicle purchaser's deposit to be refunded when financing through the seller*

Under current law, vehicle sales must be evidenced by an order properly signed by the buyer and seller, which must contain certain specific information (e.g., the make and model year of the vehicle and the buyer's deposit). The bill specifies that this order is a "retail purchase order." Under the bill, when the buyer is financing the vehicle through the seller, the retail purchase order must also include a statement that a buyer's deposit is refundable if the seller does not provide written proof

of approved financing to the buyer before executing the order.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

### **§§ 26, 30 & 31 — OPERATOR RETRAINING AND SCHOOL BUS AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE SAFETY TRAINING**

*Allows operator retraining programs and school bus and student transportation vehicle safety training to be conducted online*

The bill specifies certain training may be offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning, or a combination of the two. It specifically applies to (1) operator retraining programs conducted by DMV or DMV-certified organizations, (2) school bus and STV operator safety training administered by DMV, and (3) school bus operator safety training required by a town or regional school district.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **§ 28 — EMISSION TESTING DEADLINES**

*Permits extending the emissions testing deadline after vehicle purchases when DMV or testing stations are closed or have limited operations*

By law, whenever a vehicle's ownership is transferred, the new owner must present the vehicle for an emissions inspection within 30 days after registering the vehicle. The bill authorizes the DMV commissioner to extend that deadline for the new owner to comply if circumstances require DMV or emissions inspection stations to close or have limited operations.

### **§ 29 — SNOWMOBILE AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) OPERATORS**

*Specifically adds snowmobiles and ATVs to the implied consent testing statute*

By law, motor vehicle operators implicitly consent to chemical analyses of their blood, breath, or urine; and if the operator is a minor, his or her parents or guardians have implicitly consented for him or her. Under current law, this statute applies to all vehicles used on public roads. The bill also applies this to snowmobiles and ATVs.

By law, a snowmobile is any self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice, except for ones propelled by sail. An ATV is a self-

propelled vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain, has been determined by the DMV commissioner to be unsuitable for operation on public roads, and is ineligible for registration (CGS § 14-379).

Under existing law, the implied consent statute establishes administrative license suspension procedures for operators who refuse to submit to a test or whose test results indicate an elevated blood alcohol content. Relatedly, the bill's specific inclusion of snowmobiles and ATVs will align the implied consent statute with the state's criminal DUI laws (CGS §§ 14-227a and 14-227m).

### **§ 32 — BOAT REGISTRATIONS AND DECALS**

*Allows marine dealers to issue permanent boat registrations and decals*

The bill permits the DMV commissioner to allow marine dealers to issue boat registration and decal certificates without a limitation on the type of those certificates, thus allowing them to issue permanent certificates. Under current law, authorized marine dealers may only issue temporary boat registrations and decals.

Additionally, the bill eliminates a requirement that the DMV commissioner adopt regulations about these transactions and instead grants her the discretion to adopt them.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **§ 33 — NEW RESIDENT AND DEALER REGISTRATIONS**

*Extends the period during which new residents must register a vehicle in Connecticut and authorizes dealers to issue additional registrations*

This bill lengthens, from 60 to 90 days, the period during which new residents must register a vehicle in the state by after establishing residency in order to legally operate the vehicle without penalty.

Additionally, the bill permits the DMV commissioner to appoint certain qualified and licensed dealers to issue original and renewal registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks, and other vehicle types determined by the commissioner, regardless of

whether the dealers sold the vehicles to the registrants. Under current law, the commissioner could only appoint dealers to issue registrations on the vehicles that the dealers sold.

By law, registration applicants must pay the registration fee for their vehicles as well as any other applicable fees. The bill allows the DMV commissioner to authorize dealers, as part of their registration transactions, to charge the existing convenience fee (up to \$8) that other contractors (e.g., AAA) may charge.

The bill also eliminates a requirement that the DMV commissioner impose a \$10 fee for each new dealer issue form furnished to dealers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

### **§§ 35 & 36 — EMERGENCY VEHICLE DEFINITIONS**

*Makes several changes to emergency vehicle definitions, including adding certain Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) vehicles*

The bill modifies the statutory definitions of the terms “emergency vehicle” and “authorized emergency vehicle” as used in the laws establishing those vehicles’ rights and motorists’ responsibilities with respect to them.

Specifically, the bill expands the definition of “emergency vehicle” to include (1) any ambulance or vehicle operated by an emergency medical service organization member taking a patient to a hospital and (2) any DEEP vehicle operated by an authorized DEEP employee while in the course of his or her employment and while en route to a fire or responding to an emergency call, but not returning from a fire or an emergency call.

The bill also removes a public service company or municipal department ambulance or emergency vehicle designated or authorized by the DMV commissioner from the definition of “authorized emergency vehicle” and instead simply specifies that an ambulance is an authorized emergency vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage



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**§ 37 — STATE AND MUNICIPAL CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY**

*Repeals a provision that required a specific number of inspections of certain trucking companies and commercial motor vehicle drivers in order to make them ineligible for state or municipal contracts*

The bill repeals a statute that prohibited certain trucking companies and commercial motor vehicle drivers from being found ineligible for state or municipal contracts based on the results of safety inspections, unless at least 10 safety inspections of the company's or driver's vehicle had been conducted during the 24 months before the contract's starting date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/03/2021)