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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14 of public act 19-119 is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to study compliance with motor
4 vehicle registration laws and make recommendations to prevent
5 Connecticut residents from registering motor vehicles in another state
6 while residing in Connecticut.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) Two appointed by the [speaker of the House of Representatives]
9 House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, one
11 of whom is a member of an association that represents municipal tax
12 assessors;

13 (2) Two appointed by the [president pro tempore of the] Senate
14 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

15 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, one of whom is
16 a municipal police chief;

17 (3) One appointed by the [majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives] House vice-chairperson of the joint standing
19 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20 relating to transportation, who is a municipal tax assessor that serves a
21 municipality with seventy-five thousand residents or more;

22 (4) One appointed by the [majority leader of the] Senate vice-
23 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
24 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a
25 member of a municipal police department that serves a municipality
26 with seventy-five thousand residents or more;

27 (5) One appointed by the [minority leader of the House of
28 Representatives] House ranking member of the joint standing
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
30 relating to transportation, who is a member of a municipal police
31 department that serves a municipality with less than seventy-five
32 thousand residents;

33 (6) One appointed by the [minority leader of the] Senate ranking
34 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
35 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a
36 municipal tax assessor that serves a municipality with less than seventy-
37 five thousand residents;

38 (7) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
39 designee;

40 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
41 or the commissioner's designee; and

42 (9) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

43 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
44 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member

45 of the General Assembly.

46 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
47 [thirty days after the effective date of this section] September 1, 2021.
48 Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

49 (e) The [speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
50 pro tempore of the Senate] chairpersons of the joint standing committee
51 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
52 transportation shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among
53 the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
54 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later [than sixty days
55 after the effective date of this section] October 1, 2021.

56 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
57 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
58 transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

59 (g) Not later than January 1, [2020] 2022, the task force shall submit a
60 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
61 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
62 relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section
63 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
64 that it submits such report or January 1, [2020] 2022, whichever is later.

65 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-12 of the general statutes
66 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
67 *October 1, 2021*):

68 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any
69 highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered
70 with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for
71 repairs or necessary work if it bears the [markers] number plate of a
72 licensed and registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided
73 any motor vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a
74 period of [sixty] thirty days following establishment by the owner of
75 residence in this state, be operated on any highway without first being

76 registered with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this
77 subsection, (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A)
78 registers a motor vehicle he or she does not own, or (B) operates, allows
79 the operation of, parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor
80 vehicle on any highway, [or] (2) a resident of this state who fails to make
81 an appointment with the commissioner to register a motor vehicle such
82 resident owns with number plates issued by another state and carry
83 proof of such appointment at all times during the operation of such
84 motor vehicle shall be fined (A) fifty dollars if such failure occurs more
85 than thirty days, but less than sixty days, after establishing residency in
86 this state, and (B) two hundred fifty dollars if such failure occurs sixty
87 days or more, but less than ninety days, after establishing residency in
88 this state, or (3) a resident of this state who operates or parks a motor
89 vehicle such resident owns with [marker] number plates issued by
90 another state on any highway ninety days or more after establishing
91 residency in this state shall be fined one thousand dollars and such
92 vehicle may be towed or otherwise removed at the direction of a law
93 enforcement officer. If the owner of a motor vehicle previously
94 registered with the commissioner, the registration of which expired not
95 more than thirty days previously, operates, allows the operation of,
96 parks or allows that parking of such a motor vehicle, such owner shall
97 be fined the amount designated for the infraction of failure to renew a
98 registration, but the right to retain his or her operator's license shall not
99 be affected. No operator other than the owner shall be subject to penalty
100 for the operation or parking of such a previously registered motor
101 vehicle. As used in this subsection, the term "unregistered motor
102 vehicle" includes any vehicle that is not eligible for registration by the
103 commissioner due to the absence of necessary equipment or other
104 characteristics of the vehicle that make it unsuitable for highway
105 operation, unless the operation of such vehicle is expressly permitted by
106 another provision of this chapter or chapter 248.

107 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in
108 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall [file in the office of] submit
109 to the commissioner an application signed by [him] such owner and

110 containing such information and proof of ownership as the
111 commissioner may require. The application shall be made [on blanks
112 furnished by the commissioner. The blanks shall be] in such form and
113 contain such provisions and information as the commissioner may
114 determine.

115 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 51-56a of the general statutes is
116 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
117 *1, 2021*):

118 (b) (1) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the
119 violations occurred all amounts received in respect to the violation of
120 [subdivision] subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 14-12,
121 as amended by this act, sections 14-251, 14-252, 14-253a and 14-305 to
122 14-308, inclusive, or any regulation adopted thereunder or ordinance
123 enacted in accordance therewith, and (2) in the case of the municipalities
124 ranked one to eight, inclusive, when all municipalities are ranked from
125 highest to lowest in population, based on the most recent federal
126 decennial census, the state shall remit to the municipality in which the
127 violations occurred fifty per cent of the fine amounts received in respect
128 to the violation of section 14-250b, or any ordinance enacted in
129 accordance therewith. Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief
130 Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior Court
131 designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on or before the
132 thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each year, certify to
133 the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this
134 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or
135 official, provided prior to the institution of court proceedings, a city,
136 town or borough shall have the authority to collect and retain all
137 proceeds from parking violations committed within the jurisdiction of
138 such city, town or borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 19-119, Sec. 14
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-12(a) and (b)

Sec. 3	October 1, 2021	51-56a(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) revise the membership of the task force tasked with studying compliance with motor vehicle registration laws, and (2) require a resident of this state to make an appointment with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to register a motor vehicle with number plates issued by another state within thirty days of establishing residency.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]