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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5255

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."**

1 Strike sections 1 and 2 in their entirety and renumber the remaining  
2 sections and internal references accordingly

3 In line 72, strike "z"

4 In line 666, strike "commission" and insert in lieu thereof  
5 "commissioner"

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

8 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section,  
9 (1) "high occupancy vehicle lane" means a traffic lane reserved for the

10 exclusive use of vehicles with an operator and one or more passengers;  
11 (2) "blood transport vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned by a  
12 nonprofit general blood banking operation or nonprofit blood collection  
13 facility licensed by the state that transports human blood and blood  
14 products; and (3) "blood products" means any substance derived from  
15 human blood, including, but not limited to, plasma, platelets and red or  
16 white blood cells.

17 (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may designate a  
18 lane on any multiple lane limited access highway as a high occupancy  
19 vehicle lane and erect or cause to be erected signs identifying any such  
20 high occupancy vehicle lane. The office shall permit the operator of a  
21 blood transport vehicle to use any such high occupancy vehicle lane,  
22 regardless of the number of passengers in such vehicle, provided the  
23 operator (1) is transporting human blood and blood products between  
24 a collection point and a hospital or storage center; (2) displays a  
25 removable decal or sign indicating such vehicle is transporting human  
26 blood and blood products between a collection point and a hospital or  
27 storage center on each side of such vehicle and at the rear of such  
28 vehicle; and (3) displays the logo or emblem of the nonprofit general  
29 blood banking operation or nonprofit blood collection facility, as the  
30 case may be, on each side of such vehicle.

31 (c) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may adopt  
32 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
33 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

34 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the  
35 Commissioner of Transportation shall complete the installation of  
36 wrong-way signs, as described in subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of  
37 section 40 of public act 20-1, on exit ramps from interstate highways that  
38 are prone to motor vehicle accidents.

39 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
40 "microtransit" means transportation by a multipassenger vehicle that  
41 uses a digital network or software application service to offer fixed or

42 dynamically allocated routes and schedules in response to individual or  
43 aggregate consumer demand.

44 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a two-year  
45 pilot program to test microtransit services in the state, including rural  
46 areas not currently served by public transportation. The commissioner  
47 may enter into agreements with third parties to provide such services.

48 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a  
49 report on the implementation of the pilot program and any  
50 recommendations concerning the future deployment of microtransit  
51 services in the state, to the joint standing committee of the General  
52 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in  
53 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

54 Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 15-13 of the general statutes is  
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
56 *2022*):

57 (b) An extension of route for waters of this state, including the  
58 Connecticut waters of Long Island Sound, for which application is being  
59 made by a pilot currently licensed by the authority for eastern Long  
60 Island Sound and at least one of the ports of New London, New Haven  
61 or Bridgeport, shall be granted provided the applicant (1) has procured  
62 a federal first class pilot's license of unlimited tonnage issued by the  
63 United States Coast Guard covering the sections of the waters of this  
64 state, including the Connecticut waters of Long Island Sound, for which  
65 application for an extension of route is being made, and (2) can  
66 document that, within the thirty-six months immediately preceding  
67 such application, the applicant has made six round trips through the  
68 port or waterway for which application is being made as (A) observing  
69 pilot on vessels under enrollment or vessels under register subject to  
70 compulsory pilotage under sections 15-15 and 15-15c, during which the  
71 applicant does the piloting work under the supervision and authority of  
72 a pilot licensed by this state, or (B) pilot of record on American vessels  
73 under enrollment on which the applicant is not a crew member.

74 Sec. 505. (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) Any municipality that adopts  
75 an ordinance pursuant to section 7-148 of the general statutes to regulate  
76 the operation and use of external speakers attached to a motor vehicle,  
77 as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes in order to preserve the  
78 public peace and good order and prevent disturbing noises, may (1)  
79 prescribe a penalty for a violation of such ordinance in an amount not  
80 to exceed one thousand dollars for a first violation, in an amount not to  
81 exceed one thousand five hundred dollars for a second violation, and in  
82 an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars for a third or subsequent  
83 violation, and (2) provide for the seizure and forfeiture to the  
84 municipality of such external speakers for a violation of such ordinance.

85 (b) No external speaker shall be forfeited under an ordinance adopted  
86 pursuant to this section to the extent of the interest of an owner by  
87 reason of any act or omission committed by another person if such  
88 owner did not know and could not have reasonably known that such  
89 external speaker was being used or was intended to be used in violation  
90 of a municipal ordinance.

91 (c) Any external speaker ordered forfeited pursuant to such an  
92 ordinance shall be sold at a public auction conducted by the  
93 municipality. The proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the treasurer of  
94 the municipality, who shall deposit such proceeds into the general fund  
95 of the municipality.

96 Sec. 506. Section 7-273l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

98 (a) As used in this section, "urbanized area" has the same meaning as  
99 provided in 49 USC 5302(24), as amended from time to time, and "rural  
100 area" has the same meaning as provided in 49 USC 5302(17), as amended  
101 from time to time.

102 (b) Each transit district established under this chapter or any special  
103 act may (1) impose service charges and user fees on persons using transit  
104 systems operated by such district, and (2) apply for funding from the  
105 Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of this

106 section to finance the construction, acquisition, purchase, lease or  
107 operation of a mass transit system and related programs authorized  
108 under section 7-273b. [For each year starting] Commencing with the  
109 fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, until June 30, 2024, inclusive, the  
110 commissioner shall distribute such funds to each transit district located  
111 in an urbanized area or a rural area in the same manner as the formula  
112 specified under [the Section 5 or Section 18 operating assistance  
113 programs, depending on whether the transit district is in an urbanized  
114 or nonurbanized area, of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as  
115 may be amended from time to time. In order to qualify for any such  
116 funds, a transit district shall derive at least thirty per cent of its operating  
117 costs from service charges and user fees or from federal or local  
118 subsidies and other sources other than state subsidies for the fiscal year  
119 ending June 30, 1984, thirty-five per cent of its costs from such sources  
120 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, and forty per cent of its costs  
121 from such sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986] 49 USC 5307,  
122 as amended from time to time, or 49 USC 5311, as amended from time  
123 to time. Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each  
124 fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall distribute such funds to  
125 each transit district located in a rural area in the same manner as the  
126 formula specified under 49 USC 5311, as amended from time to time.  
127 Any municipality providing transit service that is not part of a transit  
128 district may either establish a transit district under the provisions of this  
129 chapter to assume operating control of such service or negotiate an  
130 agreement with the Department of Transportation to administer the  
131 operation of such service. In the latter case, the department shall provide  
132 financial assistance to such municipality according to the formula  
133 specified in this section. As a condition of receiving any funds [, such  
134 municipality shall derive the same percentage] under this subsection, a  
135 transit district or municipality shall meet eligibility criteria established  
136 by the commissioner, including, but not limited to, deriving a portion of  
137 operating costs from service charges, user fees, federal or local subsidies  
138 and sources other than from state subsidies. [as that required for transit  
139 districts under the provisions of this section.]

140 (c) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each  
141 fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall  
142 distribute to each transit district located in an urbanized area an amount  
143 equivalent to the total amount of funds distributed to the transit district  
144 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section by the commissioner during  
145 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

146 (d) In addition to the funding distributed pursuant to the provisions  
147 of subsection (c) of this section, commencing with the fiscal year ending  
148 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of  
149 Transportation shall establish a grant program to assist transit districts  
150 located in urbanized areas to maintain and expand transit services,  
151 provide regional transit services and upgrade the equipment, facilities  
152 and infrastructure incident to the provision of transit services. The  
153 commissioner shall establish eligibility criteria, an application process,  
154 evaluation criteria and reporting requirements for the grant program.  
155 The commissioner shall prioritize grant awards to transit districts where  
156 the municipality that formed the transit district has a population of one  
157 hundred thousand or more, as determined by the most recent  
158 population estimate by the Department of Public Health, and transit  
159 districts where the member municipalities included in the transit district  
160 have a combined population of one hundred thousand or more.

161 (e) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations, in  
162 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the  
163 purposes of this section.

164 Sec. 507. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On and after October 1, 2022,  
165 the Commissioner of Transportation shall develop and maintain a  
166 mobile application for the purpose of (1) integrating real-time  
167 information concerning transit services provided by each transit district  
168 established under chapter 103a of the general statutes or any special act,  
169 and (2) providing trip planning services to the public. Each such transit  
170 district shall provide real-time information concerning the district's  
171 transit services, including, but not limited to, the schedule, routes, trips  
172 and location of such transit services, in the manner and form prescribed

173 by the commissioner.

174 Sec. 508. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding any regulations  
175 adopted pursuant to section 14-298 of the general statutes, on or before  
176 July 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Transportation shall issue a request  
177 for proposals regarding the sale or offer for sale of goods within the  
178 highway right-of-way located at approximately 300 Ethan Allen  
179 Highway in the town of Ridgefield.

180 Sec. 509. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
181 chapter 246 of the general statutes, a person may operate a golf cart on  
182 the portion of Connecticut Route 156 that is located in the town of Old  
183 Lyme solely for the purpose of crossing said route, provided the traffic  
184 authority of said town has authorized the operation of golf carts  
185 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-300g of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 502	from passage	New section
Sec. 503	from passage	New section
Sec. 504	July 1, 2022	15-13(b)
Sec. 505	October 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 506	July 1, 2022	7-273l
Sec. 507	from passage	New section
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