



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5917**

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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VISION ZERO COUNCIL.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4 30-1 of the general statutes;

5 (2) "Highway", "motor bus", "motor vehicle" and "recreational  
6 vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-1 of the  
7 general statutes;

8 (3) "Open alcoholic beverage container" means a bottle, a can or other  
9 receptacle (A) that contains any amount of an alcoholic beverage, and  
10 (B) (i) that is open or has a broken seal, or (ii) the contents of which are  
11 partially removed. "Open alcoholic beverage container" does not  
12 include a container sealed pursuant to section 30-16b of the general  
13 statutes or a partially consumed bottle of wine sealed pursuant to  
14 subsection (d) of section 30-22 of the general statutes that is not  
15 transported in the passenger area of a motor vehicle;

16 (4) "Passenger" means any occupant of a motor vehicle other than the

17 operator;

18 (5) "Passenger area" means (A) the area designed to seat the operator  
19 of, and any passenger in, a motor vehicle while such vehicle is being  
20 operated on a highway, or (B) any area that is readily accessible to such  
21 operator or passenger while such person is in such person's seated  
22 position. "Passenger area" does not include (i) a locked container, such  
23 as a locked glove compartment or console, (ii) the trunk, or (iii) in a  
24 motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk, the area behind the last  
25 upright seat or any area not normally occupied by the operator or a  
26 passenger;

27 (6) "Taxicab" has the same meaning as provided in section 13b-95 of  
28 the general statutes; and

29 (7) "Transportation network company vehicle" has the same meaning  
30 as provided in section 13b-116 of the general statutes.

31 (b) No person shall consume or possess an open alcoholic beverage  
32 container within the passenger area of a motor vehicle while such motor  
33 vehicle is on any highway in this state.

34 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to:  
35 (1) A passenger in a motor vehicle designed, maintained and primarily  
36 used for the transportation of passengers for hire, including, but not  
37 limited to, a taxicab, motor bus or motor vehicle in livery service, (2) a  
38 passenger in a transportation network company vehicle, or (3) a  
39 passenger in the living quarters of a recreational vehicle.

40 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
41 section shall have committed an infraction.

42 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 54-1m of the general statutes is  
43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
44 *1, 2023*):

45 (i) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available

46 resources, review the prevalence and disposition of traffic stops and  
47 complaints reported pursuant to this section, including any traffic stops  
48 conducted on suspicion of a violation of section 14-227a, 14-227g, 14-  
49 227m or 14-227n or section 1 of this act. Not later than July 1, [2014] 2024,  
50 and annually thereafter, the office shall report the results of any such  
51 review, including any recommendations, to the Governor, the General  
52 Assembly and any other entity deemed appropriate. The Office of Policy  
53 and Management shall make such report publicly available on the  
54 office's Internet web site.

55 Sec. 3. Section 14-289g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

57 (a) No person [under eighteen years of age] may (1) operate a  
58 motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in section 14-1, or (2) be  
59 a passenger on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, unless such operator  
60 or passenger is wearing protective headgear of a type which conforms  
61 to the minimum specifications established in 49 CFR 571.218, as  
62 amended from time to time. Any person who violates [this section] any  
63 provision of this subsection shall have committed an infraction and shall  
64 be fined not less than ninety dollars.

65 (b) As used in this section, the term "motorcycle" [shall] does not  
66 include "autocycle".

67 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Transportation  
68 shall study and make recommendations concerning the advisability of  
69 (1) permitting a person riding a bicycle to treat a stop sign as a yield sign  
70 and a traffic control signal with a steady red signal as a stop sign, and  
71 (2) amending subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 of the  
72 general statutes to prohibit a motor vehicle operator from making a  
73 right turn when facing a traffic control signal with a steady red signal.  
74 Not later than February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall submit the  
75 results of such study and the commissioner's recommendations, in  
76 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
77 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

78 cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

79       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the  
80 Commissioner of Transportation shall develop, adopt and thereafter  
81 revise as necessary, an intersection control evaluation policy to be used  
82 by the Department of Transportation when evaluating the construction  
83 of a new intersection or the modification of an existing intersection. Such  
84 policy shall (1) provide a decision-making framework to screen  
85 intersection alternatives with specific performance-based criteria in  
86 order to identify an optimal solution, and (2) require the use of  
87 consistent documentation for each evaluation of a new or existing  
88 intersection.

89       Sec. 6. Section 14-315 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

91       (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
92 shall (1) study the problems of street and highway safety, [shall] (2) act  
93 as the central coordinating agency of state departments, organizations  
94 and instrumentalities engaged in the elimination of motor vehicle  
95 accidents; [shall] (3) study all phases of the problem of obtaining better  
96 observance and uniform enforcement of the laws for the regulation of  
97 highway travel and motor vehicle operation; [shall] (4) study methods  
98 of safety control and engineering in this and other states with a view to  
99 improvement in such methods in this state; [shall] (5) study problems of  
100 safety as they affect home, farm and school accidents; [shall] (6) act as  
101 the central coordinating agency of the state in the planning and  
102 execution of safety programs and campaigns for the prevention of  
103 accidents and the loss of manpower and may conduct educational  
104 programs and campaigns relating to industrial safety; and [shall] (7)  
105 advise with and assist the Commissioner of Transportation and other  
106 state department heads in the accomplishment of the purposes stated  
107 [herein] in this subsection.

108       (b) For the purposes of this subsection, "drug recognition expert" and  
109 "advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement" have the same

110 meanings as provided in section 7-294kk. The Division of State Police  
111 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
112 shall form a fatal collision reduction team to (1) identify motor vehicle  
113 violations that correlate with traffic crashes, (2) identify intersections  
114 and locations throughout the state with a history of traffic crashes, (3)  
115 engage in high-visibility enforcement efforts to issue warnings or  
116 citations for those identified traffic violations that correlate with traffic  
117 crashes at such intersections and locations, and (4) solicit input from the  
118 public to help identify other unsafe or dangerous intersections and  
119 locations. Such fatal collision reduction team shall include municipal  
120 law enforcements officers, drug recognition experts and police officers  
121 trained in advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement.

122       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of  
123 Transportation, in consultation with the State Board of Education and  
124 the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon receipt of a request by a local  
125 or regional board of education, shall award an exemplary "Vision Zero"  
126 program distinction to those local and regional boards of education that  
127 offer a program that provides students in grades six to twelve, inclusive,  
128 with opportunities to learn about the mission of the Vision Zero  
129 Council, established pursuant to section 13b-23b of the general statutes,  
130 and the importance of practicing safe driving habits and learning  
131 pedestrian safety skills. Such opportunities may include, but need not  
132 be limited to, classes, extracurricular activities, presentations,  
133 symposiums, peer-to-peer education, parent involvement and  
134 parenting education and outreach. A local or regional board of  
135 education may submit, at such time and in such manner as the  
136 Department of Transportation prescribes, a request for such distinction  
137 by providing details about such board's program to the department. The  
138 Department of Transportation shall make information about the  
139 distinction available on the department's Internet web site.

140       Sec. 8. Subsection (g) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is  
141 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
142 *1, 2023*):

143 (g) If a person elects to plead not guilty and send the plea of not guilty  
144 to the Centralized Infractions Bureau in accordance with subsection (d)  
145 of this section, such person may subsequently, at a proceeding at  
146 Superior Court, reach an agreement with the prosecutorial official as to  
147 the amount of the fine to be paid and elect to pay such fine without  
148 appearing before a judicial authority. As a part of any such agreement,  
149 the prosecutorial official may require such person to attend a motor  
150 vehicle operator safety course that addresses the nature of such  
151 infraction or violation and that is offered or approved by the Chief  
152 State's Attorney. The amount of the fine agreed upon shall not exceed  
153 the amount of the fine established for such infraction or violation. Any  
154 person who pays a fine pursuant to this subsection shall also pay any  
155 additional fees or costs established for such infraction or violation. Such  
156 person shall make such payment to the clerk of the Superior Court and  
157 such payment shall be considered a plea of nolo contendere and shall be  
158 inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the  
159 conduct of such person, provided the provisions of this section and  
160 section 51-164m shall not affect the application of any administrative  
161 sanctions by either the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
162 Protection authorized under title 26 or the Commissioner of Motor  
163 Vehicles authorized under title 14. A plea of nolo contendere pursuant  
164 to this subsection does not have to be submitted in writing. Nothing in  
165 this subsection shall affect the right of a person who is alleged to have  
166 committed an infraction or any violation specified in subsection (b) of  
167 this section to plead not guilty and request a trial before a judicial  
168 authority.

169 Sec. 9. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
170 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

171 (NEW) (g) The commissioner shall develop, and thereafter revise as  
172 needed, a video presentation concerning current laws that impact  
173 motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and the need to practice safe  
174 driving behaviors. Upon every other renewal of a motor vehicle  
175 operator's license, the commissioner shall require the licensee to watch

176 the video presentation prior to issuing such license.

177 Sec. 10. Subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general  
178 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
179 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

180 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant  
181 who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be subject to  
182 the provisions of [sections 14-111c and] section 14-111k, as amended by  
183 this act.

184 Sec. 11. Section 14-111k of the general statutes is amended by adding  
185 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

186 (NEW) (e) The commissioner shall develop, and thereafter revise as  
187 needed, a video presentation concerning state laws that impact  
188 motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, the need to practice safe driving  
189 behaviors and ways to reduce transportation-related fatalities and  
190 severe injuries to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and passengers. Prior  
191 to issuing an operator's license to a person who holds an operator's  
192 license issued by another jurisdiction, the commissioner shall require  
193 such person to watch such video presentation and provide such person  
194 with other safe driving training materials.

195 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) For the purposes of this section,  
196 "cannabis", "dispensary facility", "hybrid retailer" and "retailer" have the  
197 same meanings as provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes.  
198 The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with one or more  
199 local health departments or district departments of health, shall conduct  
200 a public awareness campaign about the dangers of operating a motor  
201 vehicle under the influence of certain over-the-counter drugs and  
202 prescription drugs, with an emphasis on opioids and cannabis. Such  
203 campaign shall include, but need not be limited to, outreach to  
204 pharmacies, hospitals, substance abuse treatment facilities, dispensary  
205 facilities, hybrid retailers and retailers that can communicate  
206 information about such dangers to motor vehicle operators who are

207 receiving or purchasing such drugs.

208       Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) When developing the next five-year  
209 transportation capital plan, the Department of Transportation shall  
210 examine the proposals from the equity subcommittee of the Vision Zero  
211 Council, established pursuant to section 13b-23b of the general statutes,  
212 and consider infrastructure that specifically protects vulnerable users of  
213 the highways, including pedestrians, bicyclists and persons who have  
214 disabilities.

215       Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) For the purposes of this  
216 section and sections 15 to 17, inclusive, of this act:

217       (1) "Automated traffic enforcement safety device" means a device  
218 installed to work in conjunction with radar speed detection equipment  
219 or a traffic control signal and designed to collect photographic or video  
220 evidence, or both, of alleged traffic violations by recording images that  
221 capture the number plate, date, time and location of a motor vehicle that  
222 (A) exceeds the posted speed limit by ten or more miles, or (B) fails to  
223 comply with the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section  
224 14-299 of the general statutes when facing a steady red signal on a traffic  
225 control signal.

226       (2) "Automated traffic enforcement safety device operator" means a  
227 person who is trained and certified to operate an automated traffic  
228 enforcement safety device.

229       (3) "Driver", "number plate" and "owner" have the same meanings as  
230 provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes.

231       (4) "Pedestrian safety zone" means an area designated by the Office  
232 of the State Traffic Administration or the traffic authority of a town, city  
233 or borough pursuant to section 14-307a of the general statutes.

234       (5) "Personally identifiable information" means information created  
235 or maintained by the municipality or a vendor that identifies or  
236 describes an owner and includes, but need not be limited to, the owner's



237 address, telephone number, number plate, photograph, bank account  
238 information, credit card number, debit card number or the date, time,  
239 location or direction of travel on a highway.

240 (6) "School zone" means an area designated by the Office of the State  
241 Traffic Administration or the traffic authority of a town, city or borough  
242 pursuant to section 14-212b of the general statutes.

243 (7) "Traffic authority", "traffic control sign" and "traffic control signal"  
244 have the same meanings as provided in section 14-297 of the general  
245 statutes.

246 (8) "Vendor" means a person who (A) provides services to a  
247 municipality under sections 15 and 16 of this act; (B) operates,  
248 maintains, leases or licenses an automated traffic enforcement safety  
249 device; or (C) is authorized to review and assemble the recorded images  
250 captured by an automated traffic enforcement safety device.

251 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) Any municipality, by  
252 ordinance adopted by its legislative body, may authorize the use of  
253 automated traffic enforcement safety devices (1) at intersections and  
254 locations within school zones and pedestrian safety zones, provided  
255 such municipality considers the speed data, traffic crash history and  
256 roadway geometry when selecting any such intersection or location; and  
257 (2) at other intersections and locations within such municipality that  
258 have a history of traffic crashes caused by excessive speeding or the  
259 violation of a traffic control sign or traffic control signal, provided the  
260 Office of the State Traffic Administration approves such other  
261 intersections and locations. Any municipality that adopts an ordinance  
262 pursuant to this section shall also adopt a citation hearing procedure  
263 pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this  
264 act, and a comprehensive safety action plan to ensure that the streets  
265 located in the municipality safely and conveniently serve road users of  
266 all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists,  
267 persons using wheelchairs or other assistive devices and motor vehicle  
268 operators.

269 (b) The municipality may enter into agreements with vendors for the  
270 design, installation, operation or maintenance, or any combination  
271 thereof, of automated traffic enforcement safety devices. If a vendor  
272 designs, installs, operates or maintains an automated traffic  
273 enforcement safety device, the vendor's fee may not be contingent on  
274 the number of citations issued or fines paid pursuant to the provisions  
275 of this section.

276 (c) (1) Prior to the operation of an automated traffic enforcement  
277 safety device, the traffic authority of the municipality shall approve the  
278 location of the automated traffic enforcement safety device and the  
279 municipality shall install at least two conspicuous signs at a reasonable  
280 distance in advance of such location, in accordance with the Federal  
281 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
282 for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time, notifying  
283 motor vehicle operators of such location.

284 (2) At least thirty days before the date the first automated traffic  
285 enforcement safety device becomes operational in the municipality, the  
286 municipality shall develop and implement a public awareness  
287 campaign to educate the public concerning the importance of obeying  
288 speed limits and traffic control signals and the imminent use of an  
289 automated traffic enforcement safety device in the municipality.

290 (d) Any ordinance adopted under this section shall specify the  
291 following: (1) That an automated traffic enforcement safety device shall  
292 be operated by an automated traffic enforcement safety device operator;  
293 (2) that the owner of a motor vehicle commits a violation of the  
294 ordinance if the person operating such motor vehicle (A) exceeds the  
295 posted speed limit by ten or more miles per hour and such operation is  
296 detected by an automated traffic enforcement safety device, or (B) fails  
297 to comply with the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of  
298 section 14-299 of the general statutes when facing a steady red signal on  
299 a traffic control signal and such failure is detected by an automated  
300 traffic enforcement safety device; (3) for the first thirty days after an  
301 intersection or location is equipped with an operational automated

302 traffic enforcement safety device, the owner of a motor vehicle  
303 committing a violation of such ordinance that is detected by such device  
304 shall receive a written warning instead of a citation, as described in  
305 subsection (h) of this section; (4) payment of a fine and any associated  
306 fee imposed for a violation of the ordinance may be made by electronic  
307 means; and (5) an authorized employee of the municipality or of the  
308 vendor shall review and approve the recorded images before a citation  
309 is mailed to the owner of such motor vehicle.

310 (e) Any ordinance adopted under this section may (1) establish a fine  
311 to be imposed against the owner of a motor vehicle committing a  
312 violation of such ordinance, provided the amount of such fine is not  
313 more than fifty dollars for a first violation and not more than seventy-  
314 five dollars for a second or subsequent violation, and (2) impose a  
315 reasonable fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for the costs associated with  
316 the electronic processing of the payment of any such fine. Any funds  
317 received by a municipality pursuant to the provisions of this section  
318 shall be used for the purposes of improving traffic safety within such  
319 municipality, including, but not limited to, the expenses for installing,  
320 operating and maintaining an automated traffic enforcement safety  
321 device.

322 (f) An automated traffic enforcement safety device operator shall  
323 complete training offered by the manufacturer of such device or the  
324 manufacturer's representative regarding procedures for setting-up,  
325 testing and operating such device. The manufacturer or manufacturer's  
326 representative shall issue a signed certificate to the automated traffic  
327 enforcement safety device operator upon such operator's completion of  
328 the training. Such signed certificate shall be admitted as evidence in any  
329 hearing conducted pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as  
330 amended by this act.

331 (g) The municipality shall ensure each automated traffic enforcement  
332 safety device used by such municipality undergoes an annual  
333 calibration check performed at a calibration laboratory. The calibration  
334 laboratory shall issue a signed certificate of calibration after the annual

335 calibration check. Such signed certificate of calibration shall be kept on  
336 file and admitted as evidence in any hearing conducted pursuant to  
337 section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

338 (h) (1) Whenever an automated traffic enforcement safety device  
339 detects and produces recorded images of a motor vehicle, an authorized  
340 employee of the municipality or of the vendor shall review the recorded  
341 images provided by such device. If, after such review, such employee  
342 determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation  
343 of an ordinance adopted under this section has occurred, such employee  
344 may issue a citation to the owner of the motor vehicle. The citation shall  
345 include the following: (A) The name and address of the owner of the  
346 motor vehicle; (B) the number plate of the motor vehicle; (C) the  
347 violation charged; (D) the location of the automated traffic enforcement  
348 safety device and the date and time of the violation; (E) a copy of or  
349 information on how to view, through electronic means, the recorded  
350 images described in this section; (F) a statement or electronically  
351 generated affirmation by the authorized employee of the municipality  
352 or the vendor who reviewed the recorded images and determined that  
353 the motor vehicle violated the ordinance; (G) verification that the  
354 automated traffic enforcement safety device was operating correctly at  
355 the time of the alleged violation and the date of the most recent  
356 calibration check performed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section;  
357 (H) the amount of the fine imposed; and (I) the right to contest the  
358 violation and request a hearing pursuant to section 7-152c of the general  
359 statutes, as amended by this act.

360 (2) In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle  
361 registered in the state, the citation shall be mailed not later than thirty  
362 days after the commission of the alleged violation or after the identity  
363 of the owner is ascertained, whichever is later, to the address of the  
364 owner that is in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. In the  
365 case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle registered in  
366 another jurisdiction, the citation shall be mailed not later than thirty  
367 days after the identity of the owner is ascertained to the address of the

368 owner that is in the records of the official in the other jurisdiction issuing  
369 such registration. A citation shall be invalid unless mailed to an owner  
370 not later than sixty days after the alleged violation.

371 (3) The citation shall be sent by first class mail. A manual or  
372 automated record of mailing prepared by the authorized employee of  
373 the municipality or of the vendor in the ordinary course of business shall  
374 be prima facie evidence of mailing and shall be admissible in any  
375 hearing conducted pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as  
376 amended by this act, as to the facts contained in the citation.

377 (i) The following defenses shall be available to the owner of a motor  
378 vehicle who is alleged to have committed a violation of an ordinance  
379 adopted under this section: (1) The person was operating an emergency  
380 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of  
381 subsection (b) of section 14-283 of the general statutes; (2) the traffic  
382 control signal was inoperative, which is observable on the recorded  
383 images; (3) the violation was necessary in order for the person to comply  
384 with an order or direction from a law enforcement officer, which is  
385 observable on the recorded images; (4) the violation was necessary to  
386 allow the passage of an authorized emergency vehicle, which is  
387 observable on the recorded images; (5) the violation took place during a  
388 period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported as being  
389 stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the  
390 general statutes, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the  
391 violation; (6) the operator of the motor vehicle was convicted of  
392 committing a violation specified in section 14-218a or 14-219 of the  
393 general statutes or subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 of  
394 the general statutes for the same incident based upon a separate and  
395 distinct citation issued by a law enforcement officer; or (7) the  
396 automated traffic safety enforcement device was not in compliance with  
397 the calibration check required pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

398 (j) A violation of an ordinance adopted under this section shall not (1)  
399 be included in the operating record of the driver maintained pursuant  
400 to section 14-137a of the general statutes, (2) be subject to merit rating

401 for insurance purposes, or (3) authorize the imposition of surcharge  
402 points in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

403       Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) No personally identifiable  
404 information shall be disclosed by the municipality or a vendor to any  
405 person or entity except where the disclosure is made (1) in connection  
406 with the charging, collection and enforcement of the fines imposed  
407 pursuant to section 15 of this act, (2) pursuant to a judicial order,  
408 including a search warrant or subpoena, in a criminal proceeding, or (3)  
409 to comply with federal or state laws or regulations.

410       (b) No personally identifiable information shall be stored or retained  
411 by the municipality or a vendor unless such information is necessary for  
412 the collection and enforcement of the fines imposed pursuant to section  
413 15 of this act.

414       (c) Except as otherwise provided by law or in connection with an  
415 administrative summons or judicial order, including a search warrant  
416 or subpoena, in a criminal proceeding, the municipality or a vendor  
417 shall destroy personally identifiable information and other data that  
418 specifically identifies a motor vehicle and relates to a violation of section  
419 15 of this act not later than one year after any fine is collected or the  
420 resolution of a hearing conducted for the alleged commission of such  
421 violation, whichever is later.

422       (d) Any information and other data gathered from automated traffic  
423 safety enforcement devices shall be subject to disclosure under the  
424 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general  
425 statutes, except no personally identifiable information may be disclosed.

426       Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than eighteen  
427 months following the date an automated traffic enforcement safety  
428 device becomes operational in a municipality pursuant to section 15 of  
429 this act, the municipality shall submit a report to the Department of  
430 Transportation and to the joint standing committee of the General  
431 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in

432 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
433 Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The number of  
434 violations of sections 14-218a and 14-219 of the general statutes and  
435 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 of the general statutes  
436 that occurred at the locations where such automated traffic safety  
437 devices were installed prior to the use of such devices; (2) the number  
438 of violations where a motor vehicle exceeded the posted speed limit by  
439 ten or more miles that were captured by such devices at such locations;  
440 (3) the number of violations where a motor vehicle failed to comply with  
441 the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-299 of  
442 the general statutes when facing a steady red signal on a traffic control  
443 signal that were captured by such devices at such locations; (4) if  
444 available, the number and type of related traffic violations and crashes  
445 that occurred at each location where an automated traffic safety device  
446 was installed prior to such installation and during the use of such  
447 devices; (5) the number of violations of sections 14-218a and 14-219 of  
448 the general statutes and subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-  
449 299 of the general statutes and related traffic violations and crashes that  
450 occurred at intersections where such devices were used and at similar  
451 intersections where such devices were not used; (6) a description of  
452 situations where recorded images could not be used or were not used;  
453 (7) the number of leased or rented motor vehicles, out-of-state motor  
454 vehicles or other vehicles, including trucks, where enforcement efforts  
455 were unsuccessful; (8) the amount of revenue from the fines and  
456 associated fees retained by the municipality; and (9) the cost to the  
457 municipality to use such devices.

458 (b) Not later than a year after a municipality submits a report  
459 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and each year thereafter until  
460 an automated traffic safety device is no longer operational in the  
461 municipality, the municipality shall submit a report to the Department  
462 of Transportation and to the joint standing committee of the General  
463 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in  
464 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
465 Such annual report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the

466 number of motor vehicles that were subject to one citation, two citations,  
467 three citations or four or more citations, (2) in the case of an automated  
468 traffic safety device that records images of motor vehicles failing to  
469 comply with the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section  
470 14-299 of the general statutes when facing a steady red signal on a traffic  
471 control signal, the number of citations at each location that were issued  
472 to motor vehicles making a right turn, proceeding through the  
473 intersection and making a left turn, (3) a list of engineering and  
474 educational measures undertaken by the municipality to improve safety  
475 in locations when automated traffic enforcement safety devices are  
476 operational, and (4) data regarding how many citations were issued,  
477 how many hearings were requested and the results of any such  
478 hearings.

479 (c) The Department of Transportation shall make any report received  
480 pursuant to the provisions of this section available on the department's  
481 Internet web site.

482 Sec. 18. Subsection (c) of section 7-152c of the general statutes is  
483 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
484 *1, 2023*):

485 (c) Any such municipality, at any time within twelve months from  
486 the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines,  
487 penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued under any ordinance  
488 adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or [section] 22a-226d or section 15 of  
489 this act, for an alleged violation thereof, shall send notice to the person  
490 cited. Such notice shall inform the person cited: (1) Of the allegations  
491 against [him] such person and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs  
492 or fees due; (2) that [he] such person may contest [his] such person's  
493 liability before a citation hearing officer by delivering in person or by  
494 mail written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if [he]  
495 such person does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and  
496 judgment shall be entered against [him] such person; and (4) that such  
497 judgment may issue without further notice. For purposes of this section,  
498 notice shall be presumed to have been properly sent if such notice was



499 mailed to such person's last-known address on file with the tax collector.  
500 If the person to whom such notice is issued is a registrant, the  
501 municipality may deliver such notice in accordance with section 7-148ii,  
502 provided nothing in this section shall preclude a municipality from  
503 providing notice in another manner permitted by applicable law.

504 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of  
505 Transportation, in collaboration with the Departments of Education,  
506 Motor Vehicles, Public Health, Social Services and Veterans Affairs,  
507 shall establish a program to promote the use of seat safety belts among  
508 vulnerable communities, as identified by the Department of  
509 Transportation, that are less likely to wear a seat safety belt when in a  
510 motor vehicle. Such program may include, but need not be limited to,  
511 peer-to-peer education and outreach to parents and various community  
512 organizations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	54-1m(i)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-289g
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-315
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	51-164n(g)
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-41(g)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-36(e)(5)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-111k(e)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	7-152c(c)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(d), "be deemed to" was deleted for consistency with standard drafting conventions, in Section 2, the effective date "July 1, 2023" was changed to "October 1, 2023" and "2023" was changed to "2024" to conform with the changes being made in Section 1; in Section 5, "On and after" was changed to "Not later than" for accuracy and "thereafter" was added for clarity; in Section 6(a), subdivision designators were added for clarity; in Section 7, "shall award" was moved for clarity; in Sections 9 and 11, "thereafter" was added for clarity; in Section 12, "'cannabis'," was added for clarity; in Section 14(5), "limited access" was deleted for internal consistency; in Section 15, Subsec. (a) was made into Subsecs. (a) and (b) for clarity and the remaining subsections were relettered for accuracy; in Section 15(b), "designs," was added for internal consistency; in Section 15(f), the second sentence was redrafted for clarity; in Section 15(f), (g) and (h), "7-152" was changed to "7-152c" for accuracy; and in Section 16(c), "whichever is later" was added for clarity.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*