



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 904**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT AND ROUTE SHIELD PAVEMENT MARKINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) Any person, firm or corporation failing to comply with any order  
4 made pursuant to any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more  
5 than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or  
6 both, and shall be subject to the provisions of section 14-111. Any  
7 person, firm or corporation failing to comply with any traffic control  
8 signal, sign, marking or other device placed and maintained upon the  
9 highway, or with any regulation adopted pursuant to any provision of  
10 this chapter, by the Office of the State Traffic Administration or the  
11 traffic authority of any city, town or borough shall be deemed to have  
12 committed an infraction, if no other penalty is provided by law.  
13 Traveling at a greater rate of speed than is reasonable as provided in  
14 section 14-218a, as amended by this act, shall not be deemed to be a  
15 failure to comply with the provisions of this section but shall be  
16 deemed to be the commission of an infraction within the provisions of  
17 [said] section 14-218a, as amended by this act.

18        (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration shall provide  
19 written notice to any city, town or borough that fails to comply with  
20 any order made pursuant to any provision of this chapter or with any  
21 regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter by the office specifying the  
22 time within such city, town or borough shall comply with such order.  
23 The office shall take into consideration the availability of equipment or  
24 the need for the installation or purchase of any such equipment in  
25 establishing the time for compliance. Any city, town or borough that  
26 fails to comply with such order within the specified time shall be  
27 ineligible to apply for any competitive grant program administered by  
28 the Department of Transportation or the Office of Policy and  
29 Management, including the small town economic assistance program  
30 established pursuant to section 4-66g, for the purposes of funding a  
31 transportation-related project located in such city, town or borough.

32        Sec. 2. Section 14-299 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

34        (a) For the purpose of standardization and uniformity, no  
35 installation of or revision to any traffic control signal light shall be  
36 made by any town, city or borough until the same has been approved  
37 by the Office of the State Traffic Administration. Such approval shall  
38 be based on necessity for, location of and type of such signal light and  
39 shall be applied for on a form supplied by the Office of the State Traffic  
40 Administration and shall be submitted to said office by the traffic  
41 authority having jurisdiction. Approval of any such signal light may be  
42 revoked by the Office of the State Traffic Administration at any time if  
43 said office deems such revocation to be in the interest of public safety,  
44 and thereupon such signal lights shall be removed by the traffic  
45 authority having jurisdiction.

46        (b) When traffic at an intersection is alternately directed to proceed  
47 and to stop by the use of signals exhibiting colored lights or lighted  
48 arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors  
49 green, red and yellow shall be used, except for special [pedestrian  
50 control] pedestrian-control signals carrying word legends [, said lights]

51 or symbols. Such lights or arrows shall apply to drivers of vehicles and  
52 pedestrians and shall indicate the following:

53 (1) Circular green alone: Vehicular traffic facing a green signal may  
54 proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign or marking  
55 at such place prohibits either such turn or straight through movement,  
56 except that such traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and  
57 vehicles [lawfully] within a crosswalk or the intersection at the time  
58 such signal was exhibited; pedestrians facing the green signal, except  
59 when directed by separate pedestrian-control signals, may proceed  
60 across the highway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

61 (2) Yellow: Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is thereby  
62 warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a  
63 red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter, when  
64 vehicular traffic shall stop before entering the intersection unless so  
65 close to the intersection that a stop cannot be made in safety;  
66 pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, except when directed by  
67 separate pedestrian-control signals, are thereby advised that there is  
68 insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown  
69 and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

70 (3) Red alone: Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall  
71 stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection  
72 or, if none, then before entering the intersection and remain standing  
73 until the next indication is shown; provided, on or after July 1, 1979,  
74 vehicular traffic traveling in the travel lane nearest the right hand curb  
75 or other defined edge of the roadway, unless a sign approved by the  
76 Office of the State Traffic Administration has been erected in the  
77 appropriate place prohibiting this movement, may cautiously enter the  
78 intersection to make a right turn onto a two-way street or onto another  
79 one-way street on which all the traffic is moving to such vehicle's right  
80 after such vehicle has stopped as required in this subdivision and  
81 yielded the right-of-way to pedestrians [lawfully] within an adjacent  
82 crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.  
83 Pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone, except when directed by

84 separate pedestrian-control signals, shall not enter the roadway.

85 (4) Green arrow: Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal,  
86 shown alone or in combination with another indication, may  
87 cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated  
88 by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other  
89 indications shown at the same time, but such vehicular traffic shall  
90 yield the right-of-way to pedestrians [lawfully] within a crosswalk and  
91 to other traffic lawfully within the intersection.

92 (5) Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the  
93 words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" or the image of a walking person  
94 symbolizing "Walk" or an upraised hand symbolizing "Don't Walk" are  
95 in place, such signals shall indicate as follows: "Walk" or walking  
96 person symbol: Pedestrians facing such signals may proceed across the  
97 roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-  
98 way by the drivers of all vehicles; "Don't Walk" or upraised hand  
99 symbol: No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction  
100 of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed [his]  
101 crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island  
102 while the flashing "Don't Walk" or flashing upraised hand symbol  
103 signal is showing.

104 (c) When an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a  
105 traffic sign or signal, it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as  
106 follows:

107 (1) Flashing red: When a red lens is illuminated by rapid  
108 intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the  
109 nearest crosswalk at an intersection, or at a limit line when marked or,  
110 if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed  
111 shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop  
112 sign.

113 (2) When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent  
114 flashes, drivers of vehicles facing such signal may proceed through the

115 intersection or past such signal only with caution.

116 (d) Lenses of the following colors only shall be used and shall be  
117 arranged vertically in the signal face or, when necessary, horizontally,  
118 and shall conform to the following positions: When arranged  
119 vertically, red shall be located at the top, yellow shall be located  
120 directly below red and the remaining indications below the yellow in  
121 the following order: Flashing yellow, circular green, vertical arrow,  
122 left-turn arrow and right-turn arrow, as needed; when arranged  
123 horizontally, red shall be located at the left, yellow shall be located  
124 directly to the right of red and the remaining indications to the right of  
125 yellow in the following order: Flashing yellow, left-turn arrow, circular  
126 green, vertical arrow and right-turn arrow, as needed.

127 (e) When lane-direction-control signals are placed over the  
128 individual lanes of a street or highway, vehicular traffic may travel in  
129 any lane over which a green arrow signal is shown, but shall not enter  
130 or travel in any lane over which a red X signal is shown.

131 (f) If a traffic control signal, approved by the Office of the State  
132 Traffic Administration, is erected and maintained at a place other than  
133 an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except  
134 as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.  
135 Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement  
136 indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any sign  
137 or marking, the stop shall be made at the signal.

138 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-300 of the general  
139 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
140 (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

141 (a) The traffic authority [shall have power to] may designate, by  
142 appropriate official traffic control devices, as defined in section 14-297,  
143 or markers, or by lines upon the surface of the highway, such  
144 crosswalks and intersections as, in its opinion, constitute a danger to  
145 pedestrians crossing the highway including, but not limited to,

146 specially marked crosswalks in the vicinity of schools, which  
147 crosswalks shall have distinctive markings, in accordance with the  
148 regulations of the Office of the State Traffic Administration, to denote  
149 use of such crosswalks by school children; and may maintain suitable  
150 signs located at intervals along highways, particularly where there are  
151 no sidewalks, directing pedestrians to walk facing vehicular traffic.

152 (b) At any intersection where special pedestrian-control signals  
153 bearing the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" or the image of a walking  
154 person symbolizing "Walk" or an upraised hand symbolizing "Don't  
155 Walk" are placed, pedestrians may cross the highway only as indicated  
156 by the signal. At any intersection where traffic is controlled by other  
157 traffic control signals or by police officers, pedestrians shall not cross  
158 the highway against a red or "Stop" signal and shall not cross at any  
159 place not a marked or unmarked crosswalk. A pedestrian started or  
160 starting across the highway [on a "Walk" signal] or on any such  
161 crosswalk [on a green or "Go" signal] shall have the right-of-way over  
162 all vehicles, including those making turns, until such pedestrian has  
163 reached the opposite curb or safety zone.

164 Sec. 4. Section 14-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
165 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

166 (a) No person, firm, corporation, state agency [,] or municipal  
167 agency, or any combination thereof, shall build, expand, establish or  
168 operate any open air theater, shopping center or other development  
169 generating large volumes of traffic that substantially affect state  
170 highway traffic within this state, as determined by the Office of the  
171 State Traffic Administration, until such person, firm, corporation [,] or  
172 agency has procured from said office a certificate that the operation  
173 thereof will not imperil the safety of the public, except that any  
174 development, including any development to be built in phases,  
175 without regard to when such phases are approved by the municipal  
176 planning and zoning agency or other responsible municipal agency,  
177 that contains a total of one hundred or fewer residential units shall not  
178 be required to obtain such certificate if such development is a

179 residential-only development and is not part of a mixed-use  
180 development that contains office, retail or other such nonresidential  
181 uses, provided if any future development increases the total number of  
182 residential units to more than one hundred, and such total  
183 substantially affects state highway traffic within the state as  
184 determined by the Office of the State Traffic Administration, a  
185 certificate shall be procured from said office.

186 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or permitted by  
187 the Office of the State Traffic Administration, no local building official  
188 shall issue a building or foundation permit to any person, firm,  
189 corporation, state agency or municipal agency to build, expand,  
190 establish or operate such a development until the person, firm,  
191 corporation or agency provides to such official a copy of the certificate  
192 issued under this section by the office. No local building official shall  
193 issue a certificate of occupancy to any such person, firm, corporation or  
194 agency for such development until the conditions of the certificate  
195 issued by the office under this section have been satisfied. If the office  
196 determines that any person, firm, corporation [,] or [state or municipal]  
197 agency has (1) started building, expanding, establishing or operating  
198 such a development without first obtaining a certificate from said  
199 office, or (2) has failed to comply with the conditions of such a  
200 certificate, it shall order the person, firm, corporation or agency to (A)  
201 cease constructing, expanding, establishing or operating the  
202 development, or (B) comply with the conditions of the certificate  
203 within a reasonable period of time. If such person, firm, corporation or  
204 agency fails to (i) cease such work, or (ii) comply with an order of the  
205 office within such time as specified by the office, the office may [make  
206 an application] apply to the superior court for the judicial district of  
207 Hartford or the judicial district where the development is located  
208 enjoining the construction, expansion, establishment or operation of  
209 such development. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,  
210 for single family home building lots within a subdivision of land, for  
211 which a certificate is required and which do not have a direct exit or  
212 entrance on, or directly abut or adjoin any state highway, no local

213 building official shall issue a certificate of occupancy to any person,  
214 firm, corporation, state agency or municipal agency to occupy homes  
215 on such lots until the person, firm, corporation or agency provides to  
216 such official a copy of the certificate issued under this section by the  
217 office and such official confirms that the certificate conditions have  
218 been satisfied.

219 (c) The Office of the State Traffic Administration, to the extent  
220 practicable, shall begin its review of an application prior to final  
221 approval of the proposed activity by the municipal planning and  
222 zoning agency or other responsible municipal agency.

223 (d) In determining the advisability of such certification, the Office of  
224 the State Traffic Administration shall include, in its consideration,  
225 highway safety, bicycle and pedestrian access and safety, the width  
226 and character of the highways affected, the density of traffic thereon,  
227 the character of such traffic and the opinion and findings of the traffic  
228 authority of the municipality wherein the development is located. The  
229 office may require improvements to be made by the applicant to the  
230 extent that such improvements address impacts to state highway  
231 safety or bicycle and pedestrian access and safety created by the  
232 addition of the applicant's proposed development or activity. If the  
233 office determines that such improvements, including traffic signals,  
234 pavement markings, channelization, pavement widening or other  
235 changes or traffic control devices, are required to handle traffic safely  
236 and efficiently, one hundred per cent of the cost thereof shall be borne  
237 by the person, firm, corporation or agency building, establishing or  
238 operating such open air theater, shopping center or other development  
239 generating large volumes of traffic, except that such cost shall not be  
240 borne by any municipal agency. The Commissioner of Transportation  
241 may issue a permit to [said] such person, firm, corporation or agency  
242 to construct or install the changes required by the office.

243 (e) Any person, firm, corporation or agency building, establishing or  
244 operating such open air theater, shopping center or other development  
245 generating large volumes of traffic aggrieved by any decision of the



246 Office of the State Traffic Administration [hereunder] under this  
247 section may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of  
248 section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial  
249 district in which it is proposed to operate such establishment. The  
250 provisions of this section, except insofar as such provisions relate to  
251 expansion, shall not apply to any open air theater, shopping center or  
252 other development generating large volumes of traffic in operation on  
253 July 1, 1967.

254 (f) Before submitting an application for any development generating  
255 large volumes of traffic pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the  
256 Office of the State Traffic Administration, the [individual or entity]  
257 person, firm, corporation or agency submitting such application shall  
258 attend a mandatory meeting with the Office of the State Traffic  
259 Administration and other staff from the Department of Transportation.  
260 At such meeting, such [individual or entity] person, firm, corporation  
261 or agency shall present the applicant's proposed development [to such  
262 department staff] and receive feedback, including, but not limited to,  
263 information as to what [needs] materials need to be submitted for an  
264 application to be considered complete.

265 Sec. 5. Section 14-311c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
266 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

267 (a) No [group of persons, firms, corporations, state agencies or  
268 municipal agencies] person, firm, corporation, state agency or  
269 municipal agency, or any combination thereof, shall build, expand,  
270 establish or operate any open air theater, shopping center or other  
271 development generating large volumes of traffic on any group of  
272 individual parcels of land which are separately owned but are utilized  
273 together for a single development purpose, whether or not such  
274 parcels are separated by any state, local or private roadway that  
275 substantially affect state highway traffic within this state, as  
276 determined by the Office of the State Traffic Administration, until such  
277 [group] person, firm, corporation or agency has procured from the  
278 Office of the State Traffic Administration a certificate that the

279 operation thereof will not imperil the safety of the public, except that  
280 any development, including any development to be built in phases  
281 without regard to when such phases are approved by the municipal  
282 planning and zoning agency or other responsible municipal agency,  
283 that contains a total of one hundred or fewer residential units shall not  
284 be required to obtain such a certificate if such development is a  
285 residential-only development and not part of a mixed-use  
286 development containing office, retail or other such nonresidential uses,  
287 provided if any future development increases the total number of  
288 residential units to more than one hundred, and this total substantially  
289 affects state highway traffic within the state as determined by the  
290 Office of the State Traffic Administration, a certificate shall be  
291 procured from said office.

292 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or permitted by  
293 the Office of the State Traffic Administration, no local building official  
294 shall issue a building or foundation permit to any such [group or  
295 member thereof] person, firm, corporation or agency to build, expand,  
296 establish or operate such a development until the [group or member]  
297 person, firm, corporation or agency provides to such official a copy of  
298 the certificate issued under this section by the Office of the State Traffic  
299 Administration. No local building official shall issue a certificate of  
300 occupancy to any such person, firm, corporation or agency for such  
301 development until the conditions of the certificate issued by the office  
302 under this section have been satisfied. If the Office of the State Traffic  
303 Administration determines that any [group or member] person, firm,  
304 corporation or agency has (1) started building, expanding, establishing  
305 or operating such a development without first obtaining a certificate  
306 from said office, or (2) has failed to comply with the conditions of such  
307 a certificate, it shall order the [group or member] person, firm,  
308 corporation or agency to (A) cease constructing, expanding,  
309 establishing or operating the development, or (B) to comply with the  
310 conditions of the certificate within a reasonable period of time. If such  
311 [group or member] person, firm, corporation or agency fails to (i) cease  
312 such work, or (ii) comply with such order within such time as specified

313 by the Office of the State Traffic Administration, said office or the  
314 traffic authority of the municipality wherein the development is  
315 located may [make an application] apply to the superior court for the  
316 judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district where the  
317 development is located enjoining the construction, expansion,  
318 establishment or the operation of such development. Notwithstanding  
319 the provisions of this subsection, for single family home building lots  
320 within a subdivision of land, for which a certificate is required and  
321 which do not have a direct exit or entrance on, or directly abut or  
322 adjoin any state highway, no local building official shall issue a  
323 certificate of occupancy to any such [group or member thereof or]  
324 person, firm, corporation or agency to occupy homes on such lots until  
325 such [group, member or] person, firm, corporation or agency provides  
326 to such official a copy of the certificate issued under this section by  
327 said office and such official confirms that the certificate conditions  
328 have been satisfied.

329 (c) The Office of the State Traffic Administration, to the extent  
330 practicable, shall begin its review of an application prior to final  
331 approval of the proposed activity by the municipal planning and  
332 zoning agency or other responsible municipal agency.

333 (d) In determining the advisability of such certification, the Office of  
334 the State Traffic Administration shall include, in its consideration,  
335 highway safety, the width and character of the highways affected, the  
336 density of traffic thereon, the character of such traffic and the opinion  
337 and findings of the traffic authority of the municipality wherein the  
338 development is located. The Office of the State Traffic Administration  
339 may require improvements to be made by the applicant to the extent  
340 that such improvements address impacts to state highway safety  
341 created by the addition of the applicant's proposed development or  
342 activity. If the Office of the State Traffic Administration determines  
343 that such improvements, including traffic signals, pavement markings,  
344 channelization, pavement widening or other changes or traffic control  
345 devices, are required to handle traffic safely and efficiently, one

346 hundred per cent of the cost thereof shall be borne by the [group]  
347 person, firm, corporation or agency building, establishing or operating  
348 such open air theater, shopping center or other development  
349 generating large volumes of traffic, except that such cost shall not be  
350 borne by any municipal agency. The Commissioner of Transportation  
351 may issue a permit to [said group] such person, firm, corporation or  
352 agency to construct or install the changes required by the Office of the  
353 State Traffic Administration, in consultation with the local traffic  
354 authority.

355 (e) Any [group] person, firm, corporation or agency building,  
356 establishing or operating such open air theater, shopping center or  
357 other development generating large volumes of traffic aggrieved by  
358 any decision of the Office of the State Traffic Administration  
359 [hereunder] under this section may appeal therefrom in accordance  
360 with the provisions of section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall  
361 be in the judicial district in which it is proposed to operate such  
362 establishment. The provisions of this section except insofar as such  
363 provisions relate to expansion shall not apply to any open air theater,  
364 shopping center or other development generating large volumes of  
365 traffic which has received all necessary permits, variances, exceptions  
366 and approvals from the municipal zoning commission, planning  
367 commission, combined planning and zoning commission and zoning  
368 board of appeals in which such development is located prior to or on  
369 July 1, 1985, or to any such development which is in operation on that  
370 date.

371 (f) Before submitting an application for any development generating  
372 large volumes of traffic pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the  
373 Office of the State Traffic Administration, the person, firm, corporation  
374 or agency submitting such application shall attend a mandatory  
375 meeting with the Office of the State Traffic Administration and other  
376 staff from the Department of Transportation. At such meeting, such  
377 person, firm, corporation or agency shall present the applicant's  
378 proposed development and receive feedback, including, but not

379 limited to, information as to what materials need to be submitted for  
380 an application to be considered complete.

381 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Training  
382 and Technical Assistance Center at The University of Connecticut shall  
383 conduct training sessions, at least three times a year, for traffic  
384 authorities concerning the powers and responsibilities of traffic  
385 authorities, the installation of official traffic control devices and an  
386 overview of the applicable provisions of the general statutes and any  
387 regulations adopted by the Office of the State Traffic Administration.

388 (b) On or before January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each  
389 traffic authority, or such authority's appointed representative, shall  
390 complete the training offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.  
391 The Connecticut Training and Technical Assistance Center shall  
392 maintain records indicating when a traffic authority, or such  
393 authority's representative, completed such training.

394 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-218a of the general statutes is  
395 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
396 *October 1, 2023*):

397 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
398 Office of the State Traffic Administration shall establish a speed limit  
399 [of] not to exceed sixty-five miles per hour on [any] each multiple lane,  
400 limited access [highways] highway. The office shall establish speed  
401 limits that are suitable for [a speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour]  
402 each such highway, taking into consideration relevant factors  
403 including design, population of area and traffic flow.

404 (2) The Commissioner of Transportation may establish the speed  
405 limit on limited access highways during a weather event or an  
406 emergency, provided the commissioner erects electronic signs  
407 indicating such speed limit.

408 Sec. 8. Section 13b-212b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
409 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

410 (a) There is established a Connecticut [Commuter Rail] Public  
411 Transportation Council which shall consist of fifteen members,  
412 [appointed with the advice and consent of the General Assembly,] all  
413 of whom shall be (1) [commuters] residents who regularly use the  
414 transportation services of the New Haven commuter railroad line  
415 which includes the New Canaan, Danbury and Waterbury branches of  
416 such line, (2) [commuters] residents who regularly use the  
417 transportation services of the [Shoreline] Shore Line East railroad line,  
418 [or] (3) residents [of a municipality in which the Commissioner of  
419 Transportation has proposed a new rail line or in which a rail line has  
420 commenced operation after July 1, 2013] who regularly use the  
421 transportation services of the Hartford railroad line, or (4) residents  
422 who regularly use bus public transportation services funded by the  
423 state. Members shall be appointed as follows: (A) The Governor shall  
424 appoint four members; [, one of whom shall be the chief elected official  
425 of a municipality located on an operating or proposed new rail line;]  
426 (B) the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three  
427 members, one of whom regularly uses bus public transportation  
428 services funded by the state and one of whom regularly uses the  
429 transportation services of the New Haven railroad line; (C) the speaker  
430 of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members, one of  
431 whom regularly uses bus public transportation services funded by the  
432 state and one of whom regularly uses the transportation services of the  
433 Hartford railroad line; (D) the minority leader of the Senate shall  
434 appoint one member; (E) the minority leader of the House of  
435 Representatives shall appoint one member; (F) the chairpersons of the  
436 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
437 of matters relating to transportation shall each appoint one member,  
438 one of whom [shall be from a municipality in which the Commissioner  
439 of Transportation has proposed a new rail line or in which a rail line  
440 has commenced operation after July 1, 2013, and one of whom shall be  
441 from a municipality in which a station for the Shoreline East railroad  
442 line is located] regularly uses bus public transportation services  
443 funded by the state and one of whom regularly uses the  
444 transportation services of the Shore Line East railroad line; and (G) the

445 ranking members of said committee shall jointly appoint one member  
446 who [shall be from a municipality served by the Danbury or  
447 Waterbury branches of the New Haven commuter railroad line]  
448 regularly uses bus public transportation services funded by the state.  
449 Each member shall serve for a term of four years. All initial  
450 appointments to the council shall be made by August 1, [2013] 2023,  
451 and initial members shall serve a four-year term commencing on  
452 August 1, [2013] 2023, except that members appointed prior to July 1,  
453 2023, to serve on the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council and whose  
454 term has not expired as of July 1, 2023, shall be deemed appointed to  
455 serve on the Connecticut Public Transportation Council until the  
456 expiration of the term of the member or the occurrence of a vacancy,  
457 whichever occurs first. Any vacancy shall be filled by the original  
458 appointing authority by appointment for the unexpired portion of any  
459 term. Members of the council shall serve until their respective  
460 successors are appointed. [and approved by the General Assembly.]

461 (b) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-9a, the  
462 members of the council shall choose one of the members of the council  
463 to be chairperson of the council. A majority of the members of the  
464 council then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
465 any business, and action shall be by vote of a majority of the members  
466 present at a meeting. The council shall meet at least once during each  
467 calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems  
468 necessary or upon the request of a majority of the members in office.  
469 Special meetings shall be held at the request of such majority after  
470 notice in accordance with the provisions of section 1-225. Any member  
471 who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any  
472 calendar year or who fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall  
473 be deemed to have resigned from office. Not later than ten days after a  
474 vacancy occurs in the council or the resignation of a member, the  
475 chairperson shall notify the appointing authority of such vacancy or  
476 resignation.

477 (c) The Department of Transportation shall maintain records of each

478 request for information and data received from the council and denote  
479 the status of any such request.

480 Sec. 9. Section 13b-212c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
481 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

482 The Connecticut [Commuter Rail] Public Transportation Council  
483 shall study and investigate all aspects of the daily operation of  
484 [commuter rail lines in] the commuter railroad systems and bus public  
485 transportation services funded by the state, monitor their performance  
486 and recommend changes to improve the efficiency, equity and [the]  
487 quality of service [of the operation of such lines] on such commuter rail  
488 systems and bus public transportation services. The council may  
489 request and shall receive, if available, from any department, division,  
490 board, bureau, commission, agency [,] or public authority of the state,  
491 or any political subdivision thereof, such assistance and data [as it  
492 requests and] that will enable it to properly carry out its activities for  
493 the purposes set forth in this section. The council shall also [work with  
494 the Department of Transportation to] serve as an advocate for  
495 customers of all commuter [lines in] railroad systems and bus public  
496 transportation services funded by the state. [and shall make  
497 recommendations for improvements to such lines.] The Department of  
498 Transportation shall (1) submit monthly reports with information and  
499 data concerning the on-time performance by station and passenger  
500 ridership of the commuter railroad systems and bus public  
501 transportation services funded by the state, and (2) make quarterly  
502 presentations at the meetings of the council concerning such reports  
503 and respond to reasonable inquiries made in advance of any meeting  
504 by the council. The council shall report its findings and  
505 recommendations annually on or before January fifteenth, to the  
506 Governor, the Commissioner of Transportation, the General Assembly,  
507 the Metro North Rail Commuter Council located in the state of New  
508 York and the management advisory board of the office of the inspector  
509 general of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority located in the  
510 state of New York. The council shall also annually present its findings



511 and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
512 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

513       Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) On or before February 1, 2024, the  
514 Connecticut Public Transportation Council, established under section  
515 13b-212b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall submit,  
516 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
517 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
518 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, a report  
519 regarding the organizational structure of the council and any  
520 recommendations to improve or modify such structure and the  
521 mission of the council.

522       Sec. 11. Section 20 of public act 21-175 is repealed and the following  
523 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

524       The Commissioner of Transportation shall study the feasibility of (1)  
525 extending the Shore Line East rail line to the state of Rhode Island, (2)  
526 establishing a new passenger rail service from the town of New  
527 London to the town of Norwich, (3) establishing a new passenger train  
528 station in the town of Groton and the borough of Stonington, and (4)  
529 extending ground transportation systems in the eastern region of the  
530 state and providing interconnection between such systems and rail  
531 lines. The commissioner may seek and use any available federal funds  
532 to conduct such study. On or before [January] December 1, 2023, the  
533 commissioner shall submit the results of such study to the joint  
534 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
535 matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of  
536 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

537       Sec. 12. Section 13b-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
538 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

539       (a) (1) No person, association, limited liability company or  
540 corporation shall operate a motor vehicle in livery service until such  
541 person, association, limited liability company or corporation has

542 obtained a permit from the Department of Transportation, specifying  
543 the nature and extent of the service to be rendered and certifying that  
544 public convenience and necessity will be improved by the operation  
545 and conduct of such livery service. Such permits shall be issued only  
546 after a written application for the same has been made and a public  
547 hearing has been held thereon. Upon receipt of such application,  
548 together with the payment of a fee of two hundred dollars, the  
549 department shall fix a time and place of hearing thereon, within a  
550 reasonable time, and shall promptly give written notice of the  
551 pendency of such application and of the time and place of such  
552 hearing to each applicant, the mayor of each city, the warden of each  
553 borough and the first selectman of each town, within which any such  
554 applicant desires to maintain an office or headquarters, to any carrier  
555 legally operating motor vehicles in livery service within the same  
556 territory and to other interested parties as determined by the  
557 department. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of  
558 this subsection, the department may issue a permit for the operation of  
559 vehicles (A) having a capacity of less than eleven adults or to be used  
560 exclusively at funerals, weddings, christenings, processions or  
561 celebrations, without holding a hearing and certifying that public  
562 convenience and necessity would be improved by the operation of  
563 such vehicles, or (B) having a capacity of not less than eleven or more  
564 than fourteen adults and used for sightseeing and related purposes,  
565 without holding a hearing, provided the department issues a legal  
566 notice, as provided under section 1-2, of such application and no  
567 objection is filed with the department within thirty days of publication  
568 of such notice. (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of  
569 this subsection, the department may issue a temporary or permanent  
570 permit to any person, association, limited liability company or  
571 corporation operating a motor vehicle engaged in the transportation of  
572 passengers for hire by virtue of a contract with, or a lower tier contract  
573 for, any federal, state or municipal agency that (A) is in effect on July 1,  
574 1997, with or without hearing, after a written application for the same  
575 has been made and the department has determined that the applicant  
576 meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section except with

577 respect to public convenience and necessity, or (B) becomes effective  
578 after July 1, 1997, with or without hearing, after a written application  
579 for the same has been made and the department has determined that  
580 the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.  
581 Any such permit issued under the provisions of this subdivision (i)  
582 shall be limited to service provided under any such contract, and (ii)  
583 with respect to any contract under the provisions of subparagraph (A)  
584 of this subdivision, shall not authorize a total number of motor  
585 vehicles exceeding the number required to provide service existing  
586 under such contract on July 1, 1997. (4) Notwithstanding the  
587 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the department shall  
588 issue to any person who has an intrastate livery permit for at least one  
589 year, upon the application of such person, up to two additional vehicle  
590 authorizations each year without a hearing and without written notice  
591 of the pendency of the application, if all the existing permits held by  
592 such person are registered and in use and if there are no outstanding  
593 violations or matters pending adjudication against such person. Such  
594 person may submit a second application for up to two additional  
595 vehicle authorizations each year. The department shall have thirty  
596 calendar days to issue such amended permit upon receipt of an  
597 application and the payment of the fee described in subdivision (1) of  
598 this subsection.

599 (b) In determining whether or not such a permit will be granted, the  
600 Department of Transportation shall take into consideration the present  
601 or future public convenience and necessity for the service the applicant  
602 proposes to render, the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of  
603 the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or  
604 corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of  
605 the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which  
606 authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the  
607 applicant to conform to the provisions of this chapter and the  
608 requirements and regulations of the department under this chapter.

609 (c) Any interested party may bring a written petition to the

610 Department of Transportation in respect to fares, service, operation or  
611 equipment, or the convenience, protection and safety of the public  
612 with regard to any carrier operating a motor vehicle in livery service.  
613 Thereupon, the department may fix a time and place for a hearing  
614 upon such petition and give notice thereof. No permit shall be sold or  
615 transferred until the department, upon written application to it setting  
616 forth the purpose, terms and conditions thereof and accompanied by a  
617 fee of two hundred dollars, after investigation, approves the same. The  
618 department may amend or, for sufficient cause shown, may suspend  
619 or revoke any such permit. The department may order appropriate  
620 corrective action as the department deems necessary, including, but  
621 not limited to, the attendance of a motor vehicle operator retraining  
622 program. The department may impose a civil penalty on any person or  
623 any officer of any association, limited liability company or corporation  
624 who violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted  
625 under section 13b-102, as amended by this act, with respect to fares,  
626 service, operation, [or] equipment, management or staffing, in an  
627 amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.  
628 Prior to the imposition of a civil penalty under this subsection, the  
629 department shall provide notice to [said] such person or officer no later  
630 than fifteen business days after receipt of information concerning an  
631 alleged violation and shall provide an opportunity for a hearing.

632 [(d) The owner or operator of each motor vehicle in livery service  
633 shall display in such vehicle such permit or a memorandum thereof.]

634 [(e)] (d) (1) Any person who holds himself or herself out to be the  
635 operator of a motor vehicle in livery service who has not received a  
636 permit under this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

637 (2) The state shall remit to a municipality fifty per cent of the fine  
638 amount received for a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection  
639 with respect to each summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk  
640 of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other  
641 official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court  
642 Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April,

643 July and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount  
644 due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each  
645 municipality served by the office of the clerk or official.

646 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) The Department of Transportation may revoke a permit  
647 issued under this section or section 13b-105 without a hearing,  
648 provided (1) the department sends a notice of revocation to the permit  
649 holder at the address of the permit holder on file with the department  
650 and (A) the notice is returned as undeliverable or could not be  
651 delivered, or (B) the permit holder fails to respond to the notice within  
652 the time period specified by the department in such notice, (2) the  
653 department conducts a physical inspection of the address of the permit  
654 holder on file with the department and determines that no livery  
655 service is operated at such address, and (3) no motor vehicle is  
656 registered by the permit holder with the Department of Motor Vehicles  
657 to be used as specified in the permit pursuant to section 13b-106.

658 Sec. 13. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 13b-102 of the  
659 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
660 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

661 (a) (1) Each person, association, limited liability company or  
662 corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service shall  
663 be subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, and  
664 the department may prescribe adequate service and reasonable rates  
665 and charges and prescribe and establish such reasonable regulations,  
666 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, with respect to fares,  
667 service, operation, [and] equipment, management and staffing as it  
668 deems necessary for the convenience, protection, safety and best  
669 interests of passengers and the public.

670 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
671 sections 2-14 and 7-273b of the general statutes, the Norwalk Transit  
672 District shall be dissolved on January 1, 2024, on which date (1) all  
673 funds and property of the district shall pass to the Department of  
674 Transportation, (2) the Department of Transportation shall assume and

675 be liable for all debts and obligations of the district, and shall be liable  
 676 to pay all such debts and obligations, and (3) the Department of  
 677 Transportation shall provide transit services to the areas previously  
 678 served by the district.

679       Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation  
 680 shall paint and maintain route shield pavement markings at the  
 681 intersection of Interstate Routes 95 and 91 in the city of New Haven  
 682 and at the intersection of Interstate Routes 91 and 84 in the city of  
 683 Hartford to depict interchange geometry in accordance with the  
 684 Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control  
 685 Devices for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-314
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-299
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-300(a) and (b)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-311
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-311c
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-218a(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-212b
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-212c
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	PA 21-175, Sec. 20
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	13b-103
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	13b-102(a)(1)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 8(b), "The" was changed to "[The] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-9a, the" for statutory consistency; in Section 9, "such systems and services" was changed to "such commuter railroad systems and bus public transportation services" for clarity; in Section 10 ", established under section 13b-212b of the general statutes, as

amended by this act," was inserted for clarity; and in Section 12(a)(4), "for" and "such" were deleted for clarity.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*