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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND USE OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Motor Vehicles may issue a certificate of registration and number plates
3 to the owner or lessee of a low-speed vehicle upon receipt of an
4 application in accordance with the provisions of section 14-12 of the
5 general statutes, proof of financial responsibility in accordance with the
6 provisions of section 14-112 of the general statutes and payment of the
7 fee required under subsection (a) of section 14-49 of the general statutes
8 for a passenger motor vehicle. The commissioner shall issue a certificate
9 of title, pursuant to the provisions of part II of chapter 247 of the general
10 statutes, for each low-speed vehicle that has been issued a
11 manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin and vehicle
12 identification number.

13 (b) No person may operate a low-speed vehicle unless (1) the person
14 carries a valid motor vehicle operator's license or learner's permit, (2) a
15 certificate of registration and automobile insurance identification card

16 for the vehicle are carried in such vehicle and number plates are
17 displayed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-18 of the
18 general statutes, and (3) such vehicle is equipped in accordance with the
19 requirements of sections 14-80 to 14-106b, inclusive, of the general
20 statutes, except insofar as any requirement of said sections is
21 inapplicable to or inconsistent with the design and equipment standards
22 for low-speed vehicles, as adopted by the National Highway Safety
23 Traffic Administration in accordance with 49 CFR 571.500, as amended
24 from time to time.

25 (c) A low-speed vehicle may be operated on a highway only if such
26 highway has an established speed limit of not more than thirty-five
27 miles per hour, except that the traffic authority of any municipality may
28 limit or prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles on any highway
29 under the jurisdiction of such traffic authority.

30 Sec. 2. Section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

32 Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless
33 another construction is clearly apparent from the language or context in
34 which the term is used or unless the construction is inconsistent with
35 the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

36 (1) "Activity vehicle" means a student transportation vehicle that is
37 used to transport students in connection with school-sponsored events
38 and activities, but is not used to transport students to and from school;

39 (2) "Agricultural tractor" means a tractor or other form of
40 nonmuscular motive power used for transporting, hauling, plowing,
41 cultivating, planting, harvesting, reaping or other agricultural purposes
42 on any farm or other private property, or used for the purpose of
43 transporting, from one farm to another, agricultural implements and
44 farm products, provided the agricultural tractor is not used on any
45 highway for transporting a pay load or for some other commercial
46 purpose;

47 (3) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor
48 vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of
49 historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original
50 manufacturer's specifications;

51 (4) "Apparent candle power" means an illumination equal to the
52 normal illumination in foot candles produced by any lamp or lamps,
53 divided by the square of the distance in feet between the lamp or lamps
54 and the point at which the measurement is made;

55 (5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department
56 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) an authorized emergency medical
57 services vehicle, as defined in section 19a-175;

58 (6) "Autocycle" means a motor vehicle that meets the requirements of
59 a motorcycle under 49 CFR Part 571, and (A) does not have more than
60 three wheels in contact with the ground, (B) is designed to be controlled
61 with a steering mechanism and foot pedals for acceleration, braking or
62 shifting, (C) has a seat or seats that are fully or partially enclosed and in
63 which the occupants sit with their legs forward, and (D) is equipped
64 with safety belts, in accordance with section 14-100a, for all occupants;

65 (7) "Auxiliary driving lamp" means an additional lighting device on
66 a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the general illumination
67 in front of a motor vehicle provided by the motor vehicle's head lamps;

68 (8) "Bulb" means a light source consisting of a glass bulb containing a
69 filament or substance capable of being electrically maintained at
70 incandescence;

71 (9) "Camp trailer" includes any trailer designed for living or sleeping
72 purposes and used exclusively for camping or recreational purposes;

73 (10) "Camp trailer registration" means the type of registration issued
74 to any trailer that is for nonbusiness use and is limited to camp trailers
75 and utility trailers;

76 (11) "Camp vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is regularly used

77 to transport persons under eighteen years of age in connection with the
78 activities of any youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420;

79 (12) "Camper" means any motor vehicle designed or permanently
80 altered in such a way as to provide temporary living quarters for travel,
81 camping or recreational purposes;

82 (13) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with
83 a motor that engages only when the rider operates the electric bicycle's
84 foot pedals, and disengages when the rider stops pedaling or such
85 electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour;

86 (14) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with
87 a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle, and
88 disengages when the brakes are applied or such electric bicycle reaches
89 the speed of twenty miles per hour;

90 (15) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with
91 a motor that engages only when the rider operates the electric bicycle's
92 foot pedals, and disengages when the rider stops pedaling or such
93 electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour;

94 (16) "Combination registration" means the type of registration issued
95 to a motor vehicle used for both private passenger and commercial
96 purposes if such vehicle does not have a gross vehicle weight rating in
97 excess of twelve thousand five hundred pounds;

98 (17) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a license issued to
99 an individual in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-44a to 14-
100 44m, inclusive, which authorizes such individual to drive a commercial
101 motor vehicle;

102 (18) "Commercial driver's license information system" or "CDLIS"
103 means the national database of holders of commercial driver's licenses
104 established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
105 pursuant to Section 12007 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act
106 of 1986;

107 (19) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designed or used to
108 transport passengers or property, except a vehicle used for farming
109 purposes in accordance with 49 CFR 383.3(d), fire fighting apparatus or
110 an emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-283, or a recreational
111 vehicle in private use, which (A) has a gross vehicle weight rating of
112 twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, or a gross combination
113 weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, inclusive
114 of a towed unit or units with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
115 ten thousand pounds; (B) is designed to transport sixteen or more
116 passengers, including the driver, or is designed to transport more than
117 ten passengers, including the driver, and is used to transport students
118 under the age of twenty-one years to and from school; or (C) is
119 transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in
120 accordance with 49 CFR 172, Subpart F, as amended, or any quantity of
121 a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR Part 73;

122 (20) "Commercial registration" means the type of registration
123 required for any motor vehicle designed or used to transport
124 merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business
125 enterprise, unless a more specific type of registration is authorized and
126 issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

127 (21) "Commercial trailer" means a trailer used in the conduct of a
128 business to transport freight, materials or equipment whether or not
129 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

130 (22) "Commercial trailer registration" means the type of registration
131 issued to any commercial trailer;

132 (23) "Commissioner" includes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
133 and any assistant to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles who is
134 designated and authorized by, and who is acting for, the Commissioner
135 of Motor Vehicles under a designation; except that the deputy
136 commissioners of motor vehicles and the Attorney General are deemed,
137 unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles otherwise provides, to be
138 designated and authorized by, and acting for, the Commissioner of

139 Motor Vehicles under a designation;

140 (24) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as provided in
141 section 21a-240 and the federal laws and regulations incorporated in
142 chapter 420b;

143 (25) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a
144 determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the
145 law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative
146 tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure
147 the person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or
148 violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or
149 not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated;

150 (26) "Dealer" includes any person actively engaged in buying, selling
151 or exchanging motor vehicles or trailers who has an established place of
152 business in this state and who may, incidental to such business, repair
153 motor vehicles or trailers, or cause them to be repaired by persons in his
154 or her employ;

155 (27) "Disqualification" means a withdrawal of the privilege to drive a
156 commercial motor vehicle, which occurs as a result of (A) any
157 suspension, revocation, or cancellation by the commissioner of the
158 privilege to operate a motor vehicle; (B) a determination by the Federal
159 Highway Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier
160 safety contained in 49 CFR 386, as amended from time to time, that a
161 person is no longer qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle
162 under the standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended from time to
163 time; or (C) the loss of qualification which follows any of the convictions
164 or administrative actions specified in section 14-44k;

165 (28) "Drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a
166 motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle being towed by another;

167 (29) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in physical
168 control of a commercial motor vehicle, or who is required to hold a
169 commercial driver's license;

170 (30) "Driver's license" or "operator's license" means a valid
171 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a license issued by
172 another state or foreign jurisdiction authorizing the holder thereof to
173 operate a motor vehicle on the highways;

174 (31) "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle equipped with operable foot
175 pedals and an electric motor of fewer than seven hundred fifty watts of
176 power that is either a class 1, class 2 or class 3 bicycle. "Electric bicycle"
177 does not include a dirt bike or an all-terrain vehicle;

178 (32) "Electric foot scooter" means a device (A) that weighs not more
179 than seventy-five pounds, (B) that has two or three wheels, handlebars
180 and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, (C) that is
181 powered by an electric motor and human power, and (D) whose
182 maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level
183 surface, is not more than twenty miles per hour;

184 (33) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,
185 including full-time, regularly employed drivers, casual, intermittent or
186 occasional drivers, drivers under contract and independent owner-
187 operator contractors, who, while in the course of operating a commercial
188 motor vehicle, are either directly employed by, or are under contract to,
189 an employer;

190 (34) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a
191 state or any political subdivision thereof, who owns or leases a
192 commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial
193 motor vehicle;

194 (35) "Farm implement" means a vehicle designed and adapted
195 exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising operations
196 and which is not operated on a highway for transporting a pay load or
197 for any other commercial purpose;

198 (36) "Felony" means any offense, as defined in section 53a-25 and
199 includes any offense designated as a felony under federal law;

200 (37) "Fatality" means the death of a person as a result of a motor
201 vehicle accident;

202 (38) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than a state of
203 the United States;

204 (39) "Fuels" means (A) all products commonly or commercially
205 known or sold as gasoline, including casinghead and absorption or
206 natural gasoline, regardless of their classification or uses, (B) any liquid
207 prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and
208 commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, which,
209 when subjected to distillation in accordance with the standard method
210 of test for distillation of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene and similar
211 petroleum products by "American Society for Testing Materials Method
212 D-86", shows not less than ten per cent distilled (recovered) below 347°
213 Fahrenheit (175° Centigrade) and not less than ninety-five per cent
214 distilled (recovered) below 464° Fahrenheit (240° Centigrade); provided
215 the term "fuels" does not include commercial solvents or naphthas
216 which distill, by "American Society for Testing Materials Method D-86",
217 not more than nine per cent at 176° Fahrenheit and which have a
218 distillation range of 150° Fahrenheit, or less, or liquefied gases which
219 would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit and a
220 pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute, and (C) any liquid
221 commonly referred to as "gasohol" which is prepared, advertised,
222 offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and commercially used, as
223 a fuel in internal combustion engines, consisting of a blend of gasoline
224 and a minimum of ten per cent by volume of ethyl or methyl alcohol;

225 (40) "Garage" includes every place of business where motor vehicles
226 are, for compensation, received for housing, storage or repair;

227 (41) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value
228 specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a
229 single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a
230 combination (articulated) vehicle commonly referred to as the "gross
231 combination weight rating" or GCWR is the GVWR of the power unit

232 plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

233 (42) "Gross weight" means the light weight of a vehicle plus the
234 weight of any load on the vehicle, provided, in the case of a tractor-
235 trailer unit, "gross weight" means the light weight of the tractor plus the
236 light weight of the trailer or semitrailer plus the weight of the load on
237 the vehicle;

238 (43) "Hazardous materials" has the same meaning as provided in 49
239 CFR 383.5;

240 (44) "Head lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the front of a
241 motor vehicle projecting a high intensity beam which lights the road in
242 front of the vehicle so that it can proceed safely during the hours of
243 darkness;

244 (45) "High-mileage vehicle" means a motor vehicle having the
245 following characteristics: (A) Not less than three wheels in contact with
246 the ground; (B) a completely enclosed seat on which the driver sits; (C)
247 a single or two cylinder, gasoline or diesel engine or an electric-powered
248 engine; and (D) efficient fuel consumption;

249 (46) "Highway" includes any state or other public highway, road,
250 street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway, place or dedicated roadway
251 for bus rapid transit service, under the control of the state or any
252 political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to
253 public travel or other use;

254 (47) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition that
255 presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe
256 personal injury or a substantial endangerment to health, property, or the
257 environment may occur before the reasonably foreseeable completion
258 date of a formal proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness,
259 injury or endangerment;

260 (48) "Intersecting highway" includes any public highway which joins
261 another at an angle whether or not it crosses the other;

262 (49) "Light weight" means the weight of an unloaded motor vehicle
263 as ordinarily equipped and ready for use, exclusive of the weight of the
264 operator of the motor vehicle;

265 (50) "Limited access highway" means a state highway so designated
266 under the provisions of section 13b-27;

267 (51) "Local authorities" includes the board of aldermen, common
268 council, chief of police, warden and burgesses, board of selectmen or
269 other officials having authority for the enactment or enforcement of
270 traffic regulations within their respective towns, cities or boroughs;

271 (52) "Low-speed vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in 49
272 CFR 571.3, as amended from time to time;

273 ~~[(52)]~~ (53) "Maintenance vehicle" means any vehicle in use by the state
274 or by any town, city, borough or district, any state bridge or parkway
275 authority or any public service company, as defined in section 16-1, in
276 the maintenance of public highways or bridges and facilities located
277 within the limits of public highways or bridges;

278 ~~[(53)]~~ (54) "Manufacturer" means (A) a person, whether a resident or
279 nonresident, engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new
280 motor vehicles of a type required to be registered by the commissioner,
281 for operation upon any highway, except a utility trailer, which are
282 offered for sale in this state, or (B) a person who distributes new motor
283 vehicles to new car dealers licensed in this state;

284 ~~[(54)]~~ (55) "Median divider" means an intervening space or physical
285 barrier or clearly indicated dividing section separating traffic lanes
286 provided for vehicles proceeding in opposite directions;

287 ~~[(55)]~~ (56) "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle
288 twenty years old or older which has been modified for safe road use,
289 including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive train,
290 suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus;

291 ~~[(56)]~~ (57) "Motor bus" includes any motor vehicle, except a taxicab,

292 as defined in section 13b-95, operated in whole or in part on any street
293 or highway in a manner affording a means of transportation by
294 indiscriminately receiving or discharging passengers, or running on a
295 regular route or over any portion of a regular route or between fixed
296 termini;

297 [(57)] (58) "Motor home" means a vehicular unit designed to provide
298 living quarters and necessary amenities which are built into an integral
299 part of, or permanently attached to, a truck or van chassis;

300 [(58)] (59) "Motor-driven cycle" means any of the following vehicles
301 that have a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a motor
302 having a capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston
303 displacement: (A) A motorcycle, other than an autocycle; (B) a motor
304 scooter; or (C) a bicycle with attached motor, except an electric bicycle;

305 [(59)] (60) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by
306 any nonmuscular power, [except] including a low-speed vehicle. "Motor
307 vehicle" does not include aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage
308 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities,
309 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by persons with
310 physical disabilities at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour, golf
311 carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing from one
312 part of the golf course to another, golf-cart-type vehicles operated on
313 roads or highways on the grounds of state institutions by state
314 employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles as run
315 only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers and
316 lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were
317 designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour,
318 whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment,
319 motor-driven cycles, as defined in section 14-286, special mobile
320 equipment, as defined in section 14-165, mini-motorcycles, as defined in
321 section 14-289j, electric bicycles, electric foot scooters and any other
322 vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway;

323 [(60)] (61) "Motorcycle" means (A) an autocycle, as defined in this

324 section, or (B) a motor vehicle, with or without a side car, that has (i) not
325 more than three wheels in contact with the ground, (ii) a saddle or seat
326 which the rider straddles or a platform on which the rider stands, and
327 (iii) handlebars with which the rider controls the movement of the
328 vehicle. "Motorcycle" does not include a motor-driven cycle, an electric
329 bicycle or an electric foot scooter;

330 [(61)] (62) "National Driver Registry" or "NDR" means the licensing
331 information system and database operated by the National Highway
332 Traffic Safety Administration and established pursuant to the National
333 Driver Registry Act of 1982, as amended;

334 [(62)] (63) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, the equitable
335 or legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer,
336 distributor or dealer to an ultimate consumer;

337 [(63)] (64) "Nonresident" means any person whose legal residence is
338 in a state other than Connecticut or in a foreign country;

339 [(64)] (65) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or "nonresident
340 CDL" means a commercial driver's license issued by a state to an
341 individual who resides in a foreign jurisdiction;

342 [(65)] (66) "Nonskid device" means any device applied to the tires,
343 wheels, axles or frame of a motor vehicle for the purpose of increasing
344 the traction of the motor vehicle;

345 [(66)] (67) "Number plate" means any sign or marker furnished by the
346 commissioner on which is displayed the registration number assigned
347 to a motor vehicle by the commissioner;

348 [(67)] (68) "Officer" includes any constable, state marshal, inspector of
349 motor vehicles, state policeman or other official authorized to make
350 arrests or to serve process, provided the officer is in uniform or displays
351 the officer's badge of office in a conspicuous place when making an
352 arrest;

353 [(68)] (69) "Operator" means any person who operates a motor vehicle

354 or who steers or directs the course of a motor vehicle being towed by
355 another motor vehicle and includes a driver;

356 [(69)] (70) "Out-of-service order" means an order (A) issued by a
357 person having inspection authority, as defined in regulations adopted
358 by the commissioner pursuant to section 14-163c, or by an authorized
359 official of the United States Department of Transportation Federal
360 Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to any provision of
361 federal law, to prohibit any motor vehicle specified in subsection (a) of
362 section 14-163c from being operated on any highway, or to prohibit a
363 driver from operating any such motor vehicle, or (B) issued by the
364 United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier
365 Safety Administration, pursuant to any provision of federal law, to
366 prohibit any motor carrier, as defined in Section 386.2 of Title 49 of the
367 Code of Federal Regulations, from engaging in commercial motor
368 vehicle operations;

369 [(70)] (71) "Owner" means any person holding title to a motor vehicle,
370 or having the legal right to register the same, including purchasers
371 under conditional bills of sale;

372 [(71)] (72) "Parked vehicle" means a motor vehicle in a stationary
373 position within the limits of a public highway;

374 [(72)] (73) "Passenger and commercial motor vehicle" means a motor
375 vehicle used for private passenger and commercial purposes which is
376 eligible for combination registration;

377 [(73)] (74) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for
378 the private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,
379 designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, with a capacity of
380 carrying not more than ten passengers including the operator thereof;

381 [(74)] (75) "Passenger registration" means the type of registration
382 issued to a passenger motor vehicle unless a more specific type of
383 registration is authorized and issued by the commissioner for such class
384 of vehicle;

385 [(75)] (76) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited
386 liability company, association, copartnership, company, firm, business
387 trust or other aggregation of individuals but does not include the state
388 or any political subdivision thereof, unless the context clearly states or
389 requires;

390 [(76)] (77) "Pick-up truck" means a motor vehicle with an enclosed
391 forward passenger compartment and an open rearward compartment
392 used for the transportation of property;

393 [(77)] (78) "Pneumatic tires" means tires inflated or inflatable with air;

394 [(78)] (79) "Pole trailer" means a trailer which is (A) intended for
395 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, logs, pipes
396 or structural members, which loads are capable of sustaining
397 themselves as beams between supporting connections, and (B) designed
398 to be drawn by a motor vehicle and attached or secured directly to the
399 motor vehicle by any means including a reach, pole or boom;

400 [(79)] (80) "Public passenger endorsement" means an endorsement
401 issued to an individual, which authorizes such individual to transport
402 passengers, including, but not limited to, passengers who are students
403 in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of section 14-36a;

404 [(80)] (81) "Recreational vehicle" includes the camper, camp trailer
405 and motor home classes of vehicles;

406 [(81)] (82) "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle
407 registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with such
408 registration;

409 [(82)] (83) "Registration number" means the identifying number or
410 letters, or both, assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

411 [(83)] (84) "Resident", for the purpose of registering motor vehicles,
412 includes any person who is a legal resident of this state, as the
413 commissioner may presume from the fact that such person occupies a
414 place of dwelling in this state for more than six months in a year, or any

415 person, firm or corporation owning or leasing a motor vehicle used or
416 operated in intrastate business in this state, or a firm or corporation
417 having its principal office or place of business in this state;

418 [(84)] (85) "School bus" means any school bus, as defined in section
419 14-275, including a commercial motor vehicle used to transport
420 preschool, elementary school or secondary school students from home
421 to school, from school to home, or to and from school-sponsored events,
422 but does not include a bus used as a common carrier;

423 [(85)] (86) "Second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an
424 offense committed not more than three years after the date of an arrest
425 which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same
426 statutory provision, except in the case of a violation of section 14-215,
427 14-224, 14-227a or 14-227m, "second" violation or "subsequent" violation
428 means an offense committed not more than ten years after the date of an
429 arrest which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same
430 statutory provision;

431 [(86)] (87) "Semitrailer" means any trailer type vehicle designed and
432 used in conjunction with a motor vehicle so that some part of its own
433 weight and load rests on or is carried by another vehicle;

434 [(87)] (88) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the
435 following offenses: (A) Excessive speeding, involving a single offense in
436 which the speed is fifteen miles per hour or more above the posted
437 speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219; (B) reckless driving
438 in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too closely in violation of
439 section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic lane changes, in
440 violation of section 14-236; (E) using a hand-held mobile telephone or
441 other electronic device or typing, reading or sending text or a text
442 message with or from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device in
443 violation of subsection (e) of section 14-296aa while operating a
444 commercial motor vehicle; (F) driving a commercial motor vehicle
445 without a valid commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-36a
446 or 14-44a; (G) failure to carry a commercial driver's license in violation

447 of section 14-44a; (H) failure to have the proper class of license or
448 endorsement, or violation of a license restriction in violation of section
449 14-44a; or (I) a violation of any provision of chapter 248, by an operator
450 who holds a commercial driver's license or instruction permit that
451 results in the death of another person;

452 [(88)] (89) "Service bus" includes any vehicle except a vanpool vehicle
453 or a school bus designed and regularly used to carry ten or more
454 passengers when used in private service for the transportation of
455 persons without charge to the individual;

456 [(89)] (90) "Service car" means any motor vehicle used by a
457 manufacturer, dealer or repairer for emergency motor vehicle repairs on
458 the highways of this state, for towing or for the transportation of
459 necessary persons, tools and materials to and from the scene of such
460 emergency repairs or towing;

461 [(90)] (91) "Shoulder" means that portion of a highway immediately
462 adjacent and contiguous to the travel lanes or main traveled portion of
463 the roadway;

464 [(91)] (92) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber, or other elastic material
465 approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, which do not depend
466 on confined air for the support of the load;

467 [(92)] (93) "Spot lamp" or "spot light" means a lighting device
468 projecting a high intensity beam, the direction of which can be readily
469 controlled for special or emergency lighting as distinguished from
470 ordinary road illumination;

471 [(93)] (94) "State" means any state of the United States and the District
472 of Columbia unless the context indicates a more specific reference to the
473 state of Connecticut;

474 [(94)] (95) "Stop" means complete cessation of movement;

475 [(95)] (96) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one
476 years who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school

477 program of education;

478 [(96)] (97) "Tail lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the rear of a
479 motor vehicle showing a red light to the rear and indicating the presence
480 of the motor vehicle when viewed from behind;

481 [(97)] (98) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle
482 designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank that
483 is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its
484 chassis, which includes, but is not limited to, a cargo tank and portable
485 tank, as defined in 49 CFR 383.5, as amended, provided it does not
486 include a portable tank with a rated capacity not to exceed one thousand
487 gallons;

488 [(98)] (99) "Tractor" or "truck tractor" means a motor vehicle designed
489 and used for drawing a semitrailer;

490 [(99)] (100) "Tractor-trailer unit" means a combination of a tractor and
491 a trailer or a combination of a tractor and a semitrailer;

492 [(100)] (101) "Trailer" means any rubber-tired vehicle without motive
493 power drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle;

494 [(101)] (102) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used or
495 maintained primarily for the transportation of property;

496 [(102)] (103) "Ultimate consumer" means, with respect to a motor
497 vehicle, the first person, other than a dealer, who in good faith purchases
498 the motor vehicle for purposes other than resale;

499 [(103)] (104) "United States" means the fifty states and the District of
500 Columbia;

501 [(104)] (105) "Used motor vehicle" includes any motor vehicle which
502 has been previously separately registered by an ultimate consumer;

503 [(105)] (106) "Utility trailer" means a trailer designed and used to
504 transport personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not

505 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

506 [(106)] (107) "Vanpool vehicle" includes all motor vehicles, the
507 primary purpose of which is the daily transportation, on a prearranged
508 nonprofit basis, of individuals between home and work, and which: (A)
509 If owned by or leased to a person, or to an employee of the person, or to
510 an employee of a local, state or federal government unit or agency
511 located in Connecticut, are manufactured and equipped in such manner
512 as to provide a seating capacity of at least seven but not more than
513 fifteen individuals, or (B) if owned by or leased to a regional ride-
514 sharing organization in the state recognized by the Commissioner of
515 Transportation, are manufactured and equipped in such manner as to
516 provide a seating capacity of at least six but not more than nineteen
517 individuals;

518 [(107)] (108) "Vehicle" includes any device suitable for the
519 conveyance, drawing or other transportation of persons or property,
520 whether operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other
521 means. The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human
522 power or devices used exclusively on tracks;

523 [(108)] (109) "Vehicle identification number" or "VIN" means a series
524 of Arabic numbers and Roman letters that is assigned to each new motor
525 vehicle that is manufactured within or imported into the United States,
526 in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR 565, unless another
527 sequence of numbers and letters has been assigned to a motor vehicle
528 by the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-
529 149;

530 [(109)] (110) "Wrecker" means a vehicle which is registered, designed,
531 equipped and used for the purposes of towing or transporting wrecked
532 or disabled motor vehicles for compensation or for related purposes by
533 a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions
534 of subpart (D) of part III of this chapter or a vehicle contracted for the
535 consensual towing or transporting of one or more motor vehicles to or
536 from a place of sale, purchase, salvage or repair.

537 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 14-390f of the
538 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
539 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

540 (1) "All-terrain vehicle" means any three or more wheeled motorized
541 vehicle, generally characterized by large, low-pressure tires, a seat
542 designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering,
543 which is intended for off-road use by an individual rider on various
544 types of nonpaved terrain. Such vehicles do not include trail bikes, golf
545 carts, agricultural tractors, farm implements, [and] construction
546 machines and low-speed vehicles;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-1
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-390f(a)(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the registration of low-speed vehicles and the operation of such vehicles on highways with posted speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour or less.

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