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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5327

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"AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES CONCERNING TOWING OCCUPIED VEHICLES AND THE OPERATION AND INSPECTION OF SCHOOL BUSES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the
4 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
5 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

6 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
7 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
8 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements
9 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) submit to the
10 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a
11 certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school,
12 a technical education and career school or a private secondary school of
13 a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided

14 in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed
15 drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training
16 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each
17 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful
18 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-
19 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit
20 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) submit to the commissioner, in
21 such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the
22 successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to
23 safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature
24 and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and
25 drugs, including cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, and their
26 impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with
27 the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or
28 drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, the
29 penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations and a
30 video presentation specific to the impact of cannabis on the operator of
31 a motor vehicle and how the ingestion of cannabis can cause impairment
32 of motor function, reaction time, perception and peripheral vision; and
33 (C) pass an examination which may include a comprehensive test as to
34 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
35 road in addition to the test required under subsection (c) of this section
36 and shall include an on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the
37 commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor
38 vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age
39 shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred
40 eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under
41 subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall
42 have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred
43 twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training and
44 instruction by the driver training unit for persons with disabilities in
45 accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such
46 permit for the period of time required by said unit. The commissioner
47 shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at drivers'
48 schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to such

49 standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the
 50 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good
 51 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, or
 52 secondary school driver education program authorized pursuant to the
 53 provisions of section 14-36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to
 54 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
 55 road, required pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part
 56 of the safe driving practices course required pursuant to subparagraph
 57 (B) of this subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath,
 58 the results of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction
 59 required by this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition
 60 to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course
 61 required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed
 62 [one hundred fifty] two hundred dollars. Any applicant sixteen or
 63 seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another state, completed
 64 the course required in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not
 65 complete the safe driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this
 66 subdivision, shall complete the safe driving course. The commissioner
 67 may waive any requirement in this subdivision, except for that in
 68 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen
 69 or seventeen years of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's
 70 license issued by any other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied
 71 that the applicant has received training and instruction of a similar
 72 nature."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	14-36(d)(1)