



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6569

January Session, 2021



AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14 of public act 19-119 is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to study compliance with motor
4 vehicle registration laws and make recommendations to prevent
5 Connecticut residents from registering motor vehicles in another state
6 while residing in Connecticut.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) Two appointed by the [speaker of the House of Representatives]
9 House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, one
11 of whom is a member of an association that represents municipal tax
12 assessors;

13 (2) Two appointed by the [president pro tempore of the] Senate
14 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
15 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, one of whom is
16 a municipal police chief;

17 (3) One appointed by the [majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives] House vice-chairperson of the joint standing
19 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20 relating to transportation, who is a municipal tax assessor that serves a
21 municipality with seventy-five thousand residents or more;

22 (4) One appointed by the [majority leader of the] Senate vice-
23 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
24 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a
25 member of a municipal police department that serves a municipality
26 with seventy-five thousand residents or more;

27 (5) One appointed by the [minority leader of the House of
28 Representatives] House ranking member of the joint standing
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
30 relating to transportation, who is a member of a municipal police
31 department that serves a municipality with less than seventy-five
32 thousand residents;

33 (6) One appointed by the [minority leader of the] Senate ranking
34 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
35 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a
36 municipal tax assessor that serves a municipality with less than seventy-
37 five thousand residents;

38 (7) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
39 designee;

40 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
41 or the commissioner's designee; and

42 (9) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

43 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
44 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
45 of the General Assembly.

46 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
47 [thirty days after the effective date of this section] September 1, 2021.
48 Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

49 (e) The [speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
50 pro tempore of the Senate] chairpersons of the joint standing committee
51 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
52 transportation shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among
53 the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
54 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later [than sixty days
55 after the effective date of this section] October 1, 2021.

56 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
57 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
58 transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

59 (g) Not later than January 1, [2020] 2022, the task force shall submit a
60 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
61 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
62 relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section
63 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
64 that it submits such report or January 1, [2020] 2022, whichever is later.

65 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Notwithstanding any
66 provision of the general statutes or special act, municipal charter or
67 ordinance, any municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its
68 legislative body, establish a fine to be imposed against any owner of a
69 motor vehicle that is subject to property tax pursuant to subsection (g)
70 of section 12-71b of the general statutes who fails to register such motor
71 vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, provided (1) such
72 motor vehicle is eligible for registration and required to be registered
73 under the provisions of chapter 246 of the general statutes, and (2) the
74 amount of such fine shall be not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

75 (b) Any police officer or other person authorized by the chief
76 executive officer of the municipality may issue a citation to any person

77 who fails to register such motor vehicle. Any municipality that adopts
78 an ordinance pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall also adopt
79 a citation hearing procedure pursuant to section 7-152c of the general
80 statutes by which procedure such fine shall be imposed.

81 (c) Any fine collected by a municipality pursuant to this section shall
82 be deposited into the general fund of the municipality or in any special
83 fund designated by the municipality.

84 (d) Any unpaid fine imposed by a municipality pursuant to the
85 provisions of an ordinance adopted under subsection (a) of this section
86 shall constitute a lien upon the real property of the owner of the motor
87 vehicle. Any such lien shall be continued, recorded and released in the
88 manner provided by the general statutes for continuing, recording and
89 releasing property tax liens.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 19-119, Sec. 14
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*