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AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 1-1h of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (e) Any person who misrepresents his or her age or practices any
5 other deceit in the procurement of an identity card, or uses or exhibits
6 an identity card belonging to any other person, shall be guilty of a class
7 D misdemeanor and shall have such identity card revoked by the
8 commissioner. Prior to the issuance to such person of a new identity
9 card, such person shall pay to the commissioner a restoration fee of one
10 hundred seventy-five dollars, in addition to the application fee
11 described in subsection (a) of this section.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-11c of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
14 *2021*):

15 (b) The Motor Carrier Advisory Council shall consist of the following
16 voting members: The Commissioners of Transportation, Motor
17 Vehicles, [Public Safety] Emergency Services and Public Protection,
18 Revenue Services, Economic and Community Development and Energy
19 and Environmental Protection, or their designees, and any other
20 commissioner of a state agency, or such commissioner's designee,
21 invited to participate. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the
22 commissioner's designee shall organize and serve as chairperson of the
23 council. The council shall only make recommendations or take actions
24 by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting. The council
25 may make recommendations as the council deems appropriate to the
26 United States Congress, the Governor or the General Assembly.

27 Sec. 3. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

29 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, firm
30 or corporation, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and
31 who is engaged in the business of filing applications for the issuance of
32 a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for motor vehicles with
33 the Department of Motor Vehicles, to file such applications
34 electronically if the commissioner determines that such person, firm or
35 corporation files, on average, seven or more such applications each
36 month. A qualified person, firm or corporation shall, [within] not later
37 than ten days [from] after the electronic issuance of such registration,
38 submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary
39 documents required to register the vehicle with the department. Any
40 such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to file such
41 application electronically upon the request of the commissioner shall
42 pay a twenty-five-dollar fee to the commissioner for each application
43 submitted. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance
44 with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this
45 section.

46 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

48 2021):

49 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural person,
50 such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on the
51 certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who shall
52 assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the owner
53 and upon the making of an application pursuant to this subsection. The
54 owner making such designation shall have all rights of ownership of
55 such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the beneficiary shall have
56 no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and an
57 application is made pursuant to this subsection. Not later than [sixty]
58 one hundred twenty days after the death of the owner, the beneficiary
59 may make application to the commissioner for the issuance of a
60 certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle
61 in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1)
62 The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is
63 designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the
64 deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the
65 commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection
66 (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and
67 number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247. If the
68 beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period
69 specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no right to obtain
70 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection after
71 the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain
72 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection shall
73 be subordinate to the rights of each lienholder whose security interest
74 in such motor vehicle is duly recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The
75 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to
76 implement the provisions of this subsection.

77 Sec. 5. Section 14-21z of the general statutes is repealed and the
78 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

79 (a) On and after January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
80 shall issue Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates of a design

81 to enhance public awareness of the state's effort to preserve and protect
82 the state's lakes and ponds from aquatic invasive species and
83 cyanobacteria blooms. Said design shall be determined by agreement
84 between the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
85 and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No use shall be made of such
86 plates except as official registration marker plates.

87 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall [establish, by
88 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged]
89 charge a fee of sixty dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative
90 number [plates] plate, with letters and numbers selected by the
91 commissioner, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the
92 registration of a motor vehicle. [The fee shall be for such number plates
93 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor
94 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher
95 fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of numbers
96 as authorized by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed
97 for plates issued under said section; and (2) such number plates which
98 are low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to
99 the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section. The
100 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted
101 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary
102 lakes and ponds preservation donation, which shall be deposited in the
103 Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account established under
104 section 14-21aa. All fees established and collected pursuant to this
105 section shall be deposited in said account.] The commissioner shall
106 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the
107 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,
108 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,
109 and forty-five dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
110 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as
111 amended by this act.

112 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of eighty
113 dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate that (A)
114 contains letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, as

115 amended by this act, or (B) is a low number plate in accordance with
116 section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for number plates
117 issued under said sections. The commissioner shall deposit fifteen
118 dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the Department of
119 Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing
120 and replacing such commemorative number plates, and sixty-five
121 dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds
122 Preservation account.

123 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, no additional
124 renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of registration for any motor
125 vehicle bearing Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates which
126 contain letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of
127 the renewal fee for Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates with
128 letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
129 No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration
130 to or from a registration with Save Our Lakes commemorative number
131 plates.

132 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may request an additional
133 voluntary donation of fifteen dollars at the time of registration renewal
134 for any motor vehicle bearing a Save Our Lakes commemorative
135 number plate. Five dollars of the donation may be dedicated to the
136 administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ten dollars
137 of such donation shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
138 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as
139 amended by this act. [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in
140 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
141 Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
142 chapter 54, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance,
143 renewal and replacement of Save Our Lakes commemorative number
144 plates.]

145 Sec. 6. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

147 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut
148 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account". The Connecticut Lakes,
149 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account shall be a separate, nonlapsing
150 account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law to be
151 deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the
152 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. The account
153 shall be available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
154 Protection for (1) restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, rivers and
155 ponds in the state; (2) programs of the Department of Energy and
156 Environmental Protection for the eradication of aquatic invasive species
157 and cyanobacteria blooms; (3) education and public outreach programs
158 to enhance the public's understanding of the need to protect and
159 preserve the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (4) allocation of grants to
160 state and municipal agencies and not-for-profit organizations to
161 conduct research and to provide public education and public awareness
162 to enhance understanding and management of the natural resources of
163 the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (5) provision of funds for all services
164 that support the protection and conservation of the state's lakes, rivers
165 and ponds; and (6) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles
166 for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Save Our
167 Lakes commemorative number plates, including administrative
168 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z, as amended by this act.

169 (b) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
170 Protection may receive private donations to the Connecticut Lakes,
171 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account and any such receipts shall be
172 deposited in the account.

173 (c) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
174 Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the Save
175 Our Lakes commemorative number plate image for use on clothing,
176 recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or
177 programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of
178 supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation
179 account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing
180 shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds

181 Preservation account.

182 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, not less than
183 eighty per cent of any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes,
184 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account pursuant to section 14-21bb
185 shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4),
186 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

187 Sec. 7. Section 14-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the
188 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

189 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue distinctive
190 registration marker plates to each motor vehicle, except a taxicab or
191 motor vehicle in livery service, that is used as a student transportation
192 vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. Each such registration of a student
193 transportation vehicle shall be issued for a period of one year and,
194 subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-103, may be
195 renewed by the owner, in accordance with schedules established by the
196 commissioner. The fee for such registration or for any renewal thereof
197 shall be determined as follows: (1) In the case of any such motor vehicle
198 designed as a service bus, the fee shall be one-half of the fee prescribed
199 for the registration of a service bus, in accordance with the provisions of
200 subsection (p) of section 14-49, and (2) in the case of any such motor
201 vehicle designed as a passenger motor vehicle, the fee shall be one-half
202 of the fee prescribed for the biennial registration of a [passenger]
203 combination motor vehicle or one-third of the fee prescribed for the
204 triennial registration of a [passenger] combination motor vehicle, in
205 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-49.

206 Sec. 8. Section 14-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
207 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

208 (a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab, school
209 bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation vehicle or
210 service bus and no person may operate or cause to be operated upon
211 any public highway any such motor vehicle until the owner or lessee
212 thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory to the

213 commissioner [, which insurance or bond] that shall indemnify the
214 insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any
215 person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result
216 from or have been caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle
217 described in the contract of insurance or such bond. Such insurance or
218 bond shall not be required from (1) a municipality which the
219 commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial responsibility to
220 meet legal liability for personal injury, death or damage resulting from
221 or caused by the use or operation of a service bus owned or operated by
222 such municipality, or (2) the owner or lessee of such class of motor
223 vehicle who holds a certificate of public necessity and convenience from
224 the Department of Transportation if such owner or lessee has procured
225 from the department a certificate that the department has found that
226 such owner or lessee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal
227 liability for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from or
228 caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle. The Department
229 of Transportation may issue such certificate upon presentation of
230 evidence of financial responsibility that is satisfactory to it.

231 (b) [(1)] The amount of insurance or of such bond [which] that each
232 such vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity
233 against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting
234 from damage to the property of passengers or others for any one
235 accident shall be not less than [(A) fifty thousand dollars for one person
236 subject to that limit per person; (B) for all persons in any one accident
237 where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, one hundred
238 thousand dollars; (C) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, one hundred
239 fifty thousand dollars; (D) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, two
240 hundred thousand dollars; (E) twenty-one to thirty passengers,
241 inclusive, two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (F) thirty-one
242 passengers or more, three hundred thousand dollars; and such policy or
243 such bond shall indemnify the insured against legal liability resulting
244 from damage to the property of passengers or of others to the amount
245 of ten thousand dollars] (1) a single limit of liability of (A) five hundred
246 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport seven

247 passenger or less, or (B) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, if such
248 vehicle is designed or used to transport eight to fourteen passengers
249 without compensation; (2) the minimum amounts established in 49 CFR
250 Part 387, as amended from time to time, if such vehicle is designed or
251 used to transport eight passengers or more for compensation, or fifteen
252 passengers or more without compensation; (3) one million five hundred
253 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the
254 provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or
255 used to transport fourteen passengers or less; and (4) five million
256 dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the provisions
257 of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or used to
258 transport fifteen passengers or more.

259 [(2) In lieu of the foregoing, a single limit of liability shall be allowed
260 as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death
261 and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers
262 or of others for any one accident (A) where the carrying capacity is seven
263 passengers or less, not less than one hundred thousand dollars; (B) eight
264 to twelve passengers, inclusive, not less than one hundred fifty
265 thousand dollars; (C) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, not less
266 than two hundred thousand dollars; (D) twenty-one to thirty
267 passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars;
268 and (E) thirty-one passengers or more, not less than three hundred
269 thousand dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (i)
270 a municipality which the commissioner has found to have sufficient
271 financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as provided
272 in subsection (a) of this section or (ii) the owner or lessees of any such
273 motor vehicle holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity
274 issued by the Department of Transportation whom the department has
275 found to be of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for
276 damages as provided in subsection (a).]

277 (c) (1) Any person or company issuing any such insurance or
278 indemnity bond shall file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a
279 certificate in such form as the commissioner prescribes, and no such
280 insurance or bond shall lapse, expire or be cancelled while the

281 registration is in force until the commissioner has been given at least ten
282 days' written notice of an intention to cancel and until the commissioner
283 has accepted other insurance or another indemnity bond and has
284 notified the person or company seeking to cancel such insurance or
285 bond that such other insurance or bond has been accepted or until the
286 registration of such motor vehicle described in such insurance policy or
287 bond has been suspended or cancelled.

288 (2) No person or company issuing any such insurance or indemnity
289 bond shall issue an insurance policy or indemnity bond for a motor
290 vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this section for limits less than those
291 specified in subsection (b) [or (f)] of this section. Upon initial registration
292 or renewal of any such motor vehicle, the commissioner may presume
293 that an insurance policy or indemnity bond meets the minimum
294 amounts specified in said subsection (b) [or (f)] for such vehicle.

295 (d) Any person injured in person or property by any such motor
296 vehicle may apply to the commissioner for the name and description of
297 the insurer of the vehicle causing such injury or the name of the surety
298 upon any indemnity bond of any such owner or the name of the holder
299 of a certificate of financial responsibility.

300 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
301 fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than
302 one year or both.

303 [(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person,
304 association or corporation operating a motor vehicle in livery service
305 under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, shall carry
306 insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death and
307 legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers or of
308 others for any one accident in an amount not less than one million five
309 hundred thousand dollars for vehicles with a seating capacity of
310 fourteen passengers or less and five million dollars for vehicles with a
311 seating capacity of fifteen passengers or more.]

312 Sec. 9. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the

313 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

314 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,
315 no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway of this
316 state or private road on which a speed limit has been established in
317 accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a until such person has
318 obtained a motor vehicle operator's license.

319 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older who does not hold a
320 motor vehicle operator's license may not operate a motor vehicle on the
321 public highways of the state for the purpose of instruction until such
322 person has applied for and obtained an adult instruction permit from
323 the commissioner. Such person shall not be eligible for an adult
324 instruction permit if such person has had a motor vehicle operator's
325 license or privilege suspended or revoked. An adult instruction permit
326 shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her
327 immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public
328 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and
329 accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued
330 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or
331 older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years preceding
332 the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the motor vehicle
333 being operated and who has not had his or her motor vehicle operator's
334 license suspended by the commissioner during the four-year period
335 preceding the instruction. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
336 not issue a motor vehicle operator's license to any person holding an
337 adult instruction permit who has held such permit for less than ninety
338 days unless such person (A) is a member of the armed forces on active
339 duty outside the state, or (B) has previously held a motor vehicle
340 operator's license. (2) A person holding a valid out-of-state motor
341 vehicle operator's license may operate a motor vehicle for a period of
342 [thirty] sixty days following such person's establishment of residence in
343 Connecticut, if the motor vehicle is of the same class as that for which
344 his or her out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license was issued. (3)
345 No person may cause or permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a
346 person under sixteen years of age.

347 (c) (1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has
348 not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor
349 vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the
350 [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner for a youth instruction
351 permit. The commissioner may issue a youth instruction permit to an
352 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as to
353 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
354 road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 and has
355 filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,
356 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the youth instruction permit
357 and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both
358 parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires,
359 (B) the legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the
360 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no
361 qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal
362 guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled outside of this state or
363 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the
364 applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or
365 marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The
366 commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the
367 commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in
368 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended by this act,
369 or any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle
370 operation and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e, as
371 amended by this act, to issue a youth instruction permit, subject to such
372 standards and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in
373 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each youth
374 instruction permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance or on
375 the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's
376 license, whichever is earlier. Any holder of a youth instruction permit
377 who attains eighteen years of age may retain such permit until the
378 expiration of such permit. (2) The youth instruction permit shall entitle
379 the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate
380 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, provided
381 such holder is under the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person

382 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section
383 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to
384 operate, for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle
385 of the same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not
386 had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the
387 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (3)
388 Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction of and
389 accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued under
390 the provisions of section 14-73, no passenger in addition to the person
391 providing instruction shall be transported unless such passenger is a
392 parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a
393 youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member of a certified
394 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an
395 emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national
396 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of
397 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history
398 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the
399 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be
400 exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection
401 only when such holder is [en route] driving to or from the location of
402 the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency call. (5) The
403 commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit used in
404 violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of this
405 subsection.

406 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
407 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
408 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements
409 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) [~~present~~] submit to
410 the [~~Commissioner of Motor Vehicles~~] commissioner, in such manner as
411 the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion
412 (i) in a public secondary school, a technical education and career school
413 or a private secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle
414 operation prepared as provided in section 14-36e, as amended by this
415 act, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'

416 school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training in
417 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each
418 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful
419 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-
420 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit
421 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) [present] submit to the
422 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a
423 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight
424 hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four
425 hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects
426 of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle,
427 the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the
428 consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of
429 alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related
430 motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an examination which may
431 include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning
432 motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required
433 under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road
434 skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application
435 and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant
436 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction
437 permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an
438 applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or
439 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth
440 instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an
441 applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver
442 training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the
443 provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period
444 of time required by said unit. The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles]
445 commissioner shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction
446 at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to
447 such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the
448 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good
449 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended
450 by this act, or secondary school driver education program authorized

451 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, as amended by this act, to
452 administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws
453 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant
454 to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving
455 practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
456 subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results
457 of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by
458 this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing
459 instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under
460 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty
461 dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a
462 resident of another state, completed the course required in
463 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe
464 driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall
465 complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any
466 requirement in this subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of
467 this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years
468 of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any
469 other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has
470 received training and instruction of a similar nature.

471 (2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training
472 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home
473 training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the
474 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs. Such
475 statement shall be signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or
476 by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant
477 [which states] and shall state that the applicant has obtained a youth
478 instruction permit and has successfully completed a driving course
479 taught by the person signing the statement, that the signer has had an
480 operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the
481 statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by
482 the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the
483 statement. [or, if] If the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent,
484 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the

485 instruction, [a] such statement may be signed by the applicant's
486 stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided
487 the person signing the statement is qualified.

488 (3) If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant under
489 this section, the test shall be given in English or Spanish at the option of
490 the applicant, provided the commissioner shall require that the
491 applicant shall have sufficient understanding of English for the
492 interpretation of traffic control signs.

493 (4) The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner may adopt
494 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
495 implement the purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements
496 for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, the content of safe
497 driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary
498 schools, and the administration and certification of required testing.

499 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the
500 applicant signs and [files with] submits to the commissioner, in such
501 manner as the commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made
502 subject to penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-
503 157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen
504 years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the license.

505 (2) Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an applicant for
506 a new motor vehicle operator's license shall [, in the discretion of the
507 commissioner, file,] submit with the application [,] a copy of such
508 applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence, as determined
509 by the commissioner, of date of birth and evidence of identity.

510 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously
511 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or [who has not
512 operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years] whose
513 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two
514 years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the
515 applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, [or]
516 a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such

517 manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper
518 person to operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant
519 has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor
520 vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory
521 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
522 road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle
523 operator's license may be administered in such form as the
524 commissioner deems appropriate, including audio, electronic or written
525 testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered in English, Spanish
526 or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's
527 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census
528 Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such
529 knowledge test shall include a question concerning highway work zone
530 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
531 section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than
532 one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile
533 telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the
534 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa. If any
535 such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of
536 the United States where a similar examination is required, the
537 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such
538 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the
539 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,
540 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as
541 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed
542 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's
543 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such
544 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the
545 examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle [licenses]
546 license, the commissioner shall [only] waive the driving skills test for
547 such applicant [who] and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive
548 the knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant
549 meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time.
550 For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who
551 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable

552 from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same
553 meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is
554 satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the
555 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or
556 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and
557 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to
558 operate.

559 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem
560 which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle
561 safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to
562 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding
563 such problem, such applicant or license holder is a proper person to
564 operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may further require a
565 certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority
566 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall in all cases be
567 treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license, containing such
568 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or
569 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to
570 prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or
571 unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person whom the
572 commissioner determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor
573 vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle
574 operator's license issued to or renewed by a person who is deaf or hard
575 of hearing shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such
576 impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such
577 impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed
578 by a licensed health care practitioner.

579 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant
580 who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be subject to
581 the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

582 (f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor vehicle
583 in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2) any motor
584 vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which such person's right to

585 operate is limited.

586 (g) The commissioner may place a restriction on the motor vehicle
587 operator's license of any person or on any special operator's permit
588 issued to any person in accordance with the provisions of section 14-37a
589 that restricts the holder of such license or permit to the operation of a
590 motor vehicle that is equipped with an approved ignition interlock
591 device, as defined in section 14-227j, for such time as the commissioner
592 shall prescribe, if such person has: (1) Been convicted for a first or second
593 time of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a,
594 and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of
595 suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of
596 subsections (g) and (i) of section 14-227a; (2) been ordered by the
597 Superior Court not to operate any motor vehicle unless it is equipped
598 with an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the
599 provisions of section 14-227j; (3) been granted a reversal or reduction of
600 such person's license suspension or revocation, in accordance with the
601 provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-111; (4) been issued a motor
602 vehicle operator's license upon the surrender of an operator's license
603 issued by another state and such previously held license contains a
604 restriction to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition
605 interlock device; (5) been convicted of a violation of section 53a-56b or
606 53a-60d; (6) been permitted by the commissioner to be issued or to retain
607 an operator's license subject to reporting requirements concerning such
608 person's physical condition, in accordance with the provisions of
609 subsection (e) of this section and sections 14-45a to 14-46g, inclusive, as
610 amended by this act; (7) had such person's operator's license suspended
611 under subsection (i) of section 14-227b and has served not less than
612 forty-five days of the prescribed period of such suspension; (8) been
613 convicted for a first or second time of a violation of subsection (a) of
614 section 14-227m and has served not less than forty-five days of the
615 prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with
616 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227m and subsection (i) of
617 section 14-227a; or (9) been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) or
618 (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n and has served not less than forty-

619 five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in
620 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227n and
621 subsection (i) of section 14-227a.

622 (h) Before issuing a motor vehicle operator's license in accordance
623 with this section or section 14-44c, as amended by this act, the
624 commissioner shall request information from the National Driver
625 Registry and the Commercial Driver License Information System, in
626 accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR section 383.73. Each driving
627 history record shall contain a notation of the date on which such inquiry
628 was made.

629 (i) (1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for
630 a first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
631 not less than seventy-five dollars or more than ninety dollars and, for
632 any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
633 dollars or more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not
634 more than thirty days, or both.

635 (2) In addition to the penalty prescribed under subdivision (1) of this
636 subsection, any person who violates any provision of this section who
637 (A) has, prior to the commission of the present violation, committed a
638 violation of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, shall be fined
639 not more than five hundred dollars or sentenced to perform not more
640 than one hundred hours of community service, or (B) has, prior to the
641 commission of the present violation, committed two or more violations
642 of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, or any combination
643 thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year, ninety
644 days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner.

645 (j) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in
646 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

647 Sec. 10. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the
648 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

649 (a) The commissioner may acquire, by lease or purchase, and install

650 at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and at such other
651 locations where operator's licenses are issued or renewed, such
652 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
653 chapter.

654 (b) The commissioner may [provide for the renewal of] renew or
655 produce a duplicate of any motor vehicle operator's license, commercial
656 driver's license or identity card without personal appearance of the
657 license or card holder [, in circumstances where the holder is a member
658 of the armed forces, is temporarily residing outside of this state for
659 business or educational purposes, or in other circumstances where, in
660 the judgment of the commissioner, such personal appearance would be
661 impractical or pose a significant hardship. The commissioner shall
662 decline to issue any such renewal without personal appearance if the
663 commissioner is not satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot
664 personally appear, if the commissioner does not have the applicant's
665 color] if (1) the commissioner has on file a photograph or digital image
666 [on file, if] of the applicant that meets the specifications and standards
667 prescribed by the commissioner and may be used on such license or
668 identity card, (2) the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the
669 identity of the applicant, [has not been presented, or if] (3) the
670 commissioner [has reason to believe] is satisfied that the applicant is [no
671 longer] a legal resident of this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the
672 applicant personally appeared to renew such license or identity card
673 within the time limitations specified in state or federal law, and (5) the
674 applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or duplicate
675 issuance of a license or identity card.

676 (c) The commissioner may issue, [or] renew [any] or duplicate a
677 license, [any] an instruction permit or an identity card [issued or
678 renewed] pursuant to this title or section 1-1h, as amended by this act,
679 by any method that the commissioner deems to be secure and efficient.
680 If the commissioner determines that an applicant has met all conditions
681 for such issuance, [or] renewal or duplication, the commissioner may
682 require that such license, instruction permit or identity card be
683 produced at a centralized location and mailed to the applicant. The

684 commissioner may issue a temporary license, instruction permit or
685 identity card for use by the applicant for the period prior to the
686 applicant's receipt of the permanent license, instruction permit or
687 identity card. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity
688 card shall not be required to contain a photograph or digital image of
689 the applicant as specified in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of section
690 14-36h. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity card shall
691 have an expiration date not later than thirty days after the date of
692 issuance and shall remain valid until the earlier of such expiration date
693 or the date the applicant receives such license, instruction permit or
694 identity card.

695 (d) [The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide] If the
696 commissioner provides for the renewal or duplicate issuance of the
697 motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity
698 card [of any person not identified in] without the personal appearance
699 of the license or card holder in accordance with the provisions of
700 subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall establish
701 procedures to renew or issue a duplicate of such license or identity card
702 by mail or by electronic communication with the Department of Motor
703 Vehicles.

704 Sec. 11. Section 14-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the
705 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

706 (a) As used in this section, "classroom instruction" includes training
707 or instruction offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance
708 learning or through a combination of both in-person and distance
709 learning.

710 (b) Each local and regional board of education may provide a course
711 of instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety on a
712 secondary school level, which course (1) shall consist of not less than
713 thirty clock hours of classroom instruction offered during or after school
714 hours as said board of education, in its discretion, may provide,
715 including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the

716 responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b) of
717 section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of said
718 subsection (b), and (2) may include behind-the-wheel instruction of up
719 to twenty clock hours. [Said] Such course shall be open to enrollment by
720 any person between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, who is
721 a resident of the town or school district or whose parent, parents or legal
722 guardian owns property taxable in such town or school district. Any
723 such board of education may contract for such behind-the-wheel
724 instruction with a licensed drivers' school.

725 Sec. 12. Section 14-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the
726 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

727 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
728 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the
729 establishment, conduct and scope of driver education programs in
730 secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements of section 14-
731 36e, as amended by this act. Such regulations shall (1) permit any local
732 or regional board of education or private secondary school to contract
733 with a licensed drivers' school approved by the Commissioner of Motor
734 Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction of such driver education
735 program and instruction therein may be given by such school's driving
736 instructors who are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, [and]
737 (2) require that the classroom instruction of any such driver education
738 program [shall] include a discussion concerning highway work zone
739 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
740 section 14-212d, and (3) permit a class or classroom instruction to be
741 offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or
742 through a combination of both in-person and distance learning.

743 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
744 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
745 *passage*):

746 (b) The commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not
747 limited to, an automobile club or association licensed in accordance with

748 the provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any
749 municipality, to [issue duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to
750 section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to
751 section 1-1h and conduct registration transactions at the office or
752 facilities of such contractors or municipalities] conduct transactions as
753 specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may authorize such
754 contractors and municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall
755 not exceed eight dollars, to [each] an applicant for [a license or identity
756 card renewal or duplication, or for a registration] each such transaction.
757 The commissioner may collaborate or enter into agreements with such
758 contractors and municipalities to implement technological solutions
759 and other improvements to reduce customer wait times and enhance
760 customer convenience.

761 Sec. 14. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the
762 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

763 (a) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercial
764 driver's instruction permit, shall include the following:

765 (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of the
766 person;

767 (2) A physical description of the person, including [sex] gender,
768 height and eye color;

769 (3) Date of birth;

770 (4) The applicant's Social Security number;

771 (5) The person's statement, under oath, that such person meets the
772 physical qualification standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended
773 from time to time;

774 (6) The person's statement, under oath, that the type of vehicle in
775 which the person has taken or intends to take the driving skills test is
776 representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or
777 intends to operate;

778 (7) The person's statement, under oath, that such person is not subject
779 to disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of operating
780 privileges in any state, and that he or she does not hold an operator's
781 license in any other state;

782 (8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has
783 been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten
784 years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not
785 hold an operator's license in any other state; and

786 (9) The person's signature, and certification of the accuracy and
787 completeness of the application, subject to the penalties of false
788 statement under section 53a-157b. The application shall be accompanied
789 by the fee prescribed in section 14-44h.

790 (b) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days
791 may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a
792 commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

793 (c) At the time of application for a commercial driver's license, the
794 applicant shall make the applicable certification, as required by 49 CFR
795 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in which such person shall
796 engage. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to a person who
797 fails to make such certification.

798 (d) On and after January 6, 2023, the commissioner shall request a
799 driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in accordance
800 with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from time to time, for any person who
801 applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial driver's license.
802 The commissioner shall use information obtained from the Drug and
803 Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether a
804 person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not
805 disclose such information to any person or entity not directly involved
806 in determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial
807 motor vehicle.

808 [(d)] (e) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person

809 who knowingly falsifies information or certifications required under
810 subsection (a) of this section shall have such person's operator's license
811 or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended for sixty
812 days.

813 Sec. 15. Subsection (g) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
814 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
815 *2021*):

816 (g) The commissioner may issue a commercial driver's instruction
817 permit to any person who holds a valid operator's license. Such permit
818 may be issued for a period not exceeding one [hundred eighty days, and
819 may be reissued or renewed for one additional period not exceeding one
820 hundred eighty days, provided the reissuance or renewal of such permit
821 occurs within a two-year period from its initial issuance] year. Any
822 holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit who has not obtained
823 a commercial driver's license on or before the expiration date of such
824 [reissued or renewed] permit shall be required to retake the commercial
825 driver's license knowledge test and any applicable endorsement
826 knowledge tests. The holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit
827 may, unless otherwise disqualified or suspended, drive a commercial
828 motor vehicle if such holder is accompanied by the holder of a
829 commercial driver's license of the appropriate class and bearing
830 endorsements for the type of vehicle being driven who occupies a seat
831 beside the individual for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the
832 commercial motor vehicle. The commissioner shall not administer a
833 commercial driver's license driving skills test to any holder of a
834 commercial driver's instruction permit unless such person has held such
835 permit for a minimum period of fourteen days.

836 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 14-44i of the general statutes is
837 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
838 *2021*):

839 (b) There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license
840 knowledge test a fee of sixteen dollars. There shall be charged for each

841 commercial driver's license skills test a fee of thirty dollars. There shall
842 be charged for each commercial driver's instruction permit a fee of [ten]
843 twenty dollars.

844 Sec. 17. Subsection (g) of section 14-44k of the general statutes is
845 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
846 *2021*):

847 (g) Any person who (1) uses any motor vehicle in the commission of
848 a felony involving the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of a
849 controlled substance, or (2) uses a commercial motor vehicle in the
850 commission of a felony involving severe forms of trafficking in persons,
851 as defined in 22 USC 7102(11), as amended from time to time, shall be
852 disqualified for life and ineligible for reinstatement in accordance with
853 subsection (h) of this section.

854 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 14-45a of the general statutes is
855 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
856 *2021*):

857 (b) Prior to issuing a motor vehicle operator's license to a person who
858 has not previously been issued a license in this state or [has not operated
859 a motor vehicle within the preceding two years] whose Connecticut
860 motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to
861 the application date, the commissioner may require such person to pass
862 a vision screening to determine if the person meets vision standards
863 specified in the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
864 section.

865 Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
866 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
867 *1, 2021*):

868 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part
869 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross
870 vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred
871 pounds, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one hundred

872 thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to such
873 vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may, at
874 such individual's discretion, renew the combination registration of such
875 passenger motor vehicle owned by such individual for either a one-year
876 period or the registration period as determined by the commissioner
877 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-22.

878 (2) For the registration of a school bus, the commissioner shall charge
879 an annual fee of one hundred seven dollars for a type I school bus and
880 sixty-four dollars for a type II school bus.

881 (3) For the registration of a motor vehicle when used in part for
882 commercial purposes and as a passenger motor vehicle or of a motor
883 vehicle having a seating capacity greater than ten and not used for the
884 conveyance of passengers for hire, the commissioner shall charge a
885 biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as outlined
886 in section 14-47, plus the sum of fourteen dollars and shall issue
887 combination registration to such vehicle.

888 (4) Each vehicle registered as combination shall be issued a number
889 plate bearing the word "combination". No vehicle registered as
890 combination may have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of twelve
891 thousand five hundred pounds.

892 (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having a gross vehicle
893 weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred pounds that is
894 not used in part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall
895 charge a triennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as
896 provided in section 14-47, plus the sum of twenty-one dollars. The
897 commissioner may issue passenger registration to any such vehicle with
898 a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred pounds or
899 less.

900 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general statutes is
901 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
902 *2021*):

903 (a) Any person (1) whose operator's license or [right] privilege to
904 operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by
905 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, [or] (2) who has been disqualified
906 from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or (3) whose identity card,
907 issued under section 1-1h, as amended by this act, has been revoked due
908 to misrepresentation or deceit, shall pay a restoration fee of one hundred
909 seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such
910 person of a new operator's license or identity card or the restoration of
911 such operator's license or [such] privilege to operate a motor vehicle or
912 commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to
913 any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty
914 dollars of such fee in a separate nonlapsing school bus seat belt account
915 which shall be established within the General Fund.

916 Sec. 21. Section 14-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the
917 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

918 (a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the
919 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or
920 the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued either a
921 new car dealer's, a used car dealer's, a repairer's or a limited repairer's
922 license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the
923 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor
924 vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five
925 hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer or limited repairer, three
926 hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially
927 according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner so as
928 to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a
929 staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less
930 than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a
931 prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior
932 to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall
933 send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the
934 commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not
935 filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee
936 prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in

937 business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after
938 the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred
939 dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this
940 subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.

941 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each
942 applicant for a repairer's or a limited repairer's license shall furnish [a
943 cash bond or] a surety bond in the amount of five thousand dollars.

944 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each applicant
945 for a new car dealer's or a used car dealer's license shall furnish [a cash
946 bond or] a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

947 (3) Each applicant for a leasing or rental license issued pursuant to
948 section 14-15, who is engaged in the leasing or renting of motor vehicles
949 for periods of thirty days or more shall furnish [a cash bond or] a surety
950 bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars.

951 (4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive,
952 of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee
953 complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation
954 relating to the conduct of such business and provided as indemnity for
955 any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts of the licensee
956 constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or such
957 licensee going out of business. Each [cash bond shall be deposited with
958 the commissioner and each] surety bond shall be executed in the name
959 of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but
960 the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the
961 commissioner after a hearing held before said commissioner in
962 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. For purposes of this
963 subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any person, firm or
964 corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor vehicle inventory, or
965 (B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity as a dealer, who buys
966 motor vehicles from or sells motor vehicles to another licensed dealer.

967 (5) The commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two
968 hundred dollars against any licensee for failing to provide proof of bond

969 renewal or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the
970 existing bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or
971 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is
972 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

973 (c) The commissioner may request information from any applicant
974 for a repairer's license or used car dealer's license concerning the
975 financial status and ability of such applicant to comply with the
976 requirements of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder.
977 The commissioner shall review such information to determine if the
978 applicant has sufficient financial resources to conduct the business in a
979 manner consistent with the reasonable security and protection of its
980 customers in regard to the duties and responsibilities imposed by the
981 provisions of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The
982 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the applicant fails to
983 provide any such information requested or, if, after review by the
984 commissioner, the commissioner is not satisfied as to such applicant's
985 financial status. The commissioner may, in any case deemed
986 appropriate, grant a license on condition that the applicant post [a cash
987 bond or] a surety bond, in accordance with the provisions of subsection
988 (b) of this section, in an amount prescribed by the commissioner that is
989 greater than the minimum amount required by the applicable
990 provisions of said subsection (b). Any applicant aggrieved by any
991 decision of the commissioner made pursuant to this subsection shall be
992 afforded an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions
993 of chapter 54. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
994 with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

995 (d) Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of the
996 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of
997 the repairing of any motor vehicle without a license shall be guilty of a
998 class B misdemeanor.

999 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall transmit to the
1000 Commissioner of Revenue Services and the Commissioner of Energy
1001 and Environmental Protection a summary of any complaint that the

1002 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles receives alleging that a person, firm or
1003 corporation is engaging in the business of the buying, selling, offering
1004 for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of the repairing of any
1005 motor vehicle without a license.

1006 Sec. 22. Section 14-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1007 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1008 (a) The commissioner may, after notice and hearing, refuse to grant
1009 or renew a license to a person, firm or corporation to engage in the
1010 business of selling or repairing motor vehicles pursuant to the
1011 provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, if the applicant for
1012 or holder of such a license, or an officer or major stockholder if the
1013 applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, has been found liable in a
1014 civil action, or convicted of, a violation of any provision of laws
1015 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer including
1016 a motor vehicle recycler, or of any violation involving fraud, larceny or
1017 deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United
1018 States or of any state. Each applicant for such a license shall submit to a
1019 state criminal history records check, conducted in accordance with
1020 section 29-17a and based on the applicant's name and date of birth, not
1021 more than thirty days before such application is made and provide the
1022 results of such records check to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The
1023 commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to submit its
1024 application electronically. Upon renewal of such license, [such] a
1025 licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or
1026 conviction under penalty of false statement.

1027 (b) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant or
1028 renew a license to an applicant [or licensee] for or the holder of a used
1029 car dealer's license that is delinquent in the payment of sales tax in
1030 connection with a business from which it is or was obligated to remit
1031 sales tax, as reported to the commissioner by the Department of
1032 Revenue Services.

1033 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is

1034 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1035 *1, 2021*):

1036 (a) Each sale shall be evidenced by [an] a retail purchase order
1037 properly signed by both the buyer and seller, a copy of which shall be
1038 furnished to the buyer when executed, and an invoice upon delivery of
1039 the motor vehicle, both of which shall contain the following information:
1040 (1) Make of vehicle; (2) [year of] the vehicle's model year, whether sold
1041 as new or used, and [on invoice] the vehicle's identification number; (3)
1042 deposit, and (A) if the deposit is not refundable, the words "No Refund
1043 of Deposit" shall appear at this point, [and] (B) if the deposit is
1044 conditionally refundable, the words "Conditional Refund of Deposit"
1045 shall appear at this point, followed by a statement giving the conditions
1046 for refund, [and] (C) if the deposit is unconditionally refundable, the
1047 words "Unconditional Refund" shall appear at this point, and (D) if the
1048 buyer is financing the motor vehicle through the seller, a statement that
1049 the deposit is refundable if the seller does not provide written proof of
1050 approved financing to the buyer prior to the execution of the retail
1051 purchase order; (4) cash selling price; (5) finance charges, and (A) if
1052 these charges do not include insurance, the words "No Insurance" shall
1053 appear at this point, and (B) if these charges include insurance, a
1054 statement shall appear at this point giving the exact type of coverage; (6)
1055 allowance on motor vehicle traded in, if any, and description of the
1056 same; (7) stamped or printed in a size equal to at least ten-point bold
1057 type on the face of both order and invoice one of the following forms:
1058 (A) "This motor vehicle not guaranteed", or (B) "This motor vehicle is
1059 guaranteed", followed by a statement as to the terms of such guarantee,
1060 which terms shall include the duration of the guarantee or the number
1061 of miles the guarantee shall remain in effect. Such statement shall not
1062 apply to household furnishings of any trailer; (8) if the motor vehicle is
1063 new but has been subject to use by the seller or use in connection with
1064 his business as a dealer, the word "demonstrator" shall be clearly
1065 displayed on the face of both order and invoice; (9) any dealer
1066 conveyance fee or processing fee and a statement that such fee is not
1067 payable to the state of Connecticut printed in at least ten-point bold type

1068 on the face of both order and invoice; and (10) the dealer's legal name,
1069 address and license number. For the purposes of this subdivision,
1070 "dealer conveyance fee" or "processing fee" means a fee charged by a
1071 dealer to recover reasonable costs for processing all documentation and
1072 performing services related to the closing of a sale, including, but not
1073 limited to, the registration and transfer of ownership of the motor
1074 vehicle which is the subject of the sale.

1075 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 14-69 of the general statutes is
1076 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1077 *2021*):

1078 (a) No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers'
1079 school without being licensed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
1080 An application for a license shall be in writing and shall contain such
1081 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for a license
1082 shall be fingerprinted before such application is approved. The
1083 commissioner shall subject each applicant for a license to state and
1084 national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with
1085 section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry
1086 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any such applicant has a
1087 criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry,
1088 the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to issue a
1089 license to conduct a drivers' school in accordance with the standards and
1090 procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted
1091 pursuant to said section. If the application is approved, the applicant
1092 shall be granted a license upon the payment of a fee of seven hundred
1093 dollars and a deposit with the commissioner of [cash or] a bond of a
1094 surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned on
1095 the faithful performance by the applicant of any contract to furnish
1096 instruction, in either case in such amount as the commissioner may
1097 require, such [cash or] bond to be held by the commissioner to satisfy
1098 any execution issued against such school in a cause arising out of failure
1099 of such school to perform such contract. For each additional place of
1100 business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of one
1101 hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee opens an additional

1102 place of business with one year or less remaining on the term of its
1103 license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-eight dollars for
1104 each such additional place of business for the year or any part thereof
1105 remaining on the term of such license. No license shall be required in
1106 the case of any board of education, or any public, private or parochial
1107 school, which conducts a course in driver education established in
1108 accordance with sections 14-36e, as amended by this act, and 14-36f, as
1109 amended by this act. A license so issued shall be valid for two years. The
1110 commissioner shall issue a license certificate or certificates to each
1111 licensee, one of which shall be displayed in each place of business of the
1112 licensee. In case of the loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate, the
1113 commissioner shall issue a duplicate upon proof of the facts and the
1114 payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

1115 Sec. 25. Section 14-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1117 The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
1118 provisions of chapter 54, [for (1)] regarding the conduct of drivers'
1119 schools and instructor license requirements. Such regulations shall (1)
1120 establish the conduct of drivers' schools, including, but not limited to,
1121 requirements as to the inspection of the vehicles used by the drivers'
1122 schools in the conduct of their business, instructional standards and
1123 procedures, including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes
1124 concerning the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
1125 subsection (b) of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the
1126 provisions of said subsection (b), instruction concerning highway work
1127 zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle
1128 under section 14-212d, the posting of rates charged for instruction, and
1129 the general form, [in which] and when required, the method of
1130 transmission to the commissioner of records [shall be kept] concerning
1131 persons under instruction and those who have completed their course
1132 of instruction, [and] (2) [the establishment of] permit a class or
1133 classroom instruction to be offered in person in a congregate setting,
1134 through distance learning or through a combination of both in-person
1135 and distance learning, and (3) establish the requirements for a person to

1136 receive a license as an instructor in accordance with section 14-73. On
1137 and after October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall not issue a license that
1138 is limited to classroom instruction. Any person who was issued such
1139 limited license prior to October 1, 2010, may maintain and renew such
1140 license.

1141 Sec. 26. Subsection (d) of section 14-111g of the general statutes is
1142 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1143 *passage*):

1144 (d) (1) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
1145 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
1146 section.

1147 (2) An operator retraining program may be offered in person in a
1148 congregate setting, through distance learning or through a combination
1149 of both in-person and distance learning.

1150 Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
1151 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1152 *2021*):

1153 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
1154 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations
1155 shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control
1156 equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission
1157 standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic
1158 standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy
1159 and Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of
1160 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or
1161 waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by
1162 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and
1163 compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the
1164 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such
1165 regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board
1166 diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor
1167 vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or

1168 which will be registered in this state, and to all motor vehicles sold by a
1169 dealer licensed in this state as required by subsection (n) of this section,
1170 except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand
1171 pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors
1172 attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary
1173 registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago;
1174 (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered
1175 but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as
1176 defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II
1177 school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer
1178 either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for
1179 the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; (12)
1180 vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a
1181 and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles; (13)
1182 electric bicycles, as defined in section 14-1; or (14) electric foot scooters,
1183 as defined in section 14-1. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations
1184 shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four
1185 or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the
1186 previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse
1187 upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental
1188 Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department
1189 of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate
1190 applicable federal environmental or transportation planning
1191 requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the
1192 commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and
1193 compliance or waiver prior to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the
1194 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection finds that it is
1195 necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision
1196 (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model
1197 years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning
1198 emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1199 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
1200 to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles
1201 having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor
1202 vehicles four or less model years of age.

1203 Sec. 28. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the
1204 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1205 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1206 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the Office
1207 of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to time
1208 modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each
1209 biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for
1210 inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such
1211 fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the
1212 costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including
1213 administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor,
1214 exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by
1215 the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official
1216 emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply
1217 with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the
1218 right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to
1219 the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection
1220 without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal
1221 holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special
1222 circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection
1223 to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for
1224 reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee of
1225 twenty dollars against the owner of a motor vehicle that has not
1226 presented such motor vehicle for an emissions inspection within thirty
1227 days following the expiration date of the assigned inspection period, or
1228 that has not presented such motor vehicle for a reinspection within sixty
1229 days following a test failure, or both. The commissioner may waive such
1230 late fee when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the
1231 failure to have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned
1232 inspection period or during the sixty-day reinspection period was due
1233 to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been
1234 transferred, the new owner shall have such motor vehicle inspected
1235 within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle. The
1236 commissioner may specify a longer period for all new owners to achieve

1237 compliance after a transfer of ownership if circumstances require
1238 closure or limited operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles or
1239 emissions inspection stations. After the expiration of such thirty-day
1240 period, or the period specified by the commissioner, the commissioner
1241 shall require the payment of the late fee specified in this subdivision. If
1242 the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the
1243 commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions
1244 exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such
1245 vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be
1246 assessed.

1247 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is
1248 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1249 *2021*):

1250 (a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be
1251 deemed to have given such person's consent to a chemical analysis of
1252 such person's blood, breath or urine and, if such person is a minor, such
1253 person's parent or parents or guardian shall also be deemed to have
1254 given their consent. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" includes a
1255 snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as those terms are defined in section
1256 14-379.

1257 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
1258 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1259 *passage*):

1260 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
1261 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing a procedure
1262 for the safety training of school bus operators and operators of student
1263 transportation vehicles. Such regulations shall provide for minimum
1264 proficiency requirements for school bus operators. The safety training
1265 administered by the commissioner shall conform to the minimum
1266 requirements of number 17 of the National Highway Safety Standards.
1267 Such safety training shall include instruction relative to the location,
1268 contents and use of the first aid kit in the motor vehicle. A class or

1269 classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting,
1270 through distance learning or through a combination of both in-person
1271 and distance learning.

1272 Sec. 31. Subsection (c) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
1273 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1274 *passage*):

1275 (c) Any town or regional school district may require its school bus
1276 operators to have completed a safety training course in the operation of
1277 school buses, consisting of a minimum of ten hours of behind-the-wheel
1278 instruction and three hours of classroom instruction. Classroom
1279 instruction shall include instruction offered in person in a congregate
1280 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-
1281 person and distance learning.

1282 Sec. 32. Subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
1283 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1284 *passage*):

1285 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit marine
1286 dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to assign registration numbers and
1287 issue [temporary] certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of a
1288 vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the issuance of such
1289 [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1290 an application together with all necessary documents, information and
1291 fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate of number issued
1292 for the vessel transfer.

1293 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit such marine
1294 dealers to issue [temporary] certificates of decal upon the sale or transfer
1295 of a documented vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the
1296 issuance of such [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of
1297 Motor Vehicles an application together with all necessary documents,
1298 information and fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate
1299 of decal [with respect to] issued for such vessel.

1300 (3) [On and after March 1, 2005, the] The Commissioner of Motor
1301 Vehicles shall permit marine dealers [, as defined in section 15-141,] to
1302 submit the applications and documents required under subdivisions (1)
1303 and (2) of this subsection by electronic means. [Said] The commissioner
1304 [shall] may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry
1305 out the provisions of this subdivision.

1306 Sec. 33. Subsection (h) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is
1307 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1308 *2021*):

1309 (h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as
1310 defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, as amended by this act, to use
1311 a blue, red, yellow, or white light or lights, including a flashing light or
1312 lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in subsection [(j)]
1313 [(k)] of this section.

1314 Sec. 34. Section 14-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1315 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1316 (a) As used in this section, "emergency vehicle" means (1) any
1317 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical
1318 service organization responding to an emergency call, (2) any vehicle
1319 used by a fire department or by any officer of a fire department while
1320 on the way to a fire or while responding to an emergency call but not
1321 while returning from a fire or emergency call, (3) any state or local police
1322 vehicle operated by a police officer or inspector of the Department of
1323 Motor Vehicles answering an emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing
1324 law violators, [or] (4) any Department of Correction vehicle operated by
1325 a Department of Correction officer while in the course of such officer's
1326 employment and while responding to an emergency call, or (5) any
1327 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection vehicle operated
1328 by a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection employee
1329 authorized to operate such vehicle while in the course of such
1330 employee's duties and while on the way to a fire or responding to an
1331 emergency call, but not while returning from a fire or emergency call.

1332 (b) (1) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (A) park or stand
1333 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (B) except as
1334 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed past any red light
1335 or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or stopping to
1336 the extent necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle, (C) exceed
1337 the posted speed limits or other speed limits imposed by or pursuant to
1338 section 14-218a or 14-219 as long as such operator does not endanger life
1339 or property by so doing, and (D) disregard statutes, ordinances or
1340 regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specific
1341 directions.

1342 (2) The operator of any emergency vehicle shall immediately bring
1343 such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when
1344 approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking or
1345 following any registered school bus on any highway or private road or
1346 in any parking area or on any school property when such school bus is
1347 displaying flashing red signal lights and such operator may then
1348 proceed as long as he or she does not endanger life or property by so
1349 doing.

1350 (c) The exemptions granted in this section shall apply only when an
1351 emergency vehicle is making use of an audible warning signal device,
1352 including but not limited to a siren, whistle or bell which meets the
1353 requirements of subsection (f) of section 14-80, and visible flashing or
1354 revolving lights which meet the requirements of sections 14-96p and 14-
1355 96q, as amended by this act, and to any state or local police vehicle
1356 properly and lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device
1357 only.

1358 (d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of an
1359 emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety
1360 of all persons and property.

1361 (e) Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle making
1362 use of such an audible warning signal device and such visible flashing
1363 or revolving lights or of any state or local police vehicle properly and

1364 lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device only, the
1365 operator of every other vehicle in the immediate vicinity shall
1366 immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to,
1367 the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and
1368 shall stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has
1369 passed, except when otherwise directed by a state or local police officer
1370 or a firefighter.

1371 (f) Any person who is (1) operating a motor vehicle that is not an
1372 emergency vehicle, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, and (2)
1373 following an ambulance that is using flashing lights or a siren, shall not
1374 follow such vehicle more closely than one hundred feet.

1375 (g) Any officer of a fire department may remove, or cause to be
1376 removed, any vehicle upon any public or private way which obstructs
1377 or [retards] impedes any fire department, or any officer thereof, in
1378 controlling or extinguishing any fire.

1379 (h) Any person who wilfully or negligently obstructs or [retards any
1380 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical
1381 service organization while answering any emergency call or taking a
1382 patient to a hospital, or any vehicle used by a fire department or any
1383 officer or member of a fire department while on the way to a fire, or
1384 while responding to an emergency call, or any vehicle used by the state
1385 police or any local police department, or any officer of the Division of
1386 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
1387 Protection or any local police department while on the way to an
1388 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators,] impedes an
1389 authorized emergency vehicle or any vehicle used by the state or local
1390 police shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

1391 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting the use of
1392 a siren upon any motor vehicle other than an emergency vehicle, as
1393 defined in subsection (a) of this section, or a rescue service vehicle which
1394 is registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section
1395 19a-181.

1396 (j) A police officer may issue a written warning or a summons to the
1397 owner of a vehicle based upon an affidavit signed by the operator of an
1398 emergency vehicle specifying (1) the license plate number, color and
1399 type of any vehicle observed violating any provision of subsection (e) or
1400 (h) of this section, and (2) the date, approximate time and location of
1401 such violation.

1402 Sec. 35. Section 14-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1403 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1404 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any
1405 highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered
1406 with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for
1407 repairs or necessary work if it bears the markers of a licensed and
1408 registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided any motor
1409 vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a period of
1410 [sixty] ninety days following establishment by the owner of residence in
1411 this state, be operated on any highway without first being registered
1412 with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
1413 (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A) registers a motor
1414 vehicle he or she does not own, or (B) operates, allows the operation of,
1415 parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor vehicle on any
1416 highway, or (2) a resident of this state who operates or parks a motor
1417 vehicle such resident owns with [marker] number plates issued by
1418 another state on any highway shall be fined one thousand dollars. If the
1419 owner of a motor vehicle previously registered with the commissioner,
1420 the registration of which expired not more than thirty days previously,
1421 operates, allows the operation of, parks or allows that parking of such a
1422 motor vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount designated for the
1423 infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the right to retain his or
1424 her operator's license shall not be affected. No operator other than the
1425 owner shall be subject to penalty for the operation or parking of such a
1426 previously registered motor vehicle. As used in this subsection, the term
1427 "unregistered motor vehicle" includes any vehicle that is not eligible for
1428 registration by the commissioner due to the absence of necessary
1429 equipment or other characteristics of the vehicle that make it unsuitable

1430 for highway operation, unless the operation of such vehicle is expressly
1431 permitted by another provision of this chapter or chapter 248.

1432 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in
1433 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall [file in the office of] submit
1434 to the commissioner an application signed by [him] such owner and
1435 containing such information and proof of ownership as the
1436 commissioner may require. The application shall be made [on blanks
1437 furnished by the commissioner. The blanks shall be] in such form and
1438 contain such provisions and information as the commissioner may
1439 determine.

1440 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
1441 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
1442 qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations
1443 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to (1) issue new
1444 registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp
1445 trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks or other
1446 vehicle types as determined by the commissioner, [when they are sold
1447 by a licensed dealer. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of
1448 ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of
1449 this subsection] and (2) renew such registrations for such vehicle types.
1450 A person [purchasing] registering or renewing the registration of a
1451 motor vehicle or other vehicle type as determined by the commissioner
1452 from a dealer so appointed [and registering such vehicle pursuant to
1453 this section] shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the
1454 dealer, [a fee] the registration fee in accordance with the provisions of
1455 section 14-49, as amended by this act, and any other applicable fees. The
1456 commissioner may authorize such dealer to charge a convenience fee
1457 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, as amended by this act. The
1458 commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the
1459 application and [fee] fees, other than the convenience fee, shall be
1460 transmitted to the commissioner.

1461 (d) A motor vehicle registration certificate issued upon an application
1462 containing any material false statement is void from the date of its issue

1463 and shall be surrendered, upon demand, with any number plate or
1464 plates, to the commissioner. Any money paid for the registration
1465 certificate shall be forfeited to the state. No person shall obtain or
1466 attempt to obtain any registration for another by misrepresentation or
1467 impersonation and any registration so obtained shall be void. The
1468 commissioner may require each applicant for a motor vehicle
1469 registration to furnish personal identification satisfactory to the
1470 commissioner and may require any applicant who has established
1471 residence in this state for more than thirty days to obtain a motor vehicle
1472 operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of
1473 section 14-36, as amended by this act, or an identification card issued
1474 pursuant to section 1-1h, as amended by this act. Any person who
1475 violates any provision of this subsection and any person who fails to
1476 surrender a falsely obtained motor vehicle registration or number plate
1477 or plates upon the demand of the commissioner shall be fined not more
1478 than two hundred dollars.

1479 (e) The commissioner may register any motor vehicle under the
1480 provisions of this chapter, may assign a distinguishing registration
1481 number to the registered motor vehicle and may then issue a certificate
1482 of registration to the owner. A certificate of registration shall contain the
1483 registration number assigned to the motor vehicle and its vehicle
1484 identification number and shall be in such form and contain such further
1485 information as the commissioner determines.

1486 (f) (1) The commissioner may refuse to register or issue a certificate
1487 of title for a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if [he] the
1488 commissioner determines that the characteristics of the motor vehicle or
1489 class of motor vehicles make it unsafe for highway operation. The
1490 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
1491 of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection and the
1492 provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

1493 (2) The commissioner shall not register a motor vehicle if [he] the
1494 commissioner knows that the motor vehicle's equipment fails to comply
1495 with the provisions of this chapter, provided nothing contained in this

1496 section shall preclude the commissioner from issuing one or more
1497 temporary registrations for a motor vehicle not previously registered in
1498 this state or from issuing a temporary registration for a motor vehicle
1499 under a trade name without a certified copy of the notice required by
1500 section 35-1.

1501 (3) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle, except a
1502 platform truck the motive power of which is electricity, or a tractor
1503 equipped with solid tires, if it is not equipped with lighting devices as
1504 prescribed by this chapter. The registration of any motor vehicle which
1505 is not equipped with such prescribed lighting devices is void and money
1506 paid for the registration shall be forfeited to the state. Nothing in this
1507 subdivision shall prevent the commissioner, at [his] the commissioner's
1508 discretion, from registering a motor vehicle not equipped with certain
1509 lighting devices if the operation of the vehicle is restricted to daylight
1510 use.

1511 (4) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle or a
1512 combination of a motor vehicle and a trailer or semitrailer [which] that
1513 exceeds the limits specified in section 14-267a.

1514 (5) [On or after October 1, 1984, no] No motor vehicle registration
1515 shall be issued by the commissioner for any motorcycle unless the
1516 application for registration is accompanied by sufficient proof, as
1517 determined by the commissioner, that the motorcycle is insured for the
1518 amounts required by section 14-289f.

1519 (6) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle which is
1520 subject to the federal heavy vehicle use tax imposed under Section 4481
1521 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any subsequent corresponding
1522 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
1523 amended, if the applicant fails to furnish proof of payment of such tax,
1524 in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United
1525 States.

1526 (g) The commissioner may elect not to register any motor vehicle
1527 which is ten or more model years old and which has not been previously

1528 registered in this state until the same has been presented, as directed by
1529 the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of the
1530 Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official emissions
1531 inspection station or other business or firm, authorized by the
1532 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct safety inspections, and has
1533 passed the inspection as to its safety features as required by the
1534 commissioner. When a motor vehicle owned by a resident of this state
1535 is garaged in another jurisdiction and cannot be conveniently presented
1536 at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, an authorized
1537 emissions inspection station or other facility, the commissioner may
1538 accept an inspection made by authorities in such other jurisdiction or by
1539 appropriate military authorities, provided the commissioner
1540 determines that such inspection is comparable to that conducted by the
1541 Department of Motor Vehicles. If the commissioner authorizes the
1542 contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection
1543 stations or other business or firm to conduct the safety inspections
1544 required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the
1545 contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen
1546 dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any
1547 motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-
1548 52, as amended by this act, and meeting qualifications established by the
1549 commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to
1550 make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety
1551 inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is
1552 in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration.
1553 No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to
1554 make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner
1555 authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections,
1556 such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in
1557 such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance
1558 of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment
1559 standards and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner
1560 as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

1561 (h) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle unless it

1562 meets the equipment related registration requirements contained in
1563 sections 14-80, 14-100, 14-100a, 14-100b, 14-106a and 14-275.

1564 (i) The commissioner or any city, town, borough or other taxing
1565 district authorized under subsection (f) of section 14-33 may issue a
1566 temporary registration to the owner of a motor vehicle. The application
1567 for a temporary registration shall conform to the provisions of this
1568 section. A temporary registration may be issued for a period of time
1569 determined by the commissioner and may be renewed from time to time
1570 at the discretion of the commissioner. The fee for a temporary
1571 registration or any renewal thereof shall be as provided in subsection
1572 (n) of section 14-49.

1573 (j) The commissioner may issue a special use registration to the owner
1574 of a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed thirty days for the sole
1575 purpose of driving such vehicle to another state in which the vehicle is
1576 to be registered and exclusively used. The application for such
1577 registration shall conform to the provisions of subsection (b) of this
1578 section. The commissioner may issue special use certificates and plates
1579 in such form as [he] the commissioner may determine. The special use
1580 certificate shall state such limitation on the operation of such vehicle and
1581 shall be carried in the vehicle at all times when it is being operated on
1582 any highway.

1583 (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (e) of
1584 this section, the commissioner shall issue to a municipality, as defined
1585 in section 7-245, or a regional solid waste authority comprised of several
1586 municipalities, upon receipt of an application by the municipality or
1587 regional solid waste authority, a general distinguishing number plate
1588 for use on a motor vehicle owned or leased by such municipality or
1589 regional solid waste authority.

1590 (l) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Motor Vehicles
1591 shall record the number of electric vehicles, as defined in section 16-
1592 19eee, registered in the state. This data shall be publicly available on the
1593 department's Internet web site and shall include (1) the number of

1594 electric vehicles registered in the state each year, and (2) the total
 1595 number of electric vehicles registered in the state. The department shall
 1596 update this information every six months.

1597 Sec. 36. Section 14-163f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1598 *October 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-1h(e)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-11c(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-15d
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-16(b)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-21z
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-21aa
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-25c
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-29
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-36
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	14-36d
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	14-36e
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	14-36f
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	14-41(b)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44c
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44e(g)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44i(b)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44k(g)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-45a(b)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-49(e)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-50b(a)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-52
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-52a
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-62(a)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-69(a)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	14-78
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	14-111g(d)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-164c(c)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-164c(k)(1)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-227b(a)
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	14-276a(a)

Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	14-276a(c)
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	15-144(e)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-96q(h)
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-283
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-12
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

[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.]