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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, VISION ZERO COUNCIL, SPEED LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES, FINES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, THE GREENWAYS COMMEMORATIVE ACCOUNT AND MAINTENANCE WORK ZONE AND SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT."**

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

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-300 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
5 *1, 2021*):

6 (c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-300c, at any  
7 crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any  
8 unmarked crosswalk, provided such crosswalks are not controlled by  
9 police officers or traffic control signals, each operator of a vehicle shall  
10 grant the right-of-way, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so  
11 grant the right-of-way, to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within

12 such crosswalk. [, provided such pedestrian steps off the curb or into the  
13 crosswalk at the entrance to a crosswalk or is within that half of the  
14 roadway upon which such operator of a vehicle is traveling, or such  
15 pedestrian steps off the curb or into the crosswalk at the entrance to a  
16 crosswalk or is crossing the roadway within such crosswalk from that  
17 half of the roadway upon which such operator is not traveling.] For the  
18 purposes of this subsection, a pedestrian is "crossing the roadway  
19 within such crosswalk" when the pedestrian (1) is within any portion of  
20 the crosswalk, (2) steps to the curb at the entrance to the crosswalk and  
21 indicates his or her intent to cross the roadway by raising his or her hand  
22 and arm toward oncoming traffic, or (3) indicates his or her intent to  
23 cross the roadway by moving any part of his or her body or an extension  
24 thereof, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, cane, walking stick,  
25 crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart or leashed or  
26 harnessed dog, into the crosswalk at the entrance to the crosswalk. No  
27 operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass  
28 any vehicle, the operator of which has stopped at any crosswalk marked  
29 as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any unmarked crosswalk  
30 to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway. The operator of any vehicle  
31 crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to each pedestrian and  
32 all other traffic upon such sidewalk.

33       Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Vision Zero  
34 Council to develop a state-wide policy and interagency approach to  
35 eliminate all transportation-related fatalities and severe injuries to  
36 pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists and passengers. The  
37 council shall consider ways to improve safety across all modes of  
38 transportation by using data, new partnerships, safe planning and  
39 community-based solutions to achieve the goal of zero transportation-  
40 related fatalities.

41       (b) The council shall consist of the Commissioners of Transportation,  
42 Public Health and Emergency Services and Public Protection, or their  
43 designees, and any other commissioner of a state agency, or such  
44 commissioner's designee, invited to participate by the Commissioners  
45 of Transportation, Public Health and Emergency Services and Public

46 Protection. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's  
47 designee shall serve as chairperson of the council and shall schedule the  
48 first meeting of the council not later than September 1, 2021. The  
49 Department of Transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the  
50 council.

51 (c) The council may establish committees at any time to advise the  
52 council in carrying out its duties.

53 (d) The council shall assist in the development of any public  
54 awareness campaign undertaken by the Department of Transportation  
55 to educate the public concerning ways to reduce transportation-related  
56 fatalities and severe injuries to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users,  
57 motorists and passengers, and to increase awareness and improve  
58 behaviors of all users of the highways of this state.

59 (e) On or before February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the council  
60 shall submit the state-wide policy and interagency approach and any  
61 other recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
62 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in  
63 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

64 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 14-311 of the general statutes is  
65 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
66 *1, 2021*):

67 (d) In determining the advisability of such certification, the Office of  
68 the State Traffic Administration shall include, in its consideration,  
69 highway safety, bicycle and pedestrian access and safety, the width and  
70 character of the highways affected, the density of traffic thereon, the  
71 character of such traffic and the opinion and findings of the traffic  
72 authority of the municipality wherein the development is located. The  
73 [Office of the State Traffic Administration] office may require  
74 improvements to be made by the applicant to the extent that such  
75 improvements address impacts to highway safety or bicycle and  
76 pedestrian access and safety created by the addition of the applicant's  
77 proposed development or activity. If the [Office of the State Traffic

78 Administration] office determines that such improvements, including  
79 traffic signals, pavement markings, channelization, pavement widening  
80 or other changes or traffic control devices, are required to handle traffic  
81 safely and efficiently, one hundred per cent of the cost thereof shall be  
82 borne by the person building, establishing or operating such open air  
83 theater, shopping center or other development generating large  
84 volumes of traffic, except that such cost shall not be borne by any  
85 municipal agency. The Commissioner of Transportation may issue a  
86 permit to said person to construct or install the changes required by the  
87 [Office of the State Traffic Administration] office.

88 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this  
89 section, "moving traffic" includes, but is not limited to, a motor vehicle,  
90 bicycle, electric bicycle or electric foot scooter using a highway for the  
91 purpose of travel and a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle, electric  
92 bicycle or electric foot scooter on a sidewalk, shoulder or bikeway for  
93 the purpose of travel, and "bikeway" has the same meaning as provided  
94 in subsection (a) of section 13a-153f of the general statutes.

95 (b) No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle in such a manner  
96 as to cause physical contact with moving traffic with such door,  
97 provided moving traffic is traveling at a reasonable rate of speed and  
98 with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.

99 (c) No person shall leave the door of a motor vehicle open for a period  
100 of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers and in such  
101 a manner as to cause physical contact with moving traffic with such  
102 door.

103 (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have  
104 committed an infraction.

105 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 51-56a of the general statutes is  
106 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
107 *1, 2021*):

108 (d) Each person who pays in any sum as a fine or forfeiture for any

109 violation of sections 14-218a, as amended by this act, 14-219, as amended  
110 by this act, 14-222, as amended by this act, 14-223, 14-227a, 14-227m, 14-  
111 227n, sections 14-230 to 14-240, inclusive, sections 14-241 to 14-249,  
112 inclusive, section 14-279 for the first offense, sections 14-289b, 14-299,  
113 14-300, as amended by this act, 14-300d, sections 14-301 to 14-303,  
114 inclusive, section 4 of this act, or any regulation adopted under said  
115 sections or ordinance enacted in accordance with said sections shall pay  
116 an additional fee of [twenty] twenty-five dollars. The state shall remit to  
117 the municipalities in which the violations occurred the amounts paid  
118 under this subsection. Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief  
119 Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior Court  
120 designated by the Chief Court Administrator, on or before the thirtieth  
121 day of January, April, July and October in each year, shall certify to the  
122 Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this  
123 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or  
124 official.

125 Sec. 6. Section 14-218a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

127 (a) (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public  
128 highway of the state, or road of any specially chartered municipal  
129 association or any district organized under the provisions of chapter  
130 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads  
131 and sidewalks, or on any parking area as defined in section 14-212, or  
132 upon a private road on which a speed limit has been established in  
133 accordance with this subsection, or upon any school property, at a rate  
134 of speed greater than is reasonable, having regard to the width, traffic  
135 and use of highway, road or parking area, the intersection of streets and  
136 weather conditions.

137 (2) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may determine  
138 speed limits which are reasonable and safe on any state highway, bridge  
139 or parkway built or maintained by the state, and differing limits may be  
140 established for different types of vehicles, and may erect or cause to be  
141 erected signs indicating such speed limits. [The]

142       (3) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and section 7  
143 of this act, the traffic authority of any town, city or borough may  
144 establish speed limits on streets, highways and bridges or in any  
145 parking area for ten cars or more or on any private road wholly within  
146 the municipality under its jurisdiction; provided such limit on streets,  
147 highways, bridges and parking areas for ten cars or more shall become  
148 effective only after application for approval thereof has been submitted  
149 in writing to the Office of the State Traffic Administration and a  
150 certificate of such approval has been forwarded by the office to the  
151 traffic authority; and provided such signs giving notice of such speed  
152 limits shall have been erected as the [Office of the State Traffic  
153 Administration] office directs, provided the erection of such signs on  
154 any private road shall be at the expense of the owner of such road. The  
155 presence of such signs adjacent to or on the highway or parking area for  
156 ten cars or more shall be prima facie evidence that they have been so  
157 placed under the direction of and with the approval of the [Office of the  
158 State Traffic Administration] office. Approval of such speed limits may  
159 be revoked by the [Office of the State Traffic Administration] office at  
160 any time if said office deems such revocation to be in the interest of  
161 public safety and welfare, and thereupon such speed limits shall cease  
162 to be effective and any signs that have been erected shall be removed.

163       (4) Any speed in excess of [such limits] a speed limit established in  
164 accordance with this section or section 7 of this act, other than speeding  
165 as provided for in section 14-219, as amended by this act, shall be prima  
166 facie evidence that such speed is not reasonable, but the fact that the  
167 speed of a vehicle is lower than such [limits] speed limit shall not relieve  
168 the operator from the duty to decrease speed when a special hazard  
169 exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather  
170 or highway conditions.

171       (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration shall establish a  
172 speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour on any multiple lane, limited  
173 access highways that are suitable for a speed limit of sixty-five miles per  
174 hour, taking into consideration relevant factors including design,  
175 population of area and traffic flow.

176 (c) (1) The traffic authority of any town, city or borough may  
177 establish, modify and maintain speed limits on streets, highways and  
178 bridges or in any parking area for ten cars or more or on any private  
179 road wholly within the municipality under its jurisdiction without  
180 approval from the Office of the State Traffic Administration, provided:

181 (A) The municipality, by vote of its legislative body, or in the case of  
182 a municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board  
183 of selectmen, permits the traffic authority to assume responsibility and  
184 authority for the establishment, modification and maintenance of the  
185 speed limits on all streets, highways and bridges and in parking areas  
186 for ten cars or more or on any private road wholly within the  
187 municipality under its jurisdiction. Such permission is not required if  
188 such legislative body or board of selectmen is also the traffic authority;

189 (B) The traffic authority notifies the office in writing that the traffic  
190 authority is permitted under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and  
191 intends to assume such responsibility and authority;

192 (C) The traffic authority establishes, modifies and maintains the  
193 speed limits on all streets, highways and bridges and in parking areas  
194 for ten cars or more or on any private road wholly within the  
195 municipality under its jurisdiction;

196 (D) The traffic authority conducts an engineering study described in  
197 subdivision (3) of this subsection; and

198 (E) The traffic authority notifies the office of each change to a speed  
199 limit on such street, highway, bridge and parking area wholly within  
200 the municipality under its jurisdiction so the office may maintain a state-  
201 wide inventory of speed limits. Any speed limit approved by the office  
202 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall remain  
203 in effect until modified by a traffic authority.

204 (2) (A) The traffic authority shall not establish or reduce a speed limit  
205 lower than twenty-five miles per hour unless (i) the speed limit is in a  
206 pedestrian safety zone pursuant to section 7 of this act, or (ii) the

207 engineering study described in subdivision (3) of this subsection finds  
208 that a speed limit lower than twenty-five miles per hour is reasonable.

209 (B) The traffic authority shall not reduce a speed limit by more than  
210 ten miles per hour without approval from the municipality, by vote of  
211 its legislative body, or in the case of a municipality in which the  
212 legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen, if such  
213 legislative body or board of selectmen is not also the traffic authority.

214 (C) If the traffic authority reduces a speed limit by more than ten  
215 miles per hour, the traffic authority shall erect reduced speed limit  
216 ahead signs in accordance with the standards contained in the Federal  
217 Highway Administrations Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
218 for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time.

219 (D) On any street or highway that runs into an adjoining  
220 municipality, a traffic authority shall not reduce the speed limit within  
221 one thousand feet of the boundary of the adjoining municipality by  
222 more than ten miles per hour from the speed limit on such road in the  
223 adjoining municipality without (i) approval of the adjoining  
224 municipality, by vote of its legislative body, or in the case of a  
225 municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board  
226 of selectmen, and (ii) the approval required under subparagraph (B) of  
227 this subdivision.

228 (E) If a traffic authority reduces the speed limit on any street or  
229 highway that runs into an adjoining municipality between one  
230 thousand feet and one mile of the boundary of the adjoining  
231 municipality by more than ten miles per hour from the speed limit on  
232 such road in the adjoining municipality, the traffic authority shall  
233 provide written notice of the reduced speed limit to the adjoining  
234 municipality.

235 (3) Prior to establishing or modifying a speed limit pursuant to the  
236 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the traffic authority shall  
237 conduct an engineering study in accordance with the Federal Highway  
238 Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets



239 and Highways, as amended from time to time, and other generally  
240 accepted engineering principles and guidance. The study shall be  
241 completed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state  
242 and shall consider factors, including, but not limited to, pedestrian  
243 activity, type of land use and development, parking and the record of  
244 traffic accidents in the jurisdiction of the traffic authority.

245 (4) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may adopt  
246 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
247 implement the provisions of this subsection.

248 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Any person who operates a motor vehicle at a greater rate of  
249 speed than is reasonable, other than speeding, as provided for in section  
250 14-219, as amended by this act, shall commit the infraction of traveling  
251 unreasonably fast.

252 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) The traffic authority of any  
253 town, city or borough may establish a pedestrian safety zone on any  
254 street, highway and bridge or in any parking area for ten cars or more  
255 or on any private road wholly within the municipality under its  
256 jurisdiction without approval from the Office of the State Traffic  
257 Administration, provided: (1) The municipality, by vote of its legislative  
258 body, or in the case of a municipality in which the legislative body is a  
259 town meeting, its board of selectmen, grants general authority to the  
260 traffic authority to establish pedestrian safety zones within the  
261 municipality. Such general authority is not required if such legislative  
262 body or board of selectmen is also the traffic authority; (2) the traffic  
263 authority conducts an engineering study described in subsection (b) of  
264 this section; (3) the posted speed limit for such zone is not less than  
265 twenty miles per hour; (4) such zone encompasses a clearly defined  
266 downtown district or community center frequented by pedestrians or is  
267 adjacent to hospital property or, in the opinion of the traffic authority,  
268 is sufficiently close to hospital property as to constitute a risk to the  
269 public safety; and (5) the traffic authority satisfies the requirements of  
270 subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of section 14-218a  
271 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if applicable.

272 (b) Prior to establishing a pedestrian safety zone, the traffic authority  
273 shall conduct an engineering study in accordance with the Federal  
274 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
275 for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time, and other  
276 generally accepted engineering principles and guidance. The study shall  
277 be completed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state  
278 and shall consider factors, including, but not limited to, pedestrian  
279 activity, type of land use and development, parking and the record of  
280 traffic crashes in the area under consideration to be a pedestrian safety  
281 zone. If the study recommends the establishment of a pedestrian safety  
282 zone, the study shall also include a speed management plan and  
283 recommend actions to achieve lower motor vehicle speeds.

284 (c) In a municipality where the Office of the State Traffic  
285 Administration approves speed limits on the streets, highways and  
286 bridges or in any parking area for ten cars or more or on any private  
287 road wholly within the municipality in accordance with section 14-218a  
288 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the traffic authority shall  
289 notify the office in writing of the establishment of any pedestrian safety  
290 zone and confirm that the requirements of this section have been  
291 satisfied.

292 (d) If the Commissioner of Transportation or a traffic authority of any  
293 town, city or borough seeks to establish a pedestrian safety zone on a  
294 state highway that passes through a downtown or community center,  
295 the commissioner or traffic authority shall submit a written request to  
296 the Office of State Traffic Administration and include with such request  
297 the engineering study and speed management plan conducted pursuant  
298 to subsection (b) of this section. The office shall be the sole authority for  
299 establishing a pedestrian safety zone on a state highway and shall  
300 provide a written explanation of the reasons for denying any such  
301 request.

302 (e) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may adopt  
303 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
304 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

305 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is  
306 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
307 *1, 2021*):

308 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,  
309 no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway of this  
310 state or private road on which a speed limit has been established in  
311 accordance with [subsection (a) of] section 14-218a, as amended by this  
312 act, or section 7 of this act, until such person has obtained a motor  
313 vehicle operator's license.

314 Sec. 9. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-219 of the general statutes  
315 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
316 *October 1, 2021*):

317 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle (1) upon any highway,  
318 road or any parking area for ten cars or more, at such a rate of speed as  
319 to endanger the life of any occupant of such motor vehicle, but not the  
320 life of any other person than such an occupant; (2) at a rate of speed  
321 greater than fifty-five miles per hour upon any highway other than a  
322 highway specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a, as amended by  
323 this act, for which a speed limit has been established in accordance with  
324 the provisions of said subsection; (3) at a rate of speed greater than sixty-  
325 five miles per hour upon any highway specified in subsection (b) of  
326 section 14-218a, as amended by this act, for which a speed limit has been  
327 established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection; or (4)  
328 if such person is under eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road  
329 for which a speed limit of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been  
330 established in accordance with [subsection (a) of] section 14-218a, as  
331 amended by this act, or section 7 of this act, at a rate of speed more than  
332 twenty miles per hour above such speed limit.

333 (b) Any person who operates a motor vehicle (1) on a multiple lane,  
334 limited access highway other than a highway specified in subsection (b)  
335 of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, for which a speed limit has  
336 been established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection at

337 a rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour but not greater than  
338 seventy miles per hour, (2) on a multiple lane, limited access highway  
339 specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, for  
340 which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the  
341 provisions of said subsection at a rate of speed greater than sixty-five  
342 miles per hour but not greater than seventy miles per hour, (3) on any  
343 other highway at a rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour  
344 but not greater than sixty miles per hour, or (4) if such person is under  
345 eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road for which a speed limit  
346 of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been established in accordance  
347 with [subsection (a) of] section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or  
348 section 7 of this act, at a rate of speed more than twenty miles per hour  
349 above such speed limit, shall commit an infraction, provided any such  
350 person operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, shall have  
351 committed a violation and shall be fined not less than one hundred  
352 dollars nor more than one hundred fifty dollars.

353 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 14-222 of the general statutes is  
354 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
355 *1, 2021*):

356 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public  
357 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal  
358 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter  
359 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads  
360 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any  
361 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance  
362 with the provisions of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or section  
363 7 of this act or upon any school property recklessly, having regard to the  
364 width, traffic and use of such highway, road, school property or parking  
365 area, the intersection of streets and the weather conditions. The  
366 operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or parking  
367 area for ten cars or more at such a rate of speed as to endanger the life  
368 of any person other than the operator of such motor vehicle, or the  
369 operation, downgrade, upon any highway, of any motor vehicle with a  
370 commercial registration with the clutch or gears disengaged, or the

371 operation knowingly of a motor vehicle with defective mechanism, shall  
372 constitute a violation of the provisions of this section. The operation of  
373 a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or parking area for ten  
374 cars or more at a rate of speed greater than eighty-five miles per hour  
375 shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this section.

376 Sec. 11. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-283 of the  
377 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
378 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

379 (b) (1) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (A) park or stand  
380 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (B) except as  
381 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed past any red light  
382 or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or stopping to  
383 the extent necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle, (C) exceed  
384 the posted speed limits or other speed limits imposed by or pursuant to  
385 section 14-218a, as amended by this act, [or] 14-219, as amended by this  
386 act, or section 7 of this act as long as such operator does not endanger  
387 life or property by so doing, and (D) disregard statutes, ordinances or  
388 regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specific  
389 directions.

390 Sec. 12. Section 53a-213 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
391 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

392 (a) A person is guilty of drinking while operating a motor vehicle  
393 when [he] such person drinks any alcoholic liquor while operating a  
394 motor vehicle upon a public highway of this state or upon any road of  
395 any specially chartered municipal association or of any district  
396 organized under the provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the  
397 construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or in any parking  
398 area for ten cars or more, or upon any private road on which a speed  
399 limit has been established in accordance with the provisions of section  
400 14-218a, as amended by this act, or section 7 of this act or upon any  
401 school property. As used in this section, "alcoholic liquor" has the same  
402 meaning as provided in section 30-1.

403 (b) Drinking while operating a motor vehicle is a class C  
404 misdemeanor.

405 Sec. 13. Subsection (h) of section 14-296aa of the general statutes is  
406 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
407 *1, 2021*):

408 (h) Any person who violates this section shall be fined [one] two  
409 hundred [fifty] dollars for a first violation, three hundred seventy-five  
410 dollars for a second violation and [five] six hundred twenty-five dollars  
411 for a third or subsequent violation.

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

414 (a) [On and after January 1, 1998, the] The Commissioner of Motor  
415 Vehicles shall issue greenways commemorative number plates of a  
416 design to enhance public awareness of, [the] and provide funding for,  
417 state and local efforts to preserve, restore and protect greenways. The  
418 design shall be determined by agreement between the Commissioner of  
419 Energy and Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor  
420 Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates except as official  
421 registration marker plates.

422 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall [establish, by  
423 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged]  
424 charge a fee of fifty dollars for a greenways commemorative number  
425 [plates] plate, with letters and numbers selected by the commissioner,  
426 in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a  
427 motor vehicle. [The fee shall be for such number plates with letters and  
428 numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The  
429 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher fee for: (1) Such  
430 number plates which contain letters in place of numbers as authorized  
431 by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued  
432 under said section; and (2) such number plates which are low number  
433 plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees  
434 prescribed for plates issued under said section.] The commissioner shall

435 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the  
436 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,  
437 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,  
438 and thirty-five dollars of such fee into the greenways commemorative  
439 account established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

440 (2) The commissioner shall charge a fee of seventy dollars for a  
441 greenways commemorative number plate that (A) contains letters in  
442 place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, or (B) is a low number  
443 plate in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees  
444 prescribed for plates issued under said sections. The commissioner shall  
445 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the  
446 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,  
447 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,  
448 and fifty-five dollars of such fee into the greenways commemorative  
449 account.

450 (c) No additional renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of  
451 registration for any motor vehicle bearing greenways commemorative  
452 number plates which contain letters in place of numbers, or low number  
453 plates, in excess of the renewal fee for greenways commemorative  
454 number plates with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner  
455 of Motor Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an  
456 existing registration to or from a registration with greenways  
457 commemorative number plates.

458 (d) There is established an account to be known as the "greenways  
459 commemorative account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account  
460 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys  
461 required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in the account  
462 shall be expended by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
463 Protection to fund the greenways capital grant program established  
464 pursuant to section 23-101 and the bikeway, pedestrian walkway,  
465 recreational trail and greenway grant program described in section 23-  
466 103.

467 [(d)] (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [, in consultation with  
 468 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall] may  
 469 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
 470 establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and  
 471 replacement of greenways commemorative number plates."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-300(c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-311(d)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	51-56a(d)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-218a
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-36(a)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-219(a) and (b)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-222(a)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-283(b)(1)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	53a-213
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-296aa(h)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-21i