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Senate Bill 885-AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Good morning Chairpersons Osten and Walker, Ranking Members Miner and France and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 885, An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations for General Government.

The Department's testimony is limited to section 2 of SB 885. Section 2 makes changes to the statute (section 22a-201c) that governs the collection of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fee (GGRF) on new vehicles, first-time vehicle registrations and vehicle registration renewals. The change in section 2 is necessary to remedy an inconsistency that occurred during the 2019 legislative session. During that session, the legislature passed Public Act 19-117, which raised the amount of the GGRF for new and first-time registrations, as well as for registration renewals. However, the public act contemplated such fees only for two-year registrations. During the same session but after passage of PA 19-117, the legislature also passed PA 19-165, which increased the duration of registration periods to three years. The two public acts could not be reconciled. Section 2 of SB 885 seeks to make the imposition of the GGRF consistent with the registration provisions in Title 14.

Section 2 contains the following substantive changes:

- Lines 49-50 increase the GGRF proportionally for a three-year registration of a new vehicle;
- Lines 52-55 are deleted because the registration statutes in Title 14 only permit a person over age 65 to **renew** a registration for one year, but there is no authority to issue a new registration for one year;
- Lines 59-60 increase the GGRF proportionally for a first-time registration or a registration renewal that is three years.

Thank you for considering the Department's testimony in support of section 2 of SB 885.