

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 261**

LCO No. 4115

**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*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.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general statutes is
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11 *2021*):

12 (a) Any person (1) whose operator's license or [right] privilege to
13 operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by
14 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, [or] (2) who has been disqualified
15 from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or (3) whose identity card,
16 issued under section 1-1h, as amended by this act, has been revoked due
17 to misrepresentation or deceit, shall pay a restoration fee of one hundred
18 seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such

19 person of a new operator's license or identity card or the restoration of
20 such operator's license or [such] privilege to operate a motor vehicle or
21 commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to
22 any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty
23 dollars of such fee in a separate nonlapsing school bus seat belt account
24 which shall be established within the General Fund.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-11c of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
27 *2021*):

28 (b) The Motor Carrier Advisory Council shall consist of the following
29 voting members: The Commissioners of Transportation, Motor
30 Vehicles, [Public Safety] Emergency Services and Public Protection,
31 Revenue Services, Economic and Community Development and Energy
32 and Environmental Protection, or their designees, and any other
33 commissioner of a state agency, or such commissioner's designee,
34 invited to participate. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the
35 commissioner's designee shall organize and serve as chairperson of the
36 council. The council shall only make recommendations or take actions
37 by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting. The council
38 may make recommendations as the council deems appropriate to the
39 United States Congress, the Governor or the General Assembly.

40 Sec. 4. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the
41 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

42 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, firm
43 or corporation, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and
44 who is engaged in the business of filing applications for the issuance of
45 a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for motor vehicles with
46 the Department of Motor Vehicles, to file such applications
47 electronically if the commissioner determines that such person, firm or
48 corporation files, on average, seven or more such applications each
49 month. A qualified person, firm or corporation shall, [within] not later
50 than ten days [from] after the electronic issuance of such registration,

51 submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary
52 documents required to register the vehicle with the department. Any
53 such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to file such
54 application electronically upon the request of the commissioner shall
55 pay a twenty-five-dollar fee to the commissioner for each application
56 submitted. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance
57 with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this
58 section.

59 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is
60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
61 *2021*):

62 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural person,
63 such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on the
64 certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who shall
65 assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the owner
66 and upon the making of an application pursuant to this subsection. The
67 owner making such designation shall have all rights of ownership of
68 such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the beneficiary shall have
69 no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and an
70 application is made pursuant to this subsection. Not later than [sixty]
71 one hundred twenty days after the death of the owner, the beneficiary
72 may make application to the commissioner for the issuance of a
73 certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle
74 in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1)
75 The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is
76 designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the
77 deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the
78 commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection
79 (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and
80 number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247. If the
81 beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period
82 specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no right to obtain
83 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection after

84 the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain
85 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection shall
86 be subordinate to the rights of each lienholder whose security interest
87 in such motor vehicle is duly recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The
88 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to
89 implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

92 (a) On and after [January 1, 2020] July 1, 2021, the Commissioner of
93 Motor Vehicles shall issue Save Our Lakes commemorative number
94 plates of a design to enhance public awareness of the state's effort to
95 preserve and protect the state's lakes, rivers and ponds from aquatic
96 invasive species and cyanobacteria blooms. Said design shall be
97 determined by agreement between the Commissioner of Energy and
98 Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No
99 use shall be made of such plates except as official registration marker
100 plates.

101 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall [establish, by
102 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged]
103 charge a fee of sixty dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative
104 number [plates] plate, with letters and numbers selected by the
105 commissioner, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the
106 registration of a motor vehicle. [The fee shall be for such number plates
107 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor
108 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher
109 fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of numbers
110 as authorized by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed
111 for plates issued under said section; and (2) such number plates which
112 are low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to
113 the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section. The
114 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted
115 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary

116 lakes and ponds preservation donation, which shall be deposited in the
117 Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account established under
118 section 14-21aa. All fees established and collected pursuant to this
119 section shall be deposited in said account.] The commissioner shall
120 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the
121 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,
122 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,
123 and forty-five dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
124 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as
125 amended by this act.

126 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of eighty
127 dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate that (A)
128 contains letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, as
129 amended by this act, or (B) is a low number plate in accordance with
130 section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for number plates
131 issued under said sections. The commissioner shall deposit fifteen
132 dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the Department of
133 Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing
134 and replacing such commemorative number plates, and sixty-five
135 dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds
136 Preservation account.

137 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, no additional
138 renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of registration for any motor
139 vehicle bearing Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates which
140 contain letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of
141 the renewal fee for Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates with
142 letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
143 No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration
144 to or from a registration with Save Our Lakes commemorative number
145 plates.

146 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may request an additional
147 voluntary donation of fifteen dollars at the time of registration renewal

148 for any motor vehicle bearing a Save Our Lakes commemorative
149 number plate. Five dollars of the donation may be dedicated to the
150 administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ten dollars
151 of such donation shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
152 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as
153 amended by this act. [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in
154 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
155 Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
156 chapter 54, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance,
157 renewal and replacement of Save Our Lakes commemorative number
158 plates.]

159 Sec. 7. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

161 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut
162 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account". The Connecticut Lakes,
163 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account shall be a separate, nonlapsing
164 account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law to be
165 deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the
166 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. The account
167 shall be available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
168 Protection for (1) restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, rivers and
169 ponds in the state; (2) programs of the Department of Energy and
170 Environmental Protection for the eradication of aquatic invasive species
171 and cyanobacteria blooms; (3) education and public outreach programs
172 to enhance the public's understanding of the need to protect and
173 preserve the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (4) allocation of grants to
174 state and municipal agencies and not-for-profit organizations to
175 conduct research and to provide public education and public awareness
176 to enhance understanding and management of the natural resources of
177 the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (5) provision of funds for all services
178 that support the protection and conservation of the state's lakes, rivers
179 and ponds; and (6) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles
180 for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Save Our

181 Lakes commemorative number plates, including administrative
182 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z, as amended by this act.

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

187 (c) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
188 Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the Save
189 Our Lakes commemorative number plate image for use on clothing,
190 recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or
191 programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of
192 supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation
193 account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing
194 shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds
195 Preservation account.

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

201 Sec. 8. Section 14-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the
202 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

203 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue distinctive
204 registration marker plates to each motor vehicle, except a taxicab or
205 motor vehicle in livery service, that is used as a student transportation
206 vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. Each such registration of a student
207 transportation vehicle shall be issued for a period of one year and,
208 subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-103, may be
209 renewed by the owner, in accordance with schedules established by the
210 commissioner. The fee for such registration or for any renewal thereof
211 shall be determined as follows: (1) In the case of any such motor vehicle

212 designed as a service bus, the fee shall be one-half of the fee prescribed
213 for the registration of a service bus, in accordance with the provisions of
214 subsection (p) of section 14-49, and (2) in the case of any such motor
215 vehicle designed as a passenger motor vehicle, the fee shall be one-half
216 of the fee prescribed for the biennial combination registration of a
217 passenger motor vehicle or one-third of the fee prescribed for the
218 triennial combination registration of a passenger motor vehicle, in
219 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection [(a)] (e)
220 of section 14-49, as amended by this act.

221 Sec. 9. Section 14-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
222 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

223 (a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab, school
224 bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation vehicle or
225 service bus and no person may operate or cause to be operated upon
226 any public highway any such motor vehicle until the owner or lessee
227 thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory to the
228 commissioner [, which insurance or bond] that shall indemnify the
229 insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any
230 person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result
231 from or have been caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle
232 described in the contract of insurance or such bond. Such insurance or
233 bond shall not be required from (1) a municipality which the
234 commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial responsibility to
235 meet legal liability for personal injury, death or damage resulting from
236 or caused by the use or operation of a service bus owned or operated by
237 such municipality, or (2) the owner or lessee of such class of motor
238 vehicle who holds a certificate of public necessity and convenience from
239 the Department of Transportation if such owner or lessee has procured
240 from the department a certificate that the department has found that
241 such owner or lessee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal
242 liability for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from or
243 caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle. The Department
244 of Transportation may issue such certificate upon presentation of

245 evidence of financial responsibility that is satisfactory to it.

246 (b) [(1)] The amount of insurance or of such bond [which] that each
247 such vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity
248 against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting
249 from damage to the property of passengers or others for any one
250 accident shall be not less than [(A) fifty thousand dollars for one person
251 subject to that limit per person; (B) for all persons in any one accident
252 where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, one hundred
253 thousand dollars; (C) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, one hundred
254 fifty thousand dollars; (D) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, two
255 hundred thousand dollars; (E) twenty-one to thirty passengers,
256 inclusive, two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (F) thirty-one
257 passengers or more, three hundred thousand dollars; and such policy or
258 such bond shall indemnify the insured against legal liability resulting
259 from damage to the property of passengers or of others to the amount
260 of ten thousand dollars] (1) a single limit of liability of (A) one hundred
261 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport seven
262 passengers or less, or (B) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, if such
263 vehicle is designed or used to transport eight to fourteen passengers
264 without compensation; (2) the minimum amounts established in 49 CFR
265 Part 387, as amended from time to time, if such vehicle is designed or
266 used to transport eight passengers or more for compensation, or fifteen
267 passengers or more without compensation; (3) one million five hundred
268 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the
269 provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or
270 used to transport fourteen passengers or less; and (4) five million
271 dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the provisions
272 of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or used to
273 transport fifteen passengers or more.

274 [(2) In lieu of the foregoing, a single limit of liability shall be allowed
275 as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death
276 and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers
277 or of others for any one accident (A) where the carrying capacity is seven

278 passengers or less, not less than one hundred thousand dollars; (B) eight
279 to twelve passengers, inclusive, not less than one hundred fifty
280 thousand dollars; (C) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, not less
281 than two hundred thousand dollars; (D) twenty-one to thirty
282 passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars;
283 and (E) thirty-one passengers or more, not less than three hundred
284 thousand dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (i)
285 a municipality which the commissioner has found to have sufficient
286 financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as provided
287 in subsection (a) of this section or (ii) the owner or lessees of any such
288 motor vehicle holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity
289 issued by the Department of Transportation whom the department has
290 found to be of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for
291 damages as provided in subsection (a).]

292 (c) (1) Any person or company issuing any such insurance or
293 indemnity bond shall file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a
294 certificate in such form as the commissioner prescribes, and no such
295 insurance or bond shall lapse, expire or be cancelled while the
296 registration is in force until the commissioner has been given at least ten
297 days' written notice of an intention to cancel and until the commissioner
298 has accepted other insurance or another indemnity bond and has
299 notified the person or company seeking to cancel such insurance or
300 bond that such other insurance or bond has been accepted or until the
301 registration of such motor vehicle described in such insurance policy or
302 bond has been suspended or cancelled.

303 (2) No person or company issuing any such insurance or indemnity
304 bond shall issue an insurance policy or indemnity bond for a motor
305 vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this section for limits less than those
306 specified in subsection (b) [or (f)] of this section. Upon initial registration
307 or renewal of any such motor vehicle, the commissioner may presume
308 that an insurance policy or indemnity bond meets the minimum
309 amounts specified in said subsection (b) [or (f)] for such vehicle.

310 (d) Any person injured in person or property by any such motor
311 vehicle may apply to the commissioner for the name and description of
312 the insurer of the vehicle causing such injury or the name of the surety
313 upon any indemnity bond of any such owner or the name of the holder
314 of a certificate of financial responsibility.

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

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

327 Sec. 10. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
328 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

334 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older who does not hold a
335 motor vehicle operator's license may not operate a motor vehicle on the
336 public highways of the state for the purpose of instruction until such
337 person has applied for and obtained an adult instruction permit from
338 the commissioner. Such person shall not be eligible for an adult
339 instruction permit if such person has had a motor vehicle operator's
340 license or privilege suspended or revoked. An adult instruction permit

341 shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her
342 immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public
343 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and
344 accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued
345 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or
346 older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years preceding
347 the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the motor vehicle
348 being operated and who has not had his or her motor vehicle operator's
349 license suspended by the commissioner during the four-year period
350 preceding the instruction. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
351 not issue a motor vehicle operator's license to any person holding an
352 adult instruction permit who has held such permit for less than ninety
353 days unless such person (A) is a member of the armed forces on active
354 duty outside the state, or (B) has previously held a motor vehicle
355 operator's license. (2) A person holding a valid out-of-state motor
356 vehicle operator's license may operate a motor vehicle for a period of
357 [thirty] sixty days following such person's establishment of residence in
358 Connecticut, if the motor vehicle is of the same class as that for which
359 his or her out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license was issued. (3)
360 No person may cause or permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a
361 person under sixteen years of age.

362 (c) (1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has
363 not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor
364 vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the
365 [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner for a youth instruction
366 permit. The commissioner may issue a youth instruction permit to an
367 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as to
368 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
369 road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 and has
370 filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,
371 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the youth instruction permit
372 and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both
373 parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires,
374 (B) the legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the

375 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no
376 qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal
377 guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled outside of this state or
378 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the
379 applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or
380 marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The
381 commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the
382 commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in
383 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended by this act,
384 or any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle
385 operation and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e, as
386 amended by this act, to issue a youth instruction permit, subject to such
387 standards and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in
388 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each youth
389 instruction permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance or on
390 the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's
391 license, whichever is earlier. Any holder of a youth instruction permit
392 who attains eighteen years of age may retain such permit until the
393 expiration of such permit. (2) The youth instruction permit shall entitle
394 the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate
395 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, provided
396 such holder is under the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person
397 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section
398 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to
399 operate, for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle
400 of the same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not
401 had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the
402 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (3)
403 Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction of and
404 accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued under
405 the provisions of section 14-73, no passenger in addition to the person
406 providing instruction shall be transported unless such passenger is a
407 parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a
408 youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member of a certified

409 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an
410 emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national
411 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of
412 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history
413 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the
414 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be
415 exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection
416 only when such holder is [en route] driving to or from the location of
417 the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency call. (5) The
418 commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit used in
419 violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of this
420 subsection.

421 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
422 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
423 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements
424 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) [present] submit to
425 the [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner, in such manner as
426 the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion
427 (i) in a public secondary school, a technical education and career school
428 or a private secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle
429 operation prepared as provided in section 14-36e, as amended by this
430 act, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'
431 school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training in
432 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each
433 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful
434 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-
435 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit
436 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) [present] submit to the
437 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a
438 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight
439 hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four
440 hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects
441 of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle,
442 the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the

443 consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of
444 alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related
445 motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an examination which may
446 include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning
447 motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required
448 under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road
449 skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application
450 and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant
451 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction
452 permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an
453 applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or
454 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth
455 instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an
456 applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver
457 training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the
458 provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period
459 of time required by said unit. The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles]
460 commissioner shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction
461 at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to
462 such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the
463 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good
464 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended
465 by this act, or secondary school driver education program authorized
466 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, as amended by this act, to
467 administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws
468 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant
469 to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving
470 practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
471 subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results
472 of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by
473 this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing
474 instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under
475 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty
476 dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a

477 resident of another state, completed the course required in
478 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe
479 driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall
480 complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any
481 requirement in this subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of
482 this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years
483 of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any
484 other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has
485 received training and instruction of a similar nature.

486 (2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training
487 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home
488 training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the
489 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs. Such
490 statement shall be signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or
491 by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant,
492 [which states] and state that the applicant has obtained a youth
493 instruction permit and has successfully completed a driving course
494 taught by the person signing the statement, that the signer has had an
495 operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the
496 statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by
497 the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the
498 statement. [or, if] If the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent,
499 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the
500 instruction, [a] such statement may be signed by the applicant's
501 stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided
502 the person signing the statement is qualified.

503 (3) If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant under
504 this section, the test shall be given in English or Spanish at the option of
505 the applicant, provided the commissioner shall require that the
506 applicant shall have sufficient understanding of English for the
507 interpretation of traffic control signs.

508 (4) The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner may adopt

509 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
510 implement the purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements
511 for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, the content of safe
512 driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary
513 schools, and the administration and certification of required testing.

514 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the
515 applicant signs and [files with] submits to the commissioner, in such
516 manner as the commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made
517 subject to penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-
518 157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen
519 years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the license.

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

525 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously
526 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or [who has not
527 operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years] whose
528 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two
529 years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the
530 applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, [or]
531 a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such
532 manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper
533 person to operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant
534 has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor
535 vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory
536 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
537 road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle
538 operator's license may be administered in such form as the
539 commissioner deems appropriate, including audio, electronic or written
540 testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered in English, Spanish

541 or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's
542 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census
543 Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such
544 knowledge test shall include a question concerning highway work zone
545 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
546 section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than
547 one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile
548 telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the
549 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa. If any
550 such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of
551 the United States where a similar examination is required, the
552 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such
553 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the
554 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,
555 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as
556 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed
557 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's
558 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such
559 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the
560 examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle [~~licenses~~
561 license], the commissioner shall [~~only~~] waive the driving skills test for
562 such applicant [~~who~~] and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive
563 the knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant meets
564 the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time.
565 For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who
566 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable
567 from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same
568 meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is
569 satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the
570 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or
571 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and
572 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to
573 operate.

574 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem

575 which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle
576 safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to
577 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding
578 such problem, such applicant or license holder is a proper person to
579 operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may further require a
580 certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority
581 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall in all cases be
582 treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license, containing such
583 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or
584 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to
585 prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or
586 unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person whom the
587 commissioner determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor
588 vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle
589 operator's license issued to or renewed by a person who is deaf or hard
590 of hearing shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such
591 impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such
592 impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed
593 by a licensed health care practitioner.

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

597 (f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor vehicle
598 in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2) any motor
599 vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which such person's right to
600 operate is limited.

601 (g) The commissioner may place a restriction on the motor vehicle
602 operator's license of any person or on any special operator's permit
603 issued to any person in accordance with the provisions of section 14-37a
604 that restricts the holder of such license or permit to the operation of a
605 motor vehicle that is equipped with an approved ignition interlock
606 device, as defined in section 14-227j, for such time as the commissioner

607 shall prescribe, if such person has: (1) Been convicted for a first or second
608 time of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a,
609 and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of
610 suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of
611 subsections (g) and (i) of section 14-227a; (2) been ordered by the
612 Superior Court not to operate any motor vehicle unless it is equipped
613 with an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the
614 provisions of section 14-227j; (3) been granted a reversal or reduction of
615 such person's license suspension or revocation, in accordance with the
616 provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-111; (4) been issued a motor
617 vehicle operator's license upon the surrender of an operator's license
618 issued by another state and such previously held license contains a
619 restriction to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition
620 interlock device; (5) been convicted of a violation of section 53a-56b or
621 53a-60d; (6) been permitted by the commissioner to be issued or to retain
622 an operator's license subject to reporting requirements concerning such
623 person's physical condition, in accordance with the provisions of
624 subsection (e) of this section and sections 14-45a to 14-46g, inclusive, as
625 amended by this act; (7) had such person's operator's license suspended
626 under subsection (i) of section 14-227b and has served not less than
627 forty-five days of the prescribed period of such suspension; (8) been
628 convicted for a first or second time of a violation of subsection (a) of
629 section 14-227m and has served not less than forty-five days of the
630 prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with
631 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227m and subsection (i) of
632 section 14-227a; or (9) been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) or
633 (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n and has served not less than forty-
634 five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in
635 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227n and
636 subsection (i) of section 14-227a.

637 (h) Before issuing a motor vehicle operator's license in accordance
638 with this section or section 14-44c, as amended by this act, the
639 commissioner shall request information from the National Driver
640 Registry and the Commercial Driver License Information System, in

641 accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR section 383.73. Each driving
642 history record shall contain a notation of the date on which such inquiry
643 was made.

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

650 (2) In addition to the penalty prescribed under subdivision (1) of this
651 subsection, any person who violates any provision of this section who
652 (A) has, prior to the commission of the present violation, committed a
653 violation of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, shall be fined
654 not more than five hundred dollars or sentenced to perform not more
655 than one hundred hours of community service, or (B) has, prior to the
656 commission of the present violation, committed two or more violations
657 of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, or any combination
658 thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year, ninety
659 days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner.

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

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

664 (a) The commissioner may acquire, by lease or purchase, and install
665 at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and at such other
666 locations where operator's licenses are issued or renewed, such
667 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
668 chapter.

669 (b) The commissioner may [provide for the renewal of] renew or
670 produce a duplicate of any motor vehicle operator's license, commercial

671 driver's license or identity card without personal appearance of the
672 license or card holder [, in circumstances where the holder is a member
673 of the armed forces, is temporarily residing outside of this state for
674 business or educational purposes, or in other circumstances where, in
675 the judgment of the commissioner, such personal appearance would be
676 impractical or pose a significant hardship. The commissioner shall
677 decline to issue any such renewal without personal appearance if the
678 commissioner is not satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot
679 personally appear, if the commissioner does not have the applicant's
680 color] if (1) the commissioner has on file a photograph or digital image
681 [on file, if] of the applicant that meets the specifications and standards
682 prescribed by the commissioner and may be used on such license or
683 identity card, (2) the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the
684 identity of the applicant, [has not been presented, or if] (3) the
685 commissioner [has reason to believe] is satisfied that the applicant is [no
686 longer] a legal resident of this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the
687 applicant personally appeared to renew such license or identity card
688 within the time limitations specified in state or federal law, and (5) the
689 applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or duplicate
690 issuance of a license or identity card.

691 (c) The commissioner may issue, [or] renew [any] or duplicate a
692 license, [any] an instruction permit or an identity card [issued or
693 renewed] pursuant to this title or section 1-1h, as amended by this act,
694 by any method that the commissioner deems to be secure and efficient.
695 If the commissioner determines that an applicant has met all conditions
696 for such issuance, [or] renewal or duplication, the commissioner may
697 require that such license, instruction permit or identity card be
698 produced at a centralized location and mailed to the applicant. The
699 commissioner may issue a temporary license, instruction permit or
700 identity card for use by the applicant for the period prior to the
701 applicant's receipt of the permanent license, instruction permit or
702 identity card. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity
703 card shall not be required to contain a photograph or digital image of
704 the applicant as specified in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of section

705 14-36h. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity card shall
706 have an expiration date not later than thirty days after the date of
707 issuance and shall remain valid until the earlier of such expiration date
708 or the date the applicant receives such license, instruction permit or
709 identity card.

710 (d) [The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide] If the
711 commissioner provides for the renewal or duplicate issuance of the
712 motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity
713 card [of any person not identified in] without the personal appearance
714 of the license or card holder in accordance with the provisions of
715 subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall establish
716 procedures to renew or issue a duplicate of such license or identity card
717 by mail or by electronic communication with the Department of Motor
718 Vehicles.

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

721 (a) As used in this section, "classroom instruction" includes training
722 or instruction offered in person in a congregate setting, through real-
723 time interactive distance learning or through a combination of both in-
724 person and real-time interactive distance learning.

725 (b) Each local and regional board of education may provide a course
726 of instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety on a
727 secondary school level, which course (1) shall consist of not less than
728 thirty clock hours of classroom instruction offered during or after school
729 hours as said board of education, in its discretion, may provide,
730 including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the
731 responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b) of
732 section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of said
733 subsection (b), and (2) may include behind-the-wheel instruction of up
734 to twenty clock hours. [Said] Such course shall be open to enrollment by
735 any person between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, who is
736 a resident of the town or school district or whose parent, parents or legal

737 guardian owns property taxable in such town or school district. Any
738 such board of education may contract for such behind-the-wheel
739 instruction with a licensed drivers' school.

740 Sec. 13. Section 14-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the
741 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

742 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
743 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the
744 establishment, conduct and scope of driver education programs in
745 secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements of section 14-
746 36e, as amended by this act. Such regulations shall (1) permit any local
747 or regional board of education or private secondary school to contract
748 with a licensed drivers' school approved by the Commissioner of Motor
749 Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction of such driver education
750 program and instruction therein may be given by such school's driving
751 instructors who are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, [and]
752 (2) require that the classroom instruction of any such driver education
753 program [shall] include a discussion concerning highway work zone
754 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
755 section 14-212d, and (3) permit a class or classroom instruction to be
756 offered in person in a congregate setting, through real-time interactive
757 distance learning or through a combination of both in-person and real-
758 time interactive distance learning.

759 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
760 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
761 *passage*):

762 (b) The commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not
763 limited to, an automobile club or association licensed in accordance with
764 the provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any
765 municipality, to issue duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to
766 section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to
767 section 1-1h, as amended by this act, and conduct registration
768 transactions. [at the office or facilities of such contractors or

769 municipalities.] The commissioner may authorize such contractors and
770 municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed eight
771 dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or
772 duplication, or for a registration transaction.

773 Sec. 15. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the
774 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

777 (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of the
778 person;

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

781 (3) Date of birth;

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

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

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

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

794 (8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has
795 been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten
796 years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not

797 hold an operator's license in any other state; and

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

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

805 (c) At the time of application for a commercial driver's license, the
806 applicant shall make the applicable certification, as required by 49 CFR
807 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in which such person shall
808 engage. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to a person who
809 fails to make such certification.

810 (d) On and after January 6, 2023, the commissioner shall request a
811 driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in accordance
812 with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from time to time, for any person who
813 applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial driver's license.
814 The commissioner shall use information obtained from the Drug and
815 Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether a
816 person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not
817 disclose such information to any person or entity not directly involved
818 in determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial
819 motor vehicle.

820 [(d)] (e) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person
821 who knowingly falsifies information or certifications required under
822 subsection (a) of this section shall have such person's operator's license
823 or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended for sixty
824 days.

825 Sec. 16. Subsection (g) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
826 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

827 2021):

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

848 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 14-44i of the general statutes is
849 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
850 *2021*):

851 (b) There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license
852 knowledge test a fee of sixteen dollars. There shall be charged for each
853 commercial driver's license skills test a fee of thirty dollars. There shall
854 be charged for each commercial driver's instruction permit a fee of [ten]
855 twenty dollars.

856 Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 14-44k of the general statutes is
857 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
858 *1, 2021*):

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

866 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 14-45a of the general statutes is
867 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
868 *2021*):

869 (b) Prior to issuing a motor vehicle operator's license to a person who
870 has not previously been issued a license in this state or [has not operated
871 a motor vehicle within the preceding two years] whose Connecticut
872 motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to
873 the application date, the commissioner may require such person to pass
874 a vision screening to determine if the person meets vision standards
875 specified in the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
876 section.

877 Sec. 20. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
878 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
879 *1, 2021*):

880 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part
881 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross
882 vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred
883 pounds, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one hundred
884 thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to such
885 vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may, at
886 such individual's discretion, renew the combination registration of such
887 vehicle owned by such individual for either a one-year period or the
888 registration period as determined by the commissioner pursuant to
889 subsection (a) of section 14-22.

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

893 (3) For the registration of a motor vehicle when used in part for
894 commercial purposes and as a passenger motor vehicle or of a motor
895 vehicle having a seating capacity greater than ten and not used for the
896 conveyance of passengers for hire, the commissioner shall charge a
897 biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as outlined
898 in section 14-47, plus the sum of fourteen dollars and shall issue
899 combination registration to such vehicle.

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

904 (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having a gross vehicle
905 weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred pounds that is
906 not used in part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall
907 charge a triennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as
908 provided in section 14-47, plus the sum of twenty-one dollars. The
909 commissioner may issue passenger registration to any such vehicle with
910 a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred pounds or
911 less.

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

914 (a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the
915 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or
916 the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued either a
917 new car dealer's, a used car dealer's, a repairer's or a limited repairer's
918 license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the
919 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor
920 vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five

921 hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer or limited repairer, three
922 hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially
923 according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner so as
924 to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a
925 staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less
926 than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a
927 prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior
928 to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall
929 send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the
930 commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not
931 filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee
932 prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in
933 business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after
934 the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred
935 dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this
936 subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.

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

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

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

947 (4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive,
948 of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee
949 complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation
950 relating to the conduct of such business and provided as indemnity for
951 any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts of the licensee
952 constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or such

953 licensee going out of business. Each [cash bond shall be deposited with
954 the commissioner and each] surety bond shall be executed in the name
955 of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but
956 the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the
957 commissioner after a hearing held before said commissioner in
958 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. For purposes of this
959 subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any person, firm or
960 corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor vehicle inventory, or
961 (B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity as a dealer, who buys
962 motor vehicles from or sells motor vehicles to another licensed dealer.

963 (5) The commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two
964 hundred dollars against any licensee for failing to provide proof of bond
965 renewal or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the
966 existing bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or
967 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is
968 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

969 (c) The commissioner may request information from any applicant
970 for a repairer's license or used car dealer's license concerning the
971 financial status and ability of such applicant to comply with the
972 requirements of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder.
973 The commissioner shall review such information to determine if the
974 applicant has sufficient financial resources to conduct the business in a
975 manner consistent with the reasonable security and protection of its
976 customers in regard to the duties and responsibilities imposed by the
977 provisions of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The
978 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the applicant fails to
979 provide any such information requested or, if, after review by the
980 commissioner, the commissioner is not satisfied as to such applicant's
981 financial status. The commissioner may, in any case deemed
982 appropriate, grant a license on condition that the applicant post [a cash
983 bond or] a surety bond, in accordance with the provisions of subsection
984 (b) of this section, in an amount prescribed by the commissioner that is
985 greater than the minimum amount required by the applicable

986 provisions of said subsection (b). Any applicant aggrieved by any
987 decision of the commissioner made pursuant to this subsection shall be
988 afforded an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions
989 of chapter 54. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
990 with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

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

995 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall transmit to the
996 Commissioner of Revenue Services and the Commissioner of Energy
997 and Environmental Protection a summary of any complaint that the
998 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles receives alleging that a person, firm or
999 corporation is engaging in the business of the buying, selling, offering
1000 for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of the repairing of any
1001 motor vehicle without a license.

1002 Sec. 22. Section 14-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1003 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1004 (a) The commissioner may, after notice and hearing, refuse to grant
1005 or renew a license to a person, firm or corporation to engage in the
1006 business of selling or repairing motor vehicles pursuant to the
1007 provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, if the applicant for
1008 or holder of such a license, or an officer or major stockholder if the
1009 applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, has been found liable in a
1010 civil action for, or convicted of, a violation of any provision of laws
1011 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer including
1012 a motor vehicle recycler, or of any violation involving fraud, larceny or
1013 deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United
1014 States or of any state. Each applicant for such a license shall submit to a
1015 state criminal history records check, conducted in accordance with
1016 section 29-17a and based on the applicant's name and date of birth, not
1017 more than thirty days before such application is made and provide the

1018 results of such records check to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The
1019 commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to submit its
1020 application electronically. Upon renewal of such license, [such] a
1021 licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or
1022 conviction under penalty of false statement.

1023 (b) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant or
1024 renew a license to an applicant [or licensee] for or the holder of a used
1025 car dealer's license that is delinquent in the payment of sales tax in
1026 connection with a business from which it is or was obligated to remit
1027 sales tax, as reported to the commissioner by the Department of
1028 Revenue Services.

1029 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is
1030 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1031 *1, 2021*):

1032 (a) Each sale shall be evidenced by [an] a retail purchase order
1033 properly signed by both the buyer and seller, a copy of which shall be
1034 furnished to the buyer when executed, and an invoice upon delivery of
1035 the motor vehicle, both of which shall contain the following information:
1036 (1) Make of vehicle; (2) [year of] the vehicle's model year, whether sold
1037 as new or used, and [on invoice] the vehicle's identification number; (3)
1038 deposit, and (A) if the deposit is not refundable, the words "No Refund
1039 of Deposit" shall appear at this point, [and] (B) if the deposit is
1040 conditionally refundable, the words "Conditional Refund of Deposit"
1041 shall appear at this point, followed by a statement giving the conditions
1042 for refund, [and] (C) if the deposit is unconditionally refundable, the
1043 words "Unconditional Refund" shall appear at this point, and (D) if the
1044 buyer is financing the motor vehicle through the seller, a statement that
1045 the deposit is refundable if the seller does not provide written proof of
1046 approved financing to the buyer prior to the execution of the retail
1047 purchase order; (4) cash selling price; (5) finance charges, and (A) if
1048 these charges do not include insurance, the words "No Insurance" shall
1049 appear at this point, and (B) if these charges include insurance, a

1050 statement shall appear at this point giving the exact type of coverage; (6)
1051 allowance on motor vehicle traded in, if any, and description of the
1052 same; (7) stamped or printed in a size equal to at least ten-point bold
1053 type on the face of both order and invoice one of the following forms:
1054 (A) "This motor vehicle not guaranteed", or (B) "This motor vehicle is
1055 guaranteed", followed by a statement as to the terms of such guarantee,
1056 which terms shall include the duration of the guarantee or the number
1057 of miles the guarantee shall remain in effect. Such statement shall not
1058 apply to household furnishings of any trailer; (8) if the motor vehicle is
1059 new but has been subject to use by the seller or use in connection with
1060 his business as a dealer, the word "demonstrator" shall be clearly
1061 displayed on the face of both order and invoice; (9) any dealer
1062 conveyance fee or processing fee and a statement that such fee is not
1063 payable to the state of Connecticut printed in at least ten-point bold type
1064 on the face of both order and invoice; and (10) the dealer's legal name,
1065 address and license number. For the purposes of this subdivision,
1066 "dealer conveyance fee" or "processing fee" means a fee charged by a
1067 dealer to recover reasonable costs for processing all documentation and
1068 performing services related to the closing of a sale, including, but not
1069 limited to, the registration and transfer of ownership of the motor
1070 vehicle which is the subject of the sale.

1071 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 14-69 of the general statutes is
1072 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1073 *2021*):

1074 (a) No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers'
1075 school without being licensed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
1076 An application for a license shall be in writing and shall contain such
1077 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for a license
1078 shall be fingerprinted before such application is approved. The
1079 commissioner shall subject each applicant for a license to state and
1080 national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with
1081 section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry
1082 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any such applicant has a

1083 criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry,
1084 the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to issue a
1085 license to conduct a drivers' school in accordance with the standards and
1086 procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted
1087 pursuant to said section. If the application is approved, the applicant
1088 shall be granted a license upon the payment of a fee of seven hundred
1089 dollars and a deposit with the commissioner of [cash or] a bond of a
1090 surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned on
1091 the faithful performance by the applicant of any contract to furnish
1092 instruction, in either case in such amount as the commissioner may
1093 require, such [cash or] bond to be held by the commissioner to satisfy
1094 any execution issued against such school in a cause arising out of failure
1095 of such school to perform such contract. For each additional place of
1096 business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of one
1097 hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee opens an additional
1098 place of business with one year or less remaining on the term of its
1099 license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-eight dollars for
1100 each such additional place of business for the year or any part thereof
1101 remaining on the term of such license. No license shall be required in
1102 the case of any board of education, or any public, private or parochial
1103 school, which conducts a course in driver education established in
1104 accordance with sections 14-36e, as amended by this act, and 14-36f, as
1105 amended by this act. A license so issued shall be valid for two years. The
1106 commissioner shall issue a license certificate or certificates to each
1107 licensee, one of which shall be displayed in each place of business of the
1108 licensee. In case of the loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate, the
1109 commissioner shall issue a duplicate upon proof of the facts and the
1110 payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

1111 Sec. 25. Section 14-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1112 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1113 The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
1114 provisions of chapter 54, [for (1)] regarding the conduct of drivers'
1115 schools and instructor license requirements. Such regulations shall (1)

1116 establish the conduct of drivers' schools, including, but not limited to,
1117 requirements as to the inspection of the vehicles used by the drivers'
1118 schools in the conduct of their business, instructional standards and
1119 procedures, including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes
1120 concerning the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
1121 subsection (b) of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the
1122 provisions of said subsection, [(b),] instruction concerning highway
1123 work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor
1124 vehicle under section 14-212d, the administration of a test at the
1125 conclusion of each class, the posting of rates charged for instruction, and
1126 the general form in which records [shall be kept] concerning persons
1127 under instruction and those who have completed their course of
1128 instruction [, and (2) the establishment of] shall be kept and, when
1129 required, the method of transmission to the commissioner, (2) permit a
1130 class or classroom instruction to be offered in person in a congregate
1131 setting, through real-time interactive distance learning or through a
1132 combination of both in-person and real-time interactive distance
1133 learning, and (3) establish the requirements for a person to receive a
1134 license as an instructor in accordance with section 14-73. On and after
1135 October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall not issue a license that is limited
1136 to classroom instruction. Any person who was issued such limited
1137 license prior to October 1, 2010, may maintain and renew such license.

1138 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 14-111g of the general statutes is
1139 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1140 *passage*):

1141 (b) The retraining program shall be taught by a designee of the
1142 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by an instructor approved by the
1143 commissioner and shall (1) review principles of motor vehicle operation,
1144 (2) develop alternative attitudes for those attitudes contributing to
1145 aggressive driving behavior, and (3) emphasize the need to practice safe
1146 driving behavior. The retraining program shall be offered by the
1147 Department of Motor Vehicles or by any other organization certified by
1148 the commissioner to conduct such program in person in a congregate

1149 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-
1150 person and distance learning. Any drivers' school, as defined in section
1151 14-68, that meets the licensure requirements of part IV of this chapter
1152 shall be eligible to seek certification to offer the motor vehicle operator's
1153 retraining program. The commissioner shall determine the number of
1154 program providers necessary to serve the needs of the public. Each
1155 organization or drivers' school seeking certification or recertification to
1156 conduct such retraining program shall submit an application to the
1157 department in such form as the commissioner shall require and an
1158 application fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Each such applicant shall:
1159 (A) Be registered to do business in this state and continuously maintain
1160 good standing with the office of the Secretary of the State; (B) file and
1161 continuously maintain a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand
1162 dollars. Such bond shall be conditioned upon compliance with the
1163 provisions of any state or federal law or regulation concerning the
1164 conduct of an operator retraining program and provided as indemnity
1165 for any loss or expense sustained by either the state or any person by
1166 reason of any acts or omissions of the program provider. Such bond
1167 shall be executed in the name of the State of Connecticut for the benefit
1168 of any aggrieved party, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked
1169 except upon order of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after a
1170 hearing held before the commissioner in accordance with the provisions
1171 of chapter 54; (C) have a permanent place of business in this state where
1172 all operator retraining program records shall be maintained and
1173 accessible to the commissioner during normal business hours; (D)
1174 submit for approval by the commissioner a detailed curriculum and
1175 lesson plan, including any changes to such curriculum and lesson plan,
1176 which shall be used in each operator retraining class; and (E)
1177 electronically transmit information concerning enrollment and class
1178 completion to the commissioner at such times and in such form as the
1179 commissioner shall prescribe. Prior to the certification of an applicant,
1180 the commissioner shall investigate the applicant's character, driving
1181 history and criminal history. If the applicant is a business entity, such
1182 investigation shall include the principals and officers of such entity. The

1183 applicant shall submit to the commissioner any information pertaining
1184 to current or past criminal or civil actions. The certification of a program
1185 provider by the commissioner shall not be transferable and shall be
1186 valid for a two-year period. Recertification of a provider shall be at the
1187 discretion of the commissioner and in such form and manner
1188 determined by the commissioner.

1189 Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
1190 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1191 *2021*):

1192 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
1193 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations
1194 shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control
1195 equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission
1196 standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic
1197 standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy
1198 and Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of
1199 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or
1200 waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by
1201 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and
1202 compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the
1203 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such
1204 regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board
1205 diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor
1206 vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or
1207 which will be registered in this state, and to all motor vehicles sold by a
1208 dealer licensed in this state as required by subsection (n) of this section,
1209 except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand
1210 pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors
1211 attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary
1212 registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago;
1213 (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered
1214 but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as
1215 defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II

1216 school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer
1217 either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for
1218 the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; (12)
1219 vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a
1220 and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles; (13)
1221 electric bicycles, as defined in section 14-1; or (14) electric foot scooters,
1222 as defined in section 14-1. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations
1223 shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four
1224 or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the
1225 previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse
1226 upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental
1227 Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department
1228 of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate
1229 applicable federal environmental or transportation planning
1230 requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the
1231 commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and
1232 compliance or waiver prior to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the
1233 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection finds that it is
1234 necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision
1235 (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model
1236 years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning
1237 emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1238 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
1239 to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles
1240 having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor
1241 vehicles four or less model years of age.

1242 Sec. 28. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the
1243 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1244 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1245 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the Office
1246 of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to time
1247 modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each
1248 biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for

1249 inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such
1250 fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the
1251 costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including
1252 administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor,
1253 exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by
1254 the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official
1255 emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply
1256 with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the
1257 right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to
1258 the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection
1259 without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal
1260 holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special
1261 circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection
1262 to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for
1263 reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee of
1264 twenty dollars against the owner of a motor vehicle that has not
1265 presented such motor vehicle for an emissions inspection within thirty
1266 days following the expiration date of the assigned inspection period, or
1267 that has not presented such motor vehicle for a reinspection within sixty
1268 days following a test failure, or both. The commissioner may waive such
1269 late fee when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the
1270 failure to have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned
1271 inspection period or during the sixty-day reinspection period was due
1272 to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been
1273 transferred, the new owner shall have such motor vehicle inspected
1274 within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle. The
1275 commissioner may specify a longer period for all new owners to achieve
1276 compliance after a transfer of ownership if circumstances require
1277 closure or limited operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles or
1278 emissions inspection stations. After the expiration of such thirty-day
1279 period, or the period specified by the commissioner, the commissioner
1280 shall require the payment of the late fee specified in this subdivision. If
1281 the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the
1282 commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions

1283 exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such
1284 vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be
1285 assessed.

1286 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is
1287 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1288 *2021*):

1289 (a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be
1290 deemed to have given such person's consent to a chemical analysis of
1291 such person's blood, breath or urine and, if such person is a minor, such
1292 person's parent or parents or guardian shall also be deemed to have
1293 given their consent. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" includes a
1294 snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as such terms are defined in section
1295 14-379.

1296 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
1297 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1298 *passage*):

1299 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
1300 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing a procedure
1301 for the safety training of school bus operators and operators of student
1302 transportation vehicles. Such regulations shall provide for minimum
1303 proficiency requirements for school bus operators. The safety training
1304 administered by the commissioner shall conform to the minimum
1305 requirements of number 17 of the National Highway Safety Standards.
1306 Such safety training shall include instruction relative to the location,
1307 contents and use of the first aid kit in the motor vehicle. A class or
1308 classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting,
1309 through distance learning or through a combination of both in-person
1310 and distance learning.

1311 Sec. 31. Subsection (c) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
1312 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1313 *passage*):

1314 (c) Any town or regional school district may require its school bus
1315 operators to have completed a safety training course in the operation of
1316 school buses, consisting of a minimum of ten hours of behind-the-wheel
1317 instruction and three hours of classroom instruction. Classroom
1318 instruction shall include instruction offered in person in a congregate
1319 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-
1320 person and distance learning.

1321 Sec. 32. Subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
1322 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1323 *passage*):

1324 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit marine
1325 dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to assign registration numbers and
1326 issue [temporary] certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of a
1327 vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the issuance of such
1328 [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1329 an application together with all necessary documents, information and
1330 fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate of number issued
1331 for the vessel transfer.

1332 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit such marine
1333 dealers to issue [temporary] certificates of decal upon the sale or transfer
1334 of a documented vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the
1335 issuance of such [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of
1336 Motor Vehicles an application together with all necessary documents,
1337 information and fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate
1338 of decal [with respect to] issued for such vessel.

1339 (3) [On and after March 1, 2005, the] The Commissioner of Motor
1340 Vehicles shall permit marine dealers [, as defined in section 15-141,] to
1341 submit the applications and documents required under subdivisions (1)
1342 and (2) of this subsection by electronic means. [Said] The commissioner
1343 [shall] may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry
1344 out the provisions of this subdivision.

1345 Sec. 33. Section 14-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1346 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1347 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any
1348 highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered
1349 with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for
1350 repairs or necessary work if it bears the [markers] number plates of a
1351 licensed and registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided
1352 any motor vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a
1353 period of [sixty] ninety days following establishment by the owner of
1354 residence in this state, be operated on any highway without first being
1355 registered with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this
1356 subsection, (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A)
1357 registers a motor vehicle he or she does not own, or (B) operates, allows
1358 the operation of, parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor
1359 vehicle on any highway, or (2) a resident of this state who operates or
1360 parks a motor vehicle such resident owns with [marker] number plates
1361 issued by another state on any highway shall be fined one thousand
1362 dollars. If the owner of a motor vehicle previously registered with the
1363 commissioner, the registration of which expired not more than thirty
1364 days previously, operates, allows the operation of, parks or allows that
1365 parking of such a motor vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount
1366 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the
1367 right to retain his or her operator's license shall not be affected. No
1368 operator other than the owner shall be subject to penalty for the
1369 operation or parking of such a previously registered motor vehicle. As
1370 used in this subsection, the term "unregistered motor vehicle" includes
1371 any vehicle that is not eligible for registration by the commissioner due
1372 to the absence of necessary equipment or other characteristics of the
1373 vehicle that make it unsuitable for highway operation, unless the
1374 operation of such vehicle is expressly permitted by another provision of
1375 this chapter or chapter 248.

1376 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in
1377 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall [file in the office of] submit

1378 to the commissioner an application signed by [him] such owner and
1379 containing such information and proof of ownership as the
1380 commissioner may require. The application shall be made [on blanks
1381 furnished by the commissioner. The blanks shall be] in such form and
1382 contain such provisions and information as the commissioner may
1383 determine.

1384 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
1385 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
1386 qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations
1387 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to (1) issue new
1388 registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp
1389 trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks or other
1390 vehicle types as determined by the commissioner, [when they are sold
1391 by a licensed dealer. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of
1392 ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of
1393 this subsection] and (2) renew such registrations for such vehicle types.
1394 A person [purchasing] registering or renewing the registration of a
1395 motor vehicle or other vehicle type as determined by the commissioner
1396 from a dealer so appointed [and registering such vehicle pursuant to
1397 this section] shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the
1398 dealer, [a fee] the registration fee in accordance with the provisions of
1399 section 14-49, as amended by this act, and any other applicable fees. The
1400 commissioner may authorize such dealer to charge a convenience fee
1401 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, as amended by this act. The
1402 commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the
1403 application and [fee] fees, other than the convenience fee, shall be
1404 transmitted to the commissioner.

1405 (d) A motor vehicle registration certificate issued upon an application
1406 containing any material false statement is void from the date of its issue
1407 and shall be surrendered, upon demand, with any number plate or
1408 plates, to the commissioner. Any money paid for the registration
1409 certificate shall be forfeited to the state. No person shall obtain or
1410 attempt to obtain any registration for another by misrepresentation or

1411 impersonation and any registration so obtained shall be void. The
1412 commissioner may require each applicant for a motor vehicle
1413 registration to furnish personal identification satisfactory to the
1414 commissioner and may require any applicant who has established
1415 residence in this state for more than thirty days to obtain a motor vehicle
1416 operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of
1417 section 14-36, as amended by this act, or an identification card issued
1418 pursuant to section 1-1h, as amended by this act. Any person who
1419 violates any provision of this subsection and any person who fails to
1420 surrender a falsely obtained motor vehicle registration or number plate
1421 or plates upon the demand of the commissioner shall be fined not more
1422 than two hundred dollars.

1423 (e) The commissioner may register any motor vehicle under the
1424 provisions of this chapter, may assign a distinguishing registration
1425 number to the registered motor vehicle and may then issue a certificate
1426 of registration to the owner. A certificate of registration shall contain the
1427 registration number assigned to the motor vehicle and its vehicle
1428 identification number and shall be in such form and contain such further
1429 information as the commissioner determines.

1430 (f) (1) The commissioner may refuse to register or issue a certificate
1431 of title for a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if [he] the
1432 commissioner determines that the characteristics of the motor vehicle or
1433 class of motor vehicles make it unsafe for highway operation. The
1434 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
1435 of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection and the
1436 provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

1437 (2) The commissioner shall not register a motor vehicle if [he] the
1438 commissioner knows that the motor vehicle's equipment fails to comply
1439 with the provisions of this chapter, provided nothing contained in this
1440 section shall preclude the commissioner from issuing one or more
1441 temporary registrations for a motor vehicle not previously registered in
1442 this state or from issuing a temporary registration for a motor vehicle

1443 under a trade name without a certified copy of the notice required by
1444 section 35-1.

1445 (3) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle, except a
1446 platform truck the motive power of which is electricity, or a tractor
1447 equipped with solid tires, if it is not equipped with lighting devices as
1448 prescribed by this chapter. The registration of any motor vehicle which
1449 is not equipped with such prescribed lighting devices is void and money
1450 paid for the registration shall be forfeited to the state. Nothing in this
1451 subdivision shall prevent the commissioner, at [his] the commissioner's
1452 discretion, from registering a motor vehicle not equipped with certain
1453 lighting devices if the operation of the vehicle is restricted to daylight
1454 use.

1455 (4) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle or a
1456 combination of a motor vehicle and a trailer or semitrailer [which] that
1457 exceeds the limits specified in section 14-267a.

1458 (5) [On or after October 1, 1984, no] No motor vehicle registration
1459 shall be issued by the commissioner for any motorcycle unless the
1460 application for registration is accompanied by sufficient proof, as
1461 determined by the commissioner, that the motorcycle is insured for the
1462 amounts required by section 14-289f.

1463 (6) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle which is
1464 subject to the federal heavy vehicle use tax imposed under Section 4481
1465 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any subsequent corresponding
1466 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
1467 amended, if the applicant fails to furnish proof of payment of such tax,
1468 in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United
1469 States.

1470 (g) The commissioner may elect not to register any motor vehicle
1471 which is ten or more model years old and which has not been previously
1472 registered in this state until the same has been presented, as directed by
1473 the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of the

1474 Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official emissions
1475 inspection station or other business or firm, authorized by the
1476 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct safety inspections, and has
1477 passed the inspection as to its safety features as required by the
1478 commissioner. When a motor vehicle owned by a resident of this state
1479 is garaged in another jurisdiction and cannot be conveniently presented
1480 at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, an authorized
1481 emissions inspection station or other facility, the commissioner may
1482 accept an inspection made by authorities in such other jurisdiction or by
1483 appropriate military authorities, provided the commissioner
1484 determines that such inspection is comparable to that conducted by the
1485 Department of Motor Vehicles. If the commissioner authorizes the
1486 contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection
1487 stations or other business or firm to conduct the safety inspections
1488 required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the
1489 contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen
1490 dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any
1491 motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-
1492 52, as amended by this act, and meeting qualifications established by the
1493 commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to
1494 make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety
1495 inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is
1496 in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration.
1497 No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to
1498 make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner
1499 authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections,
1500 such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in
1501 such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance
1502 of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment
1503 standards and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner
1504 as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

1505 (h) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle unless it
1506 meets the equipment related registration requirements contained in
1507 sections 14-80, 14-100, 14-100a, 14-100b, 14-106a and 14-275.

1508 (i) The commissioner or any city, town, borough or other taxing
1509 district authorized under subsection (f) of section 14-33 may issue a
1510 temporary registration to the owner of a motor vehicle. The application
1511 for a temporary registration shall conform to the provisions of this
1512 section. A temporary registration may be issued for a period of time
1513 determined by the commissioner and may be renewed from time to time
1514 at the discretion of the commissioner. The fee for a temporary
1515 registration or any renewal thereof shall be as provided in subsection
1516 (n) of section 14-49.

1517 (j) The commissioner may issue a special use registration to the owner
1518 of a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed thirty days for the sole
1519 purpose of driving such vehicle to another state in which the vehicle is
1520 to be registered and exclusively used. The application for such
1521 registration shall conform to the provisions of subsection (b) of this
1522 section. The commissioner may issue special use certificates and plates
1523 in such form as [he] the commissioner may determine. The special use
1524 certificate shall state such limitation on the operation of such vehicle and
1525 shall be carried in the vehicle at all times when it is being operated on
1526 any highway.

1527 (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (e) of
1528 this section, the commissioner shall issue to a municipality, as defined
1529 in section 7-245, or a regional solid waste authority comprised of several
1530 municipalities, upon receipt of an application by the municipality or
1531 regional solid waste authority, a general distinguishing number plate
1532 for use on a motor vehicle owned or leased by such municipality or
1533 regional solid waste authority.

1534 (l) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Motor Vehicles
1535 shall record the number of electric vehicles, as defined in section 16-
1536 19eee, registered in the state. This data shall be publicly available on the
1537 department's Internet web site and shall include (1) the number of
1538 electric vehicles registered in the state each year, and (2) the total
1539 number of electric vehicles registered in the state. The department shall

1540 update this information every six months.

1541 Sec. 34. Subsection (h) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is
1542 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1543 *passage*):

1544 (h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as
1545 defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, as amended by this act, to use
1546 a blue, red, yellow, or white light or lights, including a flashing light or
1547 lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in subsection [(j)]
1548 (k) of this section.

1549 Sec. 35. Section 14-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1550 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1551 (a) As used in this section, "emergency vehicle" means (1) any
1552 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical
1553 service organization responding to an emergency call [,] or taking a
1554 patient to a hospital, (2) any vehicle used by a fire department or by any
1555 officer of a fire department while on the way to a fire or while
1556 responding to an emergency call but not while returning from a fire or
1557 emergency call, (3) any state or local police vehicle operated by a police
1558 officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles answering an
1559 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators, [or] (4) any
1560 Department of Correction vehicle operated by a Department of
1561 Correction officer while in the course of such officer's employment and
1562 while responding to an emergency call, or (5) any Department of Energy
1563 and Environmental Protection vehicle operated by a Department of
1564 Energy and Environmental Protection employee authorized to operate
1565 such vehicle while in the course of such employee's employment and
1566 while on the way to a fire or responding to an emergency call but not
1567 while returning from a fire or emergency call.

1568 (b) (1) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (A) park or stand
1569 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (B) except as
1570 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed past any red

1571 light, [or] stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or
1572 stopping to the extent necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle,
1573 (C) exceed the posted speed limits or other speed limits imposed by or
1574 pursuant to section 14-218a or 14-219 as long as such operator does not
1575 endanger life or property by so doing, and (D) disregard statutes,
1576 ordinances or regulations governing direction of movement or turning
1577 in specific directions.

1578 (2) The operator of any emergency vehicle shall immediately bring
1579 such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when
1580 approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking or
1581 following any registered school bus on any highway or private road or
1582 in any parking area or on any school property when such school bus is
1583 displaying flashing red signal lights and such operator may then
1584 proceed as long as he or she does not endanger life or property by so
1585 doing.

1586 (c) The exemptions granted in this section shall apply only when an
1587 emergency vehicle is making use of an audible warning signal device,
1588 including, but not limited to, a siren, whistle or bell which meets the
1589 requirements of subsection (f) of section 14-80, and visible flashing or
1590 revolving lights which meet the requirements of sections 14-96p and 14-
1591 96q, as amended by this act, and to any state or local police vehicle
1592 properly and lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device
1593 only.

1594 (d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of an
1595 emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety
1596 of all persons and property.

1597 (e) Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle making
1598 use of such an audible warning signal device and such visible flashing
1599 or revolving lights or of any state or local police vehicle properly and
1600 lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device only, the
1601 operator of every other vehicle in the immediate vicinity shall
1602 immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to,

1603 the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and
1604 shall stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has
1605 passed, except when otherwise directed by a state or local police officer
1606 or a firefighter.

1607 (f) Any person who is (1) operating a motor vehicle that is not an
1608 emergency vehicle, [as defined in subsection (a) of this section,] and (2)
1609 following an ambulance that is using flashing lights or a siren, shall not
1610 follow such [vehicle] ambulance more closely than one hundred feet.

1611 (g) Any officer of a fire department may remove, or cause to be
1612 removed, any vehicle upon any [public] highway or private way which
1613 obstructs or [retards] impedes any fire department, or any officer
1614 thereof, in controlling or extinguishing any fire.

1615 (h) Any person who wilfully or negligently obstructs or [retards any
1616 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical
1617 service organization while answering any emergency call or taking a
1618 patient to a hospital, or any vehicle used by a fire department or any
1619 officer or member of a fire department while on the way to a fire, or
1620 while responding to an emergency call, or any vehicle used by the state
1621 police or any local police department, or any officer of the Division of
1622 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
1623 Protection or any local police department while on the way to an
1624 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators,] impedes an
1625 emergency vehicle or any vehicle used by the state or local police shall
1626 be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

1627 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting the use of
1628 a siren upon any motor vehicle other than an emergency vehicle [, as
1629 defined in subsection (a) of this section, or a rescue service vehicle
1630 which] or an authorized emergency medical services vehicle that is
1631 registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section
1632 19a-181.

1633 (j) A police officer may issue a written warning or a summons to the

1634 owner of a vehicle based upon an affidavit signed by the operator of an
 1635 emergency vehicle specifying (1) the license plate number, color and
 1636 type of any vehicle observed violating any provision of subsection (e) or
 1637 (h) of this section, and (2) the date, approximate time and location of
 1638 such violation.

1639 Sec. 36. Subdivision (5) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is
 1640 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 1641 *passage*):

1642 (5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department
 1643 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) [a public service company or
 1644 municipal department ambulance or emergency vehicle designated or
 1645 authorized for use as an authorized emergency vehicle by the
 1646 commissioner] an ambulance;

1647 Sec. 37. Section 14-163f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1648 *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>	14-50b(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-11c(b)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-15d
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-16(b)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-21z
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-21aa
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-25c
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-29
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-36
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	14-36d
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	14-36e
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	14-36f
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	14-41(b)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44c
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44e(g)

Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-44i(b)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-44k(g)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-45a(b)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-49(e)
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(b)
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>October 1, 2021</i>	14-12
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	14-96q(h)
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	14-283
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	14-1(5)
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section