



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 390

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AN ACT CONCERNING GOLF CARTS, BLOOD TRANSPORT VEHICLES, WRONG-WAY SIGNS, THE USE OF TOWN AID ROAD GRANTS AND A MICROTRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (59) of section 14-1 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (59) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any
5 nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage
6 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities,
7 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by persons with
8 physical disabilities at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour, golf
9 carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing from one
10 part of the golf course to another or operated on state highways, located
11 in municipalities where the traffic authority authorized the operation of
12 golf carts pursuant to section 14-300g, solely for the purpose of crossing
13 such state highways, golf-cart-type vehicles operated on roads or
14 highways on the grounds of state institutions by state employees,
15 agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles as run only on rails
16 or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers and lawn mowers,
17 when used for the purposes for which they were designed and operated

18 at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour, whether or not the operator
19 rides on or walks behind such equipment, motor-driven cycles, as
20 defined in section 14-286, special mobile equipment, as defined in
21 section 14-165, mini-motorcycles, as defined in section 14-289j, electric
22 bicycles, electric foot scooters and any other vehicle not suitable for
23 operation on a highway;

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
25 "high occupancy vehicle lane" means a traffic lane reserved for the
26 exclusive use of vehicles with an operator and one or more passengers,
27 (2) "blood transport vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned by a
28 nonprofit general blood banking operation or nonprofit blood collection
29 facility licensed by the state that transports human blood and blood
30 products, and (3) "blood products" means any substance derived from
31 human blood, including, but not limited to, plasma, platelets and red or
32 white blood cells.

33 (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may designate a
34 lane on any multiple lane limited access highway as a high occupancy
35 vehicle lane and erect or cause to be erected signs identifying any such
36 high occupancy vehicle lane. The office shall permit the operator of a
37 blood transport vehicle to use any such high occupancy vehicle lane,
38 regardless of the number of passengers in such vehicle, provided the
39 operator (1) is transporting human blood and blood products between
40 a collection point and a hospital or storage center; (2) displays a
41 removable decal or sign indicating such vehicle is transporting human
42 blood and blood products between a collection point and a hospital or
43 storage center on each side of such vehicle and at the rear of such
44 vehicle; and (3) displays the logo or emblem of the nonprofit general
45 blood banking operation or nonprofit blood collection facility, as the
46 case may be, on each side of such vehicle.

47 (c) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may adopt
48 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
49 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

50 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
51 Commissioner of Transportation shall complete the installation of
52 wrong-way signs, as described in subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of
53 section 40 of public act 20-1, on exit ramps from interstate highways that
54 are prone to motor vehicle accidents.

55 Sec. 4. Section 13a-175a of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

57 (a) [For] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for each
58 fiscal year there shall be allocated twelve million five hundred thousand
59 dollars out of the funds appropriated to the Department of
60 Transportation, or from any other source, not otherwise prohibited by
61 law, to be used by the towns for construction, reconstruction,
62 improvement or maintenance of highways, sections of highways,
63 bridges or structures incidental to highways and bridges or the
64 improvement thereof, including the plowing of snow, the sanding of icy
65 pavements, the trimming and removal of trees, the installation,
66 replacement and maintenance of traffic signs, signals and markings,
67 [and] for traffic control and vehicular safety programs, traffic and
68 parking planning and administration, and other purposes and
69 programs related to highways, traffic and parking, [and] for the
70 purposes of providing and operating essential public transportation
71 services and related facilities, and for the purposes of engineering
72 studies and planning services related to efforts regarding flood
73 mitigation and municipal stormwater planning.

74 (b) [Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
75 the] The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the
76 secretary's discretion, may approve the use of funds by a town for
77 purposes other than those enumerated in [said] subsection (a) of this
78 section.

79 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "microtransit"
80 means transportation by a multipassenger vehicle that uses a digital
81 network or software application service to offer fixed or dynamically

82 allocated routes and schedules in response to individual or aggregate
83 consumer demand.

84 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a pilot
85 program to test microtransit services in the state, including rural areas
86 not currently served by public transportation. The commissioner may
87 enter into agreements with third parties to provide such services.

88 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a
89 report on the implementation of the pilot program and
90 recommendations concerning the future deployment of microtransit
91 services in the state to the joint standing committee of the General
92 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in
93 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	14-1(59)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	13a-175a
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 2(a)(3) was rewritten for accuracy and in Section 5(c), "of microtransit services in the state" was added for clarity.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*