

Transportation Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-994

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT
Title: OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Vote Date: 3/10/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/15/2023

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Transportation Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To allow the DMV to better screen Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and CDL instructor applicants, improve the safety of children in vehicles, and so individuals can carry out limited repairs on vehicles without the need for a license. This would help ensure new and much-needed CDL drivers will be adequate to carry out their job and help fill the state's shortage of CDL drivers, lower the rates of child mortality and injury on the road, and prevent individuals from needing to go through the process of obtaining a license to carry out simple car repairs.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

Substitute language was adopted regarding notice to each DMV issued limited repairer's license, having the DMV and DESPP (Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection) study the feasibility of establishing a database for or revising vehicle records to include emergency contact information, and including cannabis in the 8-hour safety course requiring a video pertaining to how cannabis effects motor vehicle operators.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, External Affairs Division

Thanks to the DMV for addressing an implementation concern raised during the drafting process; it requests an additional change to line 422 to replace the word "suspend" with "remit", as it more appropriately describes the scenario addressed in the passage.

Tony Guerrero Commissioner of the DMV:

This proposal is the DMV's annual agency bill; it reviews changes identified by subject matter experts which better align with current operations. Section 1 concerns extending record requirement dates from Federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse for those seeking commercial driver's license or instruction permits; Sections 2-4 and 6-12 simplify the 'repairer' licensing framework and delineate limited repairs within the repairer definition; Section 5 updates statutory language that specifies that the number of vehicle sales is tied to the number of sales individuals at the dealership rather than the number of dealer plates issued; Section 13 clarifies the fingerprinting requirement in the statute applies to both initial issuance and renewal of a license to conduct a driving school; Section 14 offers opportunity for penalty relief from a first-time car seat infraction given proof of proper equipment/installation within 14 days; Sections 15-17 clearly delineate—as Class D Misdemeanors—violations for counterfeiting of vehicle registration, plates/markers, operator licenses, and loaning/selling license for another person's use.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

Reported by: Nathan Vieira

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