



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6646**

LCO No. 3204



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS AND REPAIR SHOPS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 Any person who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing  
4 motor vehicles shall first obtain and present to the commissioner a  
5 certificate of approval [of the location for which such license is desired  
6 from the board or authority designated by local charter, regulation or  
7 ordinance of the town, city or borough wherein the business is located  
8 or is proposed to be located, except that in any town or city having a  
9 zoning commission, combined planning and zoning commission and a  
10 board of appeals, such certificate shall be approved by the board of  
11 appeals] from the zoning commission of the municipality where such  
12 license is desired, affirming that the proposed location and use of the  
13 property conform to the municipality's zoning regulations. In addition  
14 thereto, such certificate shall be approved by the local building official  
15 and local fire marshal. The provisions of this section shall not apply to

16 (1) a transfer of ownership to a spouse, child, brother, sister or parent of  
17 a licensee, (2) a transfer of ownership to or from a corporation in which  
18 a spouse, child, brother, sister or parent of a licensee has a controlling  
19 interest, or (3) a change in ownership involving the withdrawal of one  
20 or more partners from a partnership.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-54

**Statement of Purpose:**

To specify that applicants for licenses for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles shall obtain certificates of approval of location and use from the zoning commission of the municipality.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*