



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6748**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS AND REPAIR SHOPS, TRESPASS ON WATERSHED LAND, THE "MOVE OVER" LAW, MINOR REVISIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES AND MUNICIPAL APPROVAL BEFORE THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY PURCHASES A MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

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 Section 14-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 July 1, 2023*):

3 Any person who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or  
4 repairing motor vehicles shall first obtain and present to the  
5 commissioner a certificate of approval [of the location for which such  
6 license is desired from the board or authority designated by local  
7 charter, regulation or ordinance of the town, city or borough wherein  
8 the business is located or is proposed to be located, except that in any  
9 town or city having a zoning commission, combined planning and  
10 zoning commission and a board of appeals, such certificate shall be  
11 approved by the board of appeals] from the zoning enforcement  
12 official of the municipality where such license is desired, affirming that  
13 the proposed location and use of the property conform to the zoning  
14 regulations of such municipality. In addition thereto, such certificate  
15 shall be approved by the local building official and local fire marshal.  
16 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a transfer of

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

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this  
23 section, "water company" has the same meaning as provided in section  
24 25-32a of the general statutes. A person is guilty of simple trespass of  
25 public water supply watershed land that is owned, controlled or  
26 managed by a water company when, knowing that such person is not  
27 licensed or privileged to do so, such person enters or remains on the  
28 watershed land without lawful authority or the consent of the water  
29 company.

30 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have  
31 committed an infraction and be fined ninety dollars.

32 Sec. 3. Section 14-283b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

34 (a) For the purpose of this section, "emergency vehicle" means any  
35 vehicle with activated flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an  
36 emergency medical service organization responding to an emergency  
37 call, (2) operated by a fire department or by any officer of a fire  
38 department responding to a fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a  
39 police officer, (4) that is a maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-  
40 1, or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1, "police officer" has  
41 the meaning set forth in section 7-294a, and "highway" has the  
42 meaning set forth in section 14-1. [ provided such highway has two or  
43 more travel lanes that proceed in the same direction.]

44 (b) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when  
45 approaching one or more emergency vehicles that are stationary or  
46 traveling significantly below the posted speed limit and located on the  
47 shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall (1)

48 immediately reduce speed to a reasonable level below the posted  
49 speed limit, and (2) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder,  
50 lane or breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such  
51 motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be  
52 unreasonable or unsafe.

53 (c) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when  
54 approaching one or more nonemergency vehicles that are stationary  
55 and located on the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway  
56 shall, if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder, lane or  
57 breakdown lane containing such nonemergency vehicle, move such  
58 motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be  
59 unreasonable or unsafe.

60 (d) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of  
61 this section shall have committed an infraction, except that if such  
62 violation results in the injury of the operator of an emergency vehicle,  
63 such person shall be fined not more than two thousand five hundred  
64 dollars and, if such violation results in the death of the operator of an  
65 emergency vehicle, such person shall be fined not more than ten  
66 thousand dollars.

67 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this  
68 section shall have committed an infraction.

69 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 22a-202 of the general statutes is  
70 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
71 *passage*):

72 (c) There is established a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric  
73 Automobile Purchase Rebate Advisory Board, which shall be within  
74 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for  
75 administrative purposes only. The advisory board shall advise the  
76 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection concerning  
77 priorities for the allocation, distribution and utilization of funds for the  
78 Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate

79 program. The advisory board shall consist of the Commissioner of  
80 Energy and Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee,  
81 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's  
82 designee, the president of the Connecticut Green Bank or the  
83 president's designee, the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory  
84 Authority or the chairperson's designee and ten members appointed as  
85 follows: (1) One representative of an environmental organization  
86 knowledgeable in electric vehicle policy appointed by the speaker of  
87 the House of Representatives; (2) one member who is an owner or  
88 manager of a business engaged in the sale or repair of bicycles  
89 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one  
90 representative of an organization that represents the interests of an  
91 environmental justice community appointed by the majority leader of  
92 the House of Representatives; (4) one representative of an association  
93 representing automotive retailers in the state appointed by the  
94 majority leader of the Senate; (5) one representative of an association  
95 representing electric vehicle consumers appointed by the minority  
96 leader of the House of Representatives; (6) one member appointed by  
97 the minority leader of the Senate; (7) one representative of an  
98 organization interested in the promotion of walking or bicycling  
99 appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of  
100 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
101 transportation; (8) one member appointed by the Senate chairperson of  
102 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
103 cognizance of matters relating to transportation; (9) one representative  
104 of an association representing electric vehicle manufacturers appointed  
105 by the House ranking member of the joint standing committee of the  
106 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
107 transportation; and (10) one member appointed by the Senate ranking  
108 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
109 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. The  
110 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may appoint  
111 to the advisory board not more than three additional representatives  
112 from other industrial fleet or transportation companies. Each member  
113 appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (10), inclusive, of this

114 subsection or appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and  
115 Environmental Protection shall serve for a term of two years and may  
116 [service] continue to serve until such member's successor is appointed.  
117 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the  
118 commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of the advisory  
119 board. The advisory board shall meet at such times as it deems  
120 necessary and may establish rules governing its internal procedures.

121 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 14-164c of the  
122 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
123 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

124 (2) On and after July 1, 2022, until July 1, 2024, inclusive, the  
125 commissioner shall grant an extension of time for a vehicle which fails  
126 any required inspection to obtain needed repairs, provided any motor  
127 vehicle dealer or repairer licensed under the provisions of section 14-  
128 52, certifies, in writing, that the part needed to fix a problem associated  
129 with the vehicle's engine is delayed due to market conditions. Any  
130 [waiver] extension of time granted pursuant to the provisions of this  
131 subdivision shall be valid for a period of one hundred eighty days  
132 from the date of the certification provided by such dealer or repairer.

133 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 15-120nn of the general statutes is  
134 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
135 *1, 2023*):

136 (c) The authority may purchase or acquire title in fee simple to, or  
137 any lesser estate, interest or right in, any airport, restricted landing  
138 area or other air navigation facility owned or controlled by any  
139 municipality or by any two or more municipalities jointly or by any  
140 other person, except any such purchase of an airport owned by a  
141 municipality shall be subject to the approval of the legislative body of  
142 the municipality within whose territorial limits the airport is located.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-54
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-283b
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22a-202(c)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	14-164c(d)(2)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-120nn(c)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 2(b), "be deemed to" was deleted for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*