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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-44c of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (d) On and after [January 6, 2023] November 18, 2024, the  
5 commissioner shall request a driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol  
6 Clearinghouse, in accordance with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from  
7 time to time, for any person who applies for, renews, transfers or  
8 upgrades a commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's  
9 instruction permit. The commissioner shall use information obtained  
10 from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of  
11 determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial  
12 motor vehicle and shall not disclose such information to any person or  
13 entity not directly involved in determining whether a person is qualified  
14 to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

15 Sec. 2. Section 14-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the

16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

17 (a) As used in this subpart (D):

18 (1) "New car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation  
19 engaged in the business of merchandising new motor vehicles under a  
20 manufacturer's or importer's contract for each such make of vehicle who  
21 may, incidental to such business, sell used motor vehicles and repair  
22 motor vehicles. Such person shall be qualified to conduct such business  
23 in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a.

24 (2) "Used car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation  
25 engaged in the business of merchandising motor vehicles other than  
26 new who may, incidental to such business, repair motor vehicles. A  
27 used car dealer does not include any person, firm or corporation  
28 engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles that offers  
29 for sale or sells used motor vehicles incidental to its primary business, if  
30 (A) such person, firm or corporation is licensed in accordance with the  
31 provisions of section 14-15, and (B) the motor vehicles that it offers for  
32 sale were formerly the subject of one or more lease agreements to which  
33 it was a party and the actual or prospective purchaser is the original  
34 lessee pursuant to a purchase option specified in a lease agreement.  
35 Such person shall be qualified to conduct such business in accordance  
36 with the requirements of section 14-52a.

37 (3) "Repairer" includes any person, firm or corporation qualified to  
38 conduct such business in accordance with the requirements of section  
39 14-52a, having a suitable facility and having adequate equipment,  
40 engaged in repairing, overhauling, adjusting, assembling or  
41 disassembling any motor vehicle [*but shall exclude*] or making minor  
42 repairs to any motor vehicle, including repairs and replacement of  
43 cooling, electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, brake adjustments, relining  
44 and repairs, wheel alignment and balancing and repair and replacement  
45 of shock absorbers. "Repairer" does not include a person engaged in  
46 making repairs to tires, upholstering, glazing, general blacksmithing,  
47 welding and machine work on motor vehicle parts when parts involving

48 such work are disassembled or reassembled by a licensed repairer.

49 [(4) "Limited repairer" includes any qualified person, having a  
50 suitable place of business and adequate equipment engaged in the  
51 business of minor repairs, including repairs and replacement of cooling,  
52 electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, brake adjustments, relining and  
53 repairs, wheel alignment and balancing, and repair and replacement of  
54 shock absorbers. For the purpose of this section, the place of business of  
55 a limited repairer shall be deemed to be suitable if the building in which  
56 the work of the repairer is performed has space capable of receiving at  
57 least one motor vehicle at any one time, exclusive of a grease pit or rack,  
58 and has adequate space for an office and for the storage of parts and  
59 accessories. A person shall be deemed capable of performing the duties  
60 of a limited repairer if he is, in the opinion of the commissioner, a  
61 qualified mechanic who has a thorough knowledge of the services to be  
62 rendered, or has a certificate of completion of a specialized course from  
63 a service school approved by the commissioner, or satisfactory proof of  
64 previous employment by a licensed repairer for a period of three years,  
65 or has successfully passed an examination given by the Department of  
66 Motor Vehicles.]

67 (b) The lubricating of motor vehicles, adding or changing of oil or  
68 other motor vehicle fluids, changing of tires and tubes, including the  
69 balancing of wheels, or installing of batteries or light bulbs, windshield  
70 wiper blades or drive belts shall not be construed as the repairing of  
71 motor vehicles under the provisions of this subpart (D).

72 Sec. 3. Section 14-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
73 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

74 (a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the  
75 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or  
76 the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued [either]  
77 a new car dealer's, a used car dealer's [,] or a repairer's [or a limited  
78 repairer's] license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the  
79 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor

80 vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five  
81 hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer, [or limited repairer,] three  
82 hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially  
83 according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner so as  
84 to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a  
85 staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less  
86 than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a  
87 prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior  
88 to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall  
89 send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the  
90 commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not  
91 filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee  
92 prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in  
93 business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after  
94 the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred  
95 dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this  
96 subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.

97 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each  
98 applicant for a repairer's license shall furnish a surety bond in the  
99 amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

100 [(2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each applicant  
101 for a limited repairer's license shall furnish a surety bond in the amount  
102 of ten thousand dollars.]

103 [(3)] (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each  
104 applicant for a new car dealer's or a used car dealer's license shall  
105 furnish a surety bond in the amount of sixty thousand dollars.

106 [(4)] (3) Each applicant for a leasing or rental license issued pursuant  
107 to section 14-15, who is engaged in the leasing or renting of motor  
108 vehicles for periods of thirty days or more, shall furnish a surety bond  
109 in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars.

110 [(5)] (4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to [(4)] (3),  
111 inclusive, of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or

112 licensee complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or  
113 regulation relating to the conduct of such business and provided as  
114 indemnity for any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts  
115 of the licensee constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the  
116 license or such licensee going out of business. Each surety bond shall be  
117 executed in the name of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any  
118 aggrieved customer, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked  
119 except upon order of the commissioner after a hearing held before said  
120 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. For  
121 purposes of this subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any  
122 person, firm or corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor  
123 vehicle inventory, or (B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity  
124 as a dealer, who buys motor vehicles from or sells motor vehicles to  
125 another licensed dealer.

126       ~~[(6)]~~ (5) The commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two  
127 hundred dollars against any licensee for failing to provide proof of bond  
128 renewal or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the  
129 existing bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or  
130 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is  
131 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

132       (c) The commissioner may request information from any applicant  
133 for a repairer's license or used car dealer's license concerning the  
134 financial status and ability of such applicant to comply with the  
135 requirements of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder.  
136 The commissioner shall review such information to determine if the  
137 applicant has sufficient financial resources to conduct the business in a  
138 manner consistent with the reasonable security and protection of its  
139 customers in regard to the duties and responsibilities imposed by the  
140 provisions of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The  
141 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the applicant fails to  
142 provide any such information requested or, if, after review by the  
143 commissioner, the commissioner is not satisfied as to such applicant's  
144 financial status. The commissioner may, in any case deemed  
145 appropriate, grant a license on condition that the applicant post a surety

146 bond, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
147 in an amount prescribed by the commissioner that is greater than the  
148 minimum amount required by the applicable provisions of said  
149 subsection (b). Any applicant aggrieved by any decision of the  
150 commissioner made pursuant to this subsection shall be afforded an  
151 opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.  
152 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54  
153 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

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

158 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall transmit to the  
159 Commissioner of Revenue Services and the Commissioner of Energy  
160 and Environmental Protection a summary of any complaint that the  
161 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles receives alleging that a person, firm or  
162 corporation is engaging in the business of the buying, selling, offering  
163 for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of the repairing of any  
164 motor vehicle without a license.

165 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) On and after January 1, 2024,  
166 each limited repairer's license issued by the Commissioner of Motor  
167 Vehicles prior to January 1, 2024, that is otherwise valid, shall remain  
168 valid, according to its terms, and shall authorize each license holder to  
169 engage in the business of minor repairs of motor vehicles under the  
170 provisions of section 14-52 of the general statutes, revision of 1958,  
171 revised to January 1, 2023, until the expiration of the license. On and  
172 after January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall not issue or renew a limited  
173 repairer's license.

174 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is  
175 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
176 *1, 2024*):

177 (b) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle

178 owned by such licensee or temporarily in such licensee's custody, make  
179 application to the commissioner for a general distinguishing number  
180 and mark, and the commissioner may issue to the applicant a certificate  
181 or certificates of registration containing the distinguishing number and  
182 mark assigned to such applicant, and made in a form and containing  
183 any further information that the commissioner may determine, and,  
184 thereupon, each motor vehicle owned by the applicant or temporarily  
185 in the applicant's custody shall be regarded as registered under and  
186 having assigned to it such general distinguishing number and mark  
187 until sold. For the registration of all motor vehicles registered under a  
188 general distinguishing number and mark, the commissioner shall  
189 charge a fee at the rate of seventy dollars per year. [No new car dealer  
190 may be issued more than one such registration for each ten sales  
191 transactions in a year and no repairer or limited repairer may be issued  
192 more than three registrations in a year, unless such licensee makes  
193 application for an additional registration to the commissioner, in such  
194 form and containing such information as the commissioner may require  
195 to substantiate such request. No used car dealer may be issued more  
196 than three such registrations in a year, provided an additional  
197 registration may be issued for each ten sales transactions in excess of  
198 thirty such transactions upon submission of such application for an  
199 additional registration.] The commissioner may issue to each such  
200 licensee such [additional] registrations as the commissioner deems  
201 necessary. The commissioner may withdraw any registration  
202 previously issued or may limit the number of registrations which any  
203 licensee is eligible to receive or to hold, if the commissioner determines  
204 that a licensee does not require such number of registrations or if a  
205 licensee has been found to be in violation of any of the provisions of  
206 section 14-64.

207 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 14-62b of the general statutes is  
208 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
209 *1, 2024*):

210 (b) No new car dealer, used car dealer [,] or repairer, [or limited  
211 repairer, as defined in section 14-51,] licensed in accordance with the

212 provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, may purchase or in  
213 any manner obtain possession of any motor vehicle for the purpose of  
214 dismantling such motor vehicle and selling its parts, as defined in  
215 subsection (a) of this section, for use in any other motor vehicle, except  
216 that any such dealer or repairer may sell used motor vehicle parts if the  
217 parts are installed in a motor vehicle by such dealer or repairer for the  
218 purpose of repair or maintenance of such motor vehicle.

219 Sec. 7. Section 14-65e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
220 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

221 For the purposes of sections 14-65f to 14-65j, inclusive, "motor vehicle  
222 repair shop" or "repair shop" means a new car dealer, a used car dealer  
223 [ ] or a repairer, [or a limited repairer, as defined in section 14-51,] or  
224 their agents or employees.

225 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 14-103 of the general statutes is  
226 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
227 *1, 2024*):

228 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish and maintain  
229 a system of voluntary examination of equipment of motor vehicles  
230 registered in this state or being operated on the highways thereof. Such  
231 examination may be made by [licensed automobile dealers and repair  
232 garages, not including limited repairers, which have been] a new car  
233 dealer, a used car dealer or a repairer, who is licensed in accordance  
234 with the provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, and  
235 approved by said commissioner for such purpose.

236 Sec. 9. Section 14-106b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
237 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

238 (a) Each self-propelled motor vehicle registered in this state designed  
239 and manufactured with an odometer shall at all times while operating  
240 on the highway be equipped with a properly functioning odometer.  
241 Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be issued a  
242 warning for defective equipment under the provisions of subsection (c)



243 of section 14-103.

244 (b) No person or [his] such person's agent shall remove, turn back or  
245 change the reading on the odometer of any motor vehicle required  
246 under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (a) of  
247 section 14-106a to be equipped with an odometer except in connection  
248 with the repair of such odometer either while installed in or removed  
249 from such motor vehicle and unless such person is licensed as a new car  
250 dealer, used car dealer or [general or limited] repairer pursuant to  
251 section 14-52, as amended by this act. Each odometer repaired and each  
252 new or used odometer installed in any motor vehicle required to be  
253 equipped with an odometer shall display mileage at least equal to the  
254 mileage displayed by the odometer in such motor vehicle immediately  
255 prior to such repair or replacement.

256 (c) No person shall sell, offer for sale, use, install or cause to be  
257 installed any device which causes the odometer in any motor vehicle  
258 required under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or  
259 subsection (a) of section 14-106a to be so equipped to register any  
260 mileage other than the true mileage driven. For purposes of this section,  
261 the true mileage driven is that mileage driven by the vehicle as  
262 registered by the odometer within the manufacturer's designed  
263 tolerance.

264 (d) Any person violating the provisions of subsections (b) or (c) of  
265 this section shall be guilty of committing a class A misdemeanor. Any  
266 person violating the provisions of said subsections shall be liable for  
267 damages equal to three times the amount of actual damage or one  
268 thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, court costs and  
269 reasonable attorney's fees and shall pay a civil penalty of not more than  
270 one thousand dollars for each violation. A violation of the provisions of  
271 said subsections shall be deemed to be an unfair trade practice within  
272 the provisions of chapter 735a. Any person licensed as a new car dealer,  
273 used car dealer or [general or limited] repairer pursuant to section 14-  
274 52, as amended by this act, shall in addition to the penalties imposed by  
275 this section be subject to the suspension or revocation of [his] such

276 person's license as provided in section 14-64.

277 Sec. 10. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 12-692 of the  
278 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
279 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

280 (3) "Rental company" means any business entity that is engaged in  
281 the business of renting passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks without  
282 a driver or machinery in this state to lessees and that uses for rental  
283 purposes a motor vehicle fleet of five or more passenger motor vehicles,  
284 rental trucks or pieces of machinery in this state, but does not mean any  
285 person, firm or corporation that is licensed, or required to be licensed,  
286 pursuant to section 14-52, as amended by this act, (A) as a new car dealer  
287 [ , repairer or limited] or repairer, or (B) as a used car dealer that is not  
288 primarily engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles  
289 or rental trucks without a driver in this state to lessees. "Rental  
290 company" does not include a business entity with total annual rental  
291 income, excluding retail or wholesale sales of rental equipment, that is  
292 less than fifty-one per cent of the total revenue of the business entity in  
293 a given taxable year.

294 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 13b-99 of the general statutes is  
295 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
296 *1, 2024*):

297 (b) Each such taxicab shall be inspected, biennially, at the time of  
298 renewal of registration of such taxicab, by a repairer [or limited repairer]  
299 licensed and authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to  
300 perform such inspections. The commissioner shall set a fee for such an  
301 inspection.

302 Sec. 12. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 42-450 of the  
303 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
304 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

305 (2) "Rental company" means any business entity that is engaged in  
306 the business of renting trucks or vans without a driver in this state to

307 renters and that uses for rental purposes a motor vehicle fleet of five or  
308 more rental trucks in this state, but does not mean any person, firm or  
309 corporation that is licensed, or required to be licensed, pursuant to  
310 section 14-52, as amended by this act, (A) as a new car dealer [, repairer  
311 or limited] or repairer, or (B) as a used car dealer that is not primarily  
312 engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles or rental  
313 trucks without a driver in this state to renters.

314 Sec. 13. Section 14-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
315 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

316 (a) No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers'  
317 school without being licensed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.  
318 An application for a license shall be in writing and shall contain such  
319 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for a license  
320 or the renewal of a license shall be fingerprinted before such application  
321 is approved. The commissioner shall subject each applicant for a license  
322 or the renewal of a license to state and national criminal history records  
323 checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and a check of the  
324 state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section  
325 17a-101k. If any such applicant has a criminal record or is listed on the  
326 state child abuse and neglect registry, the commissioner shall make a  
327 determination of whether to issue a license or renew a license to conduct  
328 a drivers' school in accordance with the standards and procedures set  
329 forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted pursuant to said  
330 section. If the application is approved, the applicant shall be granted a  
331 license upon the payment of a fee of seven hundred dollars and  
332 submission of a surety bond from a surety company authorized to do  
333 business in this state, conditioned upon the faithful performance by the  
334 applicant of any contract to furnish instruction, in such amount as the  
335 commissioner may require. Such surety bond shall be held by the  
336 commissioner to satisfy any execution issued against such school in a  
337 cause arising out of failure of such school to perform such contract. For  
338 each additional place of business of such school, the commissioner shall  
339 charge a fee of one hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee  
340 opens an additional place of business with one year or less remaining

341 on the term of its license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-  
342 eight dollars for each such additional place of business for the year, or  
343 any part thereof, remaining on the term of such license. No license or  
344 surety bond shall be required in the case of any board of education, or  
345 any public, private or parochial school, which conducts a course in  
346 driver education established in accordance with sections 14-36e and 14-  
347 36f. A license so issued shall be valid for two years. The commissioner  
348 shall issue a license certificate or certificates to each licensee, one of  
349 which shall be displayed in each place of business of the licensee. In case  
350 of the loss, mutilation or destruction of a license certificate, the  
351 commissioner shall issue a duplicate license certificate to the licensee  
352 upon proof of the facts and the payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

353 (b) The biennial fee for the renewal of a license shall be seven hundred  
354 dollars and the biennial renewal fee for each additional place of business  
355 shall be one hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee opens an  
356 additional place of business with one year or less remaining on the term  
357 of its license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-eight dollars  
358 for each such additional place of business for the year, or any part  
359 thereof, remaining on the term of such license. If the commissioner has  
360 not received a complete renewal application and all applicable renewal  
361 fees on or before the expiration date of an applicant's license, the  
362 commissioner shall charge such applicant, in addition to such renewal  
363 fees, a late fee of seven hundred dollars. Upon the expiration date of a  
364 license, the licensee shall cease to conduct business until such time as  
365 the licensee's application for renewal is approved by the commissioner.  
366 The commissioner shall not renew any license under this section that  
367 has expired for more than sixty days.

368 (c) Any person who engages in the business of conducting a drivers'  
369 school without being licensed in accordance with this section shall be  
370 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

371 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 14-100a of the general statutes is  
372 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
373 *1, 2023*):

374 (d) (1) (A) Any person who transports a child under two years of age  
375 or weighing less than thirty pounds in a motor vehicle on the highways  
376 of this state shall provide and require the child to ride rear-facing in a  
377 child restraint system equipped with a five-point harness approved  
378 pursuant to regulations that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall  
379 adopt in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

380 (B) Any person who transports a child under five years of age, but  
381 not under two years of age, or weighing less than forty pounds, but not  
382 less than thirty pounds, in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state  
383 shall provide and require the child to ride rear-facing or forward-facing  
384 in a child restraint system equipped with a five-point harness approved  
385 pursuant to such regulations.

386 (C) Any person who transports a child under eight years of age, but  
387 not under five years of age, or weighing less than sixty pounds, but not  
388 less than forty pounds, in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state  
389 shall provide and require the child to ride rear-facing or forward-facing  
390 in a child restraint system equipped with a five-point harness or a  
391 booster seat secured by a seat safety belt approved pursuant to such  
392 regulations.

393 (D) No person shall transport a child in a motor vehicle on the  
394 highways of this state in a rear-facing child restraint system in the front  
395 seat of any motor vehicle that is equipped with a functional air bag on  
396 the passenger side of such motor vehicle.

397 (2) Any person who transports a child eight years of age or older and  
398 weighing sixty or more pounds in a motor vehicle on the highways of  
399 this state shall either provide and require the child to use an approved  
400 child restraint system or require the child to use a seat safety belt. Failure  
401 to use a child restraint system shall not be considered as contributory  
402 negligence nor shall such failure be admissible evidence in any civil  
403 action. As used in this subsection, "motor vehicle" does not mean a bus  
404 having a tonnage rating of one ton or more.

405 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this

406 subsection, any person who transports a child four years of age or older  
407 in a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, on the  
408 highways of this state shall either provide and require the child to use  
409 an approved child restraint system or require the child to use a seat  
410 safety belt. Any person who transports a child under four years of age  
411 weighing less than forty pounds in a student transportation vehicle on  
412 the highways of this state shall provide and require the child to use a  
413 child restraint system approved pursuant to such regulations.

414 (4) No person shall restrain a child in a booster seat unless the motor  
415 vehicle is equipped with a safety seat belt that includes a shoulder belt  
416 and otherwise meets the requirement of subsection (b) of this section.

417 (5) Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (1), (2), (3)  
418 or (4) of this subsection shall, for a first violation, have committed an  
419 infraction; for a second violation, be fined not more than one hundred  
420 ninety-nine dollars; and, for a third or subsequent violation, be guilty of  
421 a class A misdemeanor. The court may, subsequent to the violation but  
422 prior to the imposition of a fine, suspend the fine for a first-time violator  
423 who presents proof of the acquisition, rental or purchase of a child  
424 restraint system or booster seat appropriate for the weight and age of  
425 the child that such person transports not later than fourteen days from  
426 the date of the violation. The commissioner shall require any person  
427 who has committed a first or second violation of the provisions of this  
428 subsection to attend a child car seat safety course offered or approved  
429 by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may, after  
430 notice and an opportunity for a hearing, suspend for a period of not  
431 more than two months the motor vehicle operator's license of any  
432 person who fails to attend or successfully complete the course.

433 Sec. 15. Section 14-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
434 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

435 (a) Any person who counterfeits any number plate or marker, or  
436 makes any substitute or temporary marker, except as provided in  
437 section 14-18, or who counterfeits or in any manner alters any motor

438 vehicle registration or operator's license, and any person who gives,  
439 loans or sells any such counterfeited or altered number plate, marker,  
440 motor vehicle registration or operator's license, shall be [fined not more  
441 than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or  
442 both] guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

443 (b) Any person who loans or sells [any operator's license issued by  
444 the commissioner, for use by any person, or] any number plate or  
445 marker or certificate of registration issued by the commissioner, for use  
446 on any car, except as provided in sections 14-59 and 14-60, shall [be fined  
447 not more than one hundred dollars] have committed an infraction.

448 (c) No person shall use any motor vehicle registration or operator's  
449 license other than the one issued to [him] such person by the  
450 commissioner, except as provided in section 14-18; and no person shall  
451 use a motor vehicle registration on any motor vehicle other than that for  
452 which such registration has been issued. Any person who violates any  
453 provision of this subsection shall [be fined not more than five hundred  
454 dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both] have  
455 committed an infraction.

456 (d) Any person who loans any operator's license issued by the  
457 commissioner, for use by another person, shall have committed an  
458 infraction.

459 (e) Any person who sells any operator's license issued by the  
460 commissioner, for use by another person, shall be guilty of a class D  
461 misdemeanor.

462 Sec. 16. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the  
463 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
464 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

465 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection,  
466 whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license has been  
467 convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended  
468 judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the

469 commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such person's operator's  
 470 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state as follows:  
 471 For a first violation of subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (b)  
 472 of section 14-224 or section 14-110, 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period of  
 473 not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
 474 period of not less than two years; for a violation of subsection (a) of  
 475 section 14-222 or subsection (c) of section 14-224, for a period of not less  
 476 than thirty days or more than ninety days and, for a subsequent  
 477 violation thereof, for a period of not less than ninety days; for a violation  
 478 of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-224, for a period  
 479 of not less than ninety days and for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
 480 period of not less than one year; for a first violation of subsection (b), (d)  
 481 or (e) of section 14-147, as amended by this act, for a period of not less  
 482 than ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of  
 483 not less than five years; for a first violation of subsection (c) of section  
 484 14-147, as amended by this act, for a period of not less than thirty days  
 485 and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than one  
 486 year.

487 Sec. 17. Subsection (g) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is  
 488 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
 489 *1, 2023*):

490 (g) When any person who does not hold a Connecticut operator's  
 491 license is convicted or has [his] such person's case nolleed or is given a  
 492 suspended judgment or sentence for a violation of any provision of  
 493 section 14-36, 14-110 or 14-145, subsection (b), (d) or (e) of section 14-  
 494 147, as amended by this act, or section 14-215, 14-224, 14-227a, 14-227m,  
 495 14-227n or 14-229, the commissioner shall not issue to [him] such person  
 496 a nonresident or resident operator's license during such period as the  
 497 commissioner may determine, which period shall not be less than the  
 498 period provided for suspension in subsection (b) of this section or in  
 499 subsection (g) of section 14-227a, subsection (c) of section 14-227m or  
 500 subsection (c) of section 14-227n. When any person is convicted or has  
 501 [his] such person's case nolleed or is given a suspended judgment or  
 502 sentence for any violation of any of the provisions of section 14-12, the



503 commissioner shall not issue registration for any motor vehicle owned  
 504 by such person until thirty days after application therefor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-44c(d)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-51
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-52
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-58(b)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-62b(b)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-65e
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-103(b)
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	14-106b
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	12-692(a)(3)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	13b-99(b)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	42-450(a)(2)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-69
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-100a(d)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-147
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-111(b)(1)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-111(g)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the recommendations of the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the application for a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit, the elimination of the limited repairer's license, the renewal of a license to conduct a drivers' school, child restraint systems and the improper use of a number plate or operator's license.

*[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.]*