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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, STUDYING AN EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION DATABASE OR REVISIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS AND REQUIRING THE SAFETY DRIVING COURSE TO INCLUDE EDUCATION ON THE EFFECTS OF CANNABIS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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

6 (d) On and after [January 6, 2023] November 18, 2024, the
7 commissioner shall request a driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol
8 Clearinghouse, in accordance with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from
9 time to time, for any person who applies for, renews, transfers or

10 upgrades a commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's
11 instruction permit. The commissioner shall use information obtained
12 from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of
13 determining whether [a] such person is qualified to operate a
14 commercial motor vehicle and shall not disclose such information to any
15 other person or entity not directly involved in determining whether [a]
16 such person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle. If the
17 commissioner receives notification pursuant to 49 CFR 382.501(a), as
18 amended from time to time, that such person is prohibited from
19 operating a commercial motor vehicle, the commissioner shall not issue,
20 renew or upgrade the commercial driver's license or commercial
21 driver's instruction permit. If such person currently holds a commercial
22 driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit, the
23 commissioner shall, not later than sixty days after the date the
24 commissioner receives such notification: (1) Downgrade the commercial
25 driver's license to a Class D operator's license, or (2) cancel the
26 commercial driver's instruction permit. Any person who is denied a
27 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit,
28 or whose license or permit is downgraded or cancelled pursuant to this
29 subsection, shall be granted an opportunity for a hearing in accordance
30 with the provisions of chapter 54."

31 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
32 thereof:

33 "Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than thirty days after the
34 effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
35 provide written notice to each limited repairer licensed in accordance
36 with the provisions of section 14-52 of the general statutes, revision of
37 1958, revised to January 1, 2023. Such notice shall include (1) a statement
38 that the limited repairer's license will not be renewed by the
39 commissioner on and after January 1, 2024, in accordance with the
40 provisions of section 4 of this act, and (2) a description of the process to
41 obtain a repairer's license pursuant to section 14-52 of the general
42 statutes, as amended by this act."

43 Strike section 20 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
44 and internal references accordingly

45 In line 634, after "14-50a," insert "as amended by this act,"

46 In line 642, after "14-253a," insert "as amended by this act,"

47 In line 647, after "14-296aa," insert "as amended by this act,"

48 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
49 internal references accordingly:

50 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is
51 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
52 *2023*):

53 (b) The commissioner shall require any dealer who is authorized to
54 issue a temporary transfer of registration in accordance with subsection
55 (a) of this section or a new registration in accordance with subsection (c)
56 of section 14-12 to file each application for a permanent registration
57 electronically if the commissioner determines that the dealer files, on
58 average, [seven] five or more such applications for permanent
59 registration each month with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Any
60 dealer may make a written request to the commissioner for an
61 exemption from filing such applications electronically due to a
62 hardship, including, but not limited to, a lack of access to a device
63 capable of communicating electronically. The commissioner may enter
64 into an agreement with one or more nonprofit associations or
65 organizations representing the interests of motor vehicle dealers to file
66 such applications electronically on behalf of such dealer. The
67 commissioner may authorize such nonprofit association or organization
68 to charge a convenience fee, in an amount to be determined by the
69 commissioner, to each dealer for an application submitted electronically
70 by such nonprofit association or organization.

71 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this
72 section, "open recall" means a safety-related recall for which notification

73 by a manufacturer of a motor vehicle has been provided under 49 USC
74 30119, as amended from time to time, that necessitates repairs or
75 modifications to a motor vehicle by an authorized motor vehicle dealer,
76 but does not include a recall related to defects or failures to comply with
77 requirements relating to labeling or notification in an owner's manual
78 or a recall where the remedy is for the manufacturer to repurchase the
79 motor vehicle or otherwise provide financial compensation to the owner
80 of the motor vehicle.

81 (b) During the course of performing repair work or changing the oil
82 or tires and tubes of a motor vehicle, a repairer licensed in accordance
83 with section 14-52 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or a
84 person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of changing the oil
85 or tires and tubes of a motor vehicle, shall determine whether the motor
86 vehicle being repaired or worked upon is subject to an open recall by
87 checking information provided by the manufacturer of the motor
88 vehicle or other known and readily available sources, such as the
89 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. If the motor vehicle is
90 subject to one or more open recalls, the repairer, person, firm or
91 corporation shall provide the owner of the motor vehicle with written
92 notice of each such open recall at the time of such repair or work. The
93 notice shall include a description of each open recall and a statement
94 that a motor vehicle dealer approved by the manufacturer of the motor
95 vehicle may repair or modify the motor vehicle at no cost to the owner,
96 except as provided in 49 USC 30120, as amended from time to time.

97 (c) Nothing in this section shall alter the liability under common law
98 of any motor vehicle manufacturer or motor vehicle dealer approved by
99 the manufacturer to repair or modify a motor vehicle subject to an open
100 recall.

101 (d) A repairer or person, firm or corporation engaged in the business
102 of changing the oil or tires and tubes of a motor vehicle and any
103 employee of such repairer or person, firm or corporation shall not be
104 liable to any person for any act or omission related to the provision of a
105 written notice regarding an open recall required pursuant to this

106 section.

107 Sec. 503. Section 14-164b of the general statutes is repealed and the
108 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

109 For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and terms shall
110 be construed as follows, unless another meaning is clearly apparent
111 from the language or context:

112 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

113 (2) "Fleet" means a group of owned or leased motor vehicles subject
114 to emissions inspection pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-164c, as
115 amended by this act, owned or leased by one person, firm, corporation,
116 or governmental entity.

117 (3) "Fleet emissions inspection station" means an inspection station
118 owned or leased by the owner or operator of a fleet and licensed by the
119 commissioner for conducting emission inspections of fleet vehicles.

120 (4) "Independent contractor" means any person, business, firm,
121 partnership, limited liability company or corporation with whom the
122 commissioner may enter into an agreement providing for the leasing,
123 construction, equipping, maintaining, staffing, management or
124 operation of official emissions inspection stations pursuant to this
125 chapter.

126 (5) "Official emissions inspection station" means an emissions
127 inspection facility approved by the commissioner, whether placed in a
128 permanent structure or in a mobile unit for conveyance among various
129 locations within this state, including any such facility located on the
130 premises of a licensed dealer or repairer, for the purpose of conducting
131 exhaust emissions inspections of all vehicles required to be inspected
132 pursuant to this chapter.

133 (6) "Open recall" has the same meaning as provided in section 502 of
134 this act.

135 [(6)] (7) "Twenty-five or more years old", when used with respect to
136 the age of a motor vehicle, means that the difference between the model
137 year of such motor vehicle and the current calendar year is twenty-five
138 or more.

139 Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
140 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
141 *1, 2023*):

142 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
143 shall consult with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and furnish the
144 commissioner with technical information, including testing techniques,
145 standards and instructions for emission control features and equipment.
146 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
147 furnish the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles with emission standards
148 for all motor vehicles subject to the inspection and maintenance
149 requirements. Such standards shall be consistent with provisions of
150 federal law, if any, relating to control of emissions from the vehicles
151 concerned or any regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Energy
152 and Environmental Protection which implement the low-emission
153 vehicle and clean fuels regulations adopted by the state of California, as
154 amended. Such standards shall be periodically reviewed by the
155 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and revised, if
156 necessary, to achieve the objectives of the vehicle emission inspection
157 program.

158 (2) During the performance of an emissions inspection, an
159 independent contractor retained by the state in accordance with the
160 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, or a licensed dealer or
161 repairer authorized to perform inspections in accordance with the
162 provisions of subsection (f) of this section, shall determine whether the
163 motor vehicle being inspected is subject to an open recall by checking
164 information provided by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle or other
165 known and readily available sources, such as the National Highway
166 Traffic Safety Administration. If the motor vehicle is subject to one or
167 more open recalls, the independent contractor, dealer or repairer shall

168 provide the owner of the motor vehicle with written notice of each such
169 open recall at the time of inspection. The notice shall include a
170 description of each open recall and a statement that a motor vehicle
171 dealer approved by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle may repair
172 or modify the motor vehicle at no cost to the owner, except as provided
173 in 49 USC 30120, as amended from time to time. Nothing in this
174 subdivision shall alter the liability under common law of any motor
175 vehicle manufacturer or motor vehicle dealer approved by the
176 manufacturer to repair or modify a motor vehicle subject to an open
177 recall. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22a-6a, an
178 independent contractor, licensed dealer or repairer and any employee
179 of such independent contractor or licensed dealer or repairer shall not
180 be liable to any person for any act or omission related to the provision
181 of a written notice regarding an open recall required pursuant to this
182 subdivision.

183 Sec. 505. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 14-36 of the general statutes
184 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
185 *October 1, 2023*):

186 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
187 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
188 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements
189 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) submit to the
190 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a
191 certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school,
192 a technical education and career school or a private secondary school of
193 a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided
194 in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed
195 drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training
196 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each
197 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful
198 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-
199 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit
200 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) submit to the commissioner, in
201 such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the

202 successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to
203 safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature
204 and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and
205 drugs, including cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, and their
206 impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with
207 the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or
208 drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, [and]
209 the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations and
210 a video presentation specific to the impact of cannabis on the operator
211 of a motor vehicle and how the ingestion of cannabis can cause
212 impairment of motor function, reaction time, perception and peripheral
213 vision; and (C) pass an examination which may include a
214 comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor
215 vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required under
216 subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road skills test
217 as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application and
218 examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen
219 or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction permit for
220 not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an applicant who
221 presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii)
222 of this subdivision shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less
223 than one hundred twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing
224 training and instruction by the driver training unit for persons with
225 disabilities in accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall
226 have held such permit for the period of time required by said unit. The
227 commissioner shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction
228 at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to
229 such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the
230 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good
231 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended
232 by this act, or secondary school driver education program authorized
233 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, to administer the
234 comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor
235 vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant to subparagraph
236 (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving practices course

237 required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, and to certify
238 to the commissioner, under oath, the results of each such test
239 administered. Such hours of instruction required by this subdivision
240 shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing instruction
241 programs. Any fee charged for the course required under subparagraph
242 (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. Any
243 applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident of
244 another state, completed the course required in subparagraph (A) of this
245 subdivision, but did not complete the safe driving course required in
246 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving
247 course. The commissioner may waive any requirement in this
248 subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in
249 the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a
250 valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state,
251 provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received
252 training and instruction of a similar nature.

253 (2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training
254 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home
255 training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the
256 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs. Such
257 statement shall be signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or
258 by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant,
259 and state that the applicant has obtained a youth instruction permit and
260 has successfully completed a driving course taught by the person
261 signing the statement, that the signer has had an operator's license for
262 at least four years preceding the date of the statement, and that the
263 signer has not had such license suspended by the commissioner for at
264 least four years preceding the date of the statement. If the applicant has
265 no spouse, parent, grandparent, foster parent or guardian so qualified
266 and available to give the instruction, such statement may be signed by
267 the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or
268 marriage, provided the person signing the statement is qualified.

269 (3) [If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant under
270 this section, the test shall be given in English or Spanish at the option of

271 the applicant, provided the] The knowledge test for a class D motor
272 vehicle operator's license required under this section shall be
273 administered (A) in electronic and audio format and any other format
274 the commissioner deems appropriate, and (B) at the option of the
275 applicant, in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by at
276 least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics
277 prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most recent
278 decennial census. The knowledge test shall also be administered in a
279 written or electronic format in at least twenty-six other languages that
280 the commissioner, in consultation with representatives of organizations
281 that advocate on behalf of or assist immigrants, refugees or other
282 persons who are English language learners, determines are responsive
283 to the linguistic needs of the emerging immigrant and refugee
284 populations in the state. Each knowledge test offered in such other
285 languages shall be reviewed by a person who is fluent in the language
286 of such knowledge test and may also be administered in an audio format
287 as the commissioner deems appropriate. The commissioner shall
288 require [that the] any applicant [shall] under this section to have
289 sufficient understanding of English for the interpretation of traffic
290 control signs.

291 (4) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
292 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of this subsection
293 concerning the requirements for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road
294 instruction, the content of safe driving instruction at drivers' schools,
295 high schools and other secondary schools, and the administration and
296 certification of required testing.

297 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the
298 applicant signs and submits to the commissioner, in such manner as the
299 commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made subject to
300 penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-157b, and
301 (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age
302 or older and is a suitable person to receive the license.

303 (2) Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an applicant for

304 a new motor vehicle operator's license shall submit with the application
305 a copy of such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence,
306 as determined by the commissioner, of date of birth and evidence of
307 identity.

308 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously
309 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or whose
310 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two
311 years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the
312 applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, a
313 motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner
314 as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to
315 operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant has applied,
316 has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor vehicles to
317 ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory
318 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
319 road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle
320 operator's license [may be administered in such form as the
321 commissioner deems appropriate, including audio, electronic or written
322 testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered in English, Spanish
323 or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's
324 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census
325 Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such
326 knowledge test] shall include a question concerning highway work zone
327 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under
328 section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than
329 one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile
330 telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the
331 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa, as
332 amended by this act. If any such applicant has held a license from a state,
333 territory or possession of the United States where a similar examination
334 is required, the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination.
335 If any such applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two
336 years after the date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such
337 discharge, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the

338 same class as that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member
339 of the armed forces or the National Guard who currently holds a
340 military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for
341 which such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of
342 the examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle
343 license, the commissioner shall waive the driving skills test for such
344 applicant and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive the
345 knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant meets the
346 conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time. For
347 the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" and "armed forces" have the
348 same meanings as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner
349 is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the
350 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or
351 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and
352 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to
353 operate.

354 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem
355 which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle
356 safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to
357 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding
358 such problem, such applicant or license holder is a proper person to
359 operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may further require a
360 certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority
361 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall in all cases be
362 treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license, containing such
363 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or
364 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to
365 prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or
366 unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person whom the
367 commissioner determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor
368 vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle
369 operator's license issued to or renewed by a person who is deaf or hard
370 of hearing shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such
371 impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such

372 impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed
373 by a licensed health care practitioner.

374 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant
375 who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be subject to
376 the provisions of [sections 14-111c and] section 14-111k.

377 Sec. 506. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2024, the
378 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall submit a report, in accordance
379 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
380 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
381 matters relating to transportation concerning the administration of the
382 knowledge test for a motor vehicle operator's license in accordance with
383 the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the
384 general statutes, as amended by this act. Such report shall (1) identify
385 the languages that the commissioner determined were responsive to the
386 linguistic needs of the emerging immigrant and refugee populations in
387 the state, (2) state the number of requests by applicants for a knowledge
388 test in a specific language received by the department on and after April
389 1, 2023, until January 1, 2024, and (3) recommend which such languages,
390 if any, should be administered in an electronic or audio format and a
391 level of funding needed by the department for such administration.

392 Sec. 507. (*Effective from passage*) On or before February 1, 2024, the
393 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall submit a report, in accordance
394 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
395 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
396 matters relating to transportation, regarding the status of entering into
397 an agreement with Taiwan for the reciprocal recognition of driver
398 training requirements.

399 Sec. 508. Section 14-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
400 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

401 Any person who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing
402 motor vehicles shall first obtain and present to the commissioner a
403 certificate of approval [of the location for which such license is desired

404 from the board or authority designated by local charter, regulation or
405 ordinance of the town, city or borough wherein the business is located
406 or is proposed to be located, except that in any town or city having a
407 zoning commission, combined planning and zoning commission and a
408 board of appeals, such certificate shall be approved by the board of
409 appeals] from the zoning enforcement official of the municipality where
410 such license is desired, affirming that the proposed location and use of
411 the property conform to the zoning regulations of such municipality. In
412 addition thereto, such certificate shall be approved by the local building
413 official and local fire marshal. The provisions of this section shall not
414 apply to (1) a transfer of ownership to a spouse, child, brother, sister or
415 parent of a licensee, (2) a transfer of ownership to or from a corporation
416 in which a spouse, child, brother, sister or parent of a licensee has a
417 controlling interest, or (3) a change in ownership involving the
418 withdrawal of one or more partners from a partnership.

419 Sec. 509. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this
420 section, "water company" has the same meaning as provided in section
421 25-32a of the general statutes. A person is guilty of simple trespass of
422 public water supply watershed land that is owned, controlled or
423 managed by a water company when, knowing that such person is not
424 licensed or privileged to do so, such person enters or remains on the
425 watershed land without lawful authority or the consent of the water
426 company.

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

429 Sec. 510. Section 14-283b of the general statutes is repealed and the
430 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

431 (a) For the purpose of this section, "emergency vehicle" means any
432 vehicle with activated flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an
433 emergency medical service organization responding to an emergency
434 call, (2) operated by a fire department or by any officer of a fire
435 department responding to a fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a

436 police officer, (4) that is a maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-
437 1, or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1, "police officer" has
438 the meaning set forth in section 7-294a, and "highway" has the meaning
439 set forth in section 14-1, provided such highway has two or more travel
440 lanes that proceed in the same direction.

441 (b) ~~(1)~~ Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when
442 approaching one or more emergency vehicles that are stationary or
443 traveling significantly below the posted speed limit and located on the
444 shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall ~~[(1)]~~ (A)
445 immediately reduce speed to a reasonable level below the posted speed
446 limit, and ~~[(2)]~~ (B) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder, lane
447 or breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such
448 motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be
449 unreasonable or unsafe.

450 (2) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a road that provides for two
451 lanes of undivided traffic proceeding in the opposite direction when
452 approaching one or more emergency vehicles that are stationary or
453 traveling significantly below the posted speed limit and located on the
454 shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such road shall immediately reduce
455 speed to a reasonable level below the posted speed limit until safely
456 clear of the emergency vehicle.

457 (c) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when approaching
458 one or more nonemergency vehicles that are stationary and located on
459 the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall, if traveling
460 in the lane adjacent to the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane containing
461 such nonemergency vehicle, move such motor vehicle over one lane,
462 unless such movement would be unreasonable or unsafe.

463 (d) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of
464 this section shall have committed an infraction, except that if such
465 violation results in the injury of the operator or any occupant of an
466 emergency vehicle, such person shall be fined not more than two
467 thousand five hundred dollars and, if such violation results in the death

468 of the operator or any occupant of an emergency vehicle, such person
469 shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

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

472 Sec. 511. Subsection (a) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is
473 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
474 *1, 2023*):

475 (a) For the purposes of this section:

476 (1) "Special license plate" means a license plate displaying the symbol
477 of access in a size identical to that of the letters or numerals on the plate
478 and in a color that contrasts with the background color of the plate;

479 (2) "Removable windshield placard" means a two-sided, hanger-style
480 placard which bears on both of its sides: (A) The symbol of access in a
481 height of three inches or more centered on such placard and colored
482 white on a blue background; (B) a unique identification number; (C) a
483 date of expiration; [and] (D) a statement indicating that the Connecticut
484 Department of Motor Vehicles issued such placard; and (E) the words
485 "Accessibility Parking Permit";

486 (3) "Temporary removable windshield placard" means a placard that
487 is the same as a removable windshield placard except that the symbol
488 of access appears on a red background;

489 (4) "Person with disabilities" means a person with disabilities which
490 limit or impair the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2;
491 and

492 (5) "Symbol of access" means the symbol designated by the
493 Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 29-269b
494 used to indicate access for persons with disabilities.

495 Sec. 512. Subsection (d) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is
496 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

497 1, 2023):

498 (d) (1) Any placard issued pursuant to this section shall be displayed
499 by hanging it from the front windshield rearview mirror of the vehicle
500 when utilizing a parking space reserved for persons who are blind and
501 persons with disabilities. If there is no rearview mirror in such vehicle,
502 the placard shall be displayed in clear view on the dashboard of such
503 vehicle.

504 (2) On and after October 1, 2023, any placard issued pursuant to this
505 section shall not bear the words "parking permit for persons with
506 disabilities". Any placard issued prior to October 1, 2023, that is
507 otherwise valid, shall remain valid, according to its terms, until the
508 expiration of such placard.

509 Sec. 513. Subsection (o) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is
510 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
511 *1, 2023*):

512 (o) The commissioner shall [periodically] check the Department of
513 Public Health's state registration of deaths on a monthly basis and shall
514 cancel any placard issued to an individual identified in such registry as
515 deceased.

516 Sec. 514. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
517 Accessible Parking Advisory Council, which shall be within the
518 Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative purposes only. The
519 advisory board shall: (1) Develop a strategy to detect, deter and prevent
520 fraud and misuse from occurring with regard to the issuance and use of
521 removable windshield placards for persons who are blind and persons
522 with disabilities from occurring without adversely impacting persons
523 who are blind and persons with disabilities, (2) review the laws in other
524 states concerning the issuance and use of such removable windshield
525 placards, (3) recommend best practices for policies and regulations
526 regarding the application for, and issuance and use of, removable
527 windshield placards and the enforcement of subsection (l) of section 14-
528 253a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (4) identify and

529 make recommendations regarding streetscape issues that interfere with
530 the ability of a person who is blind or person with disabilities to access
531 and use public and private areas reserved for exclusive use by persons
532 who are blind or persons with disabilities, (5) make educational
533 materials available to medical professionals, law enforcement officers
534 and the general public regarding the proper issuance and use of such
535 removable windshield placards, and (6) review the status of such
536 removable windshield placards issued to persons who are blind and
537 persons with disabilities prior to January 1, 2010, for the lifetime of such
538 persons.

539 (b) The advisory council shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of
540 Motor Vehicles or the commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of
541 Aging and Disability Services or the commissioner's designee, (3) two
542 members appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who are
543 licensed physicians, physician assistants or advanced practice registered
544 nurses who certify applications for removable windshield placards
545 while in the course of employment, (4) one member appointed by the
546 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services who represents an
547 organization that advocates on behalf of persons with physical
548 disabilities, (5) one appointed by the House chairperson of the joint
549 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
550 matters relating to transportation, who is a municipality planner, (6) one
551 appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of
552 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
553 transportation, who uses or advocates on behalf of users of accessible
554 parking, (7) one appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
555 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
556 matters relating to transportation, who uses or advocates on behalf of
557 users of accessible parking, (8) one appointed by the Senate ranking
558 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
559 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a sworn
560 member of a municipal police department, and (9) and such other
561 members as the advisory council may prescribe. All initial
562 appointments to the advisory council shall be made not later than

563 September 1, 2023. Each member appointed pursuant to subdivisions (3)
564 to (9), inclusive, of this subsection shall serve for a term of two years and
565 may serve until such member's successor is appointed. Any vacancy
566 shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Commissioner of Motor
567 Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of
568 the advisory council. The advisory council shall meet at such times as it
569 deems necessary and may establish rules governing its internal
570 procedures.

571 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
572 advisory council shall submit a report, in accordance with the
573 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the strategy
574 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the findings of the
575 advisory council and any recommendations for legislation to the joint
576 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
577 matters relating to transportation.

578 Sec. 515. Subsection (c) of section 14-296aa of the general statutes is
579 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
580 *2023*):

581 (c) No person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other
582 electronic device, including those with hands-free accessories, or a
583 mobile electronic device, while operating a school bus that is carrying
584 passengers, except that this subsection shall not apply when such
585 person: (1) [places] Places an emergency call to school officials; [] (2)
586 uses a hand-held mobile telephone as provided in subparagraph (A) of
587 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section; [, or] (3) uses a hand-
588 held mobile telephone or mobile electronic device in a manner similar
589 to a two-way radio to allow real-time communication with a school
590 official, an emergency response operator, a hospital, physician's office
591 or health clinic, an ambulance company, a fire department or a police
592 department; or (4) uses a mobile electronic device with a video display,
593 provided such device (A) is used as a global positioning system or to
594 provide navigation, (B) is securely attached inside the school bus near
595 such person, and (C) has been approved for such use by the Department

596 of Motor Vehicles.

597 Sec. 516. Subsection (b) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
598 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
599 *2023*):

600 (b) No person shall operate a school bus, as defined in section 14-275,
601 or a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, for the
602 purpose of transporting school children unless such person has, prior to
603 the issuance or renewal of such person's license endorsement: (1)
604 Furnished evidence to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such
605 person meets the physical qualification standards established in 49 CFR
606 391, as amended from time to time; and (2) successfully completed a
607 course in safety training and, in the case of school bus operators, passed
608 an examination in proficiency in school bus operation given by the
609 commissioner. Such proficiency examination shall include a road test
610 administered in either a type I school bus having a gross vehicle weight
611 exceeding ten thousand pounds or a type II school bus having a gross
612 vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or less. The commissioner shall
613 prioritize scheduling a road test for persons seeking or renewing a
614 public passenger endorsement to operate a school bus. Any operator
615 administered a road test in a type II school bus shall not be eligible for a
616 license to operate a type I school bus. Any person who violates any
617 provision of this subsection shall be deemed to have committed an
618 infraction.

619 Sec. 517. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
620 shall study and make recommendations regarding policies or initiatives
621 to respond to the nation-wide shortage of school bus drivers. Such study
622 shall consider, at a minimum, increasing the period of validity for a
623 commercial driver's license from a four-year period to a five-year period
624 and streamlining the licensing and renewal processes for a public
625 passenger endorsement to operate a school bus. On or before February
626 1, 2024, the commissioner shall submit the results of such study and
627 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
628 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in

629 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

630 Sec. 518. Subsection (a) of section 14-50a of the general statutes is
631 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
632 *passage*):

633 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee charged by
634 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the following items or services
635 shall be twenty dollars:

636 (1) Duplicate of a registration certificate provided at the main office
637 or a branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or by a contractor
638 authorized by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of section
639 14-41.

640 (2) For each duplicate of a motor vehicle operator's license or identity
641 card, thirty dollars. As used in this section, "duplicate" [shall include]
642 includes any license or identity card that is reissued prior to the
643 expiration date of a previously issued license or identity card, and (A)
644 is identical to the holder's most recently issued license or identity card,
645 or (B) contains modifications to one or more items of information that
646 appear on the holder's most recently issued license or identity card.
647 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, one duplicate shall
648 be issued, for a fee of five dollars, to the holder of a license or identity
649 card who reaches the age of twenty-one years.

650 (3) Replacement number plate or set of number plates, except as
651 provided in subsection (c) of section 14-253a.

652 (4) Replacement number plate or set of number plates bearing same
653 number as set of replaced plates.

654 (5) Certified abstract of driving history record, or driving history
655 record for applicants for commercial driver's license with passenger
656 endorsement or transportation permit.

657 (6) Name of registered owner.

- 658 (7) Operator license information.
- 659 (8) Certification of any copy or record.
- 660 (9) Certified transcripts of hearing held and transcribed by the
661 commissioner, three dollars and fifty cents per page with a minimum
662 charge of twenty dollars.
- 663 (10) Each copy of a motor vehicle operator's completed application
664 for a license.
- 665 (11) Each copy of a completed application for registration of a motor
666 vehicle.
- 667 (12) Each copy of a title document provided to a municipality.
- 668 (13) Each request for information as provided in section 14-10, the
669 amount provided in said section.
- 670 (14) Each document from a motor vehicle record, as defined in section
671 14-10, that is electronically maintained by the Department of Motor
672 Vehicles.
- 673 (15) For any copy or material released from information maintained
674 by the Department of Motor Vehicles for which no fee is established by
675 statute, an amount determined by the commissioner.
- 676 Sec. 519. Subsection (c) of section 22a-202 of the general statutes is
677 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
678 *2023*):
- 679 (c) There is established a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric
680 Automobile Purchase Rebate Advisory Board, which shall be within the
681 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for administrative
682 purposes only. The advisory board shall advise the Commissioner of
683 Energy and Environmental Protection concerning priorities for the
684 allocation, distribution and utilization of funds for the Connecticut
685 Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate program. The

686 advisory board shall consist of the Commissioner of Energy and
687 Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee, the
688 Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's designee,
689 the president of the Connecticut Green Bank or the president's designee,
690 the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority or the
691 chairperson's designee and ten members appointed as follows: (1) One
692 representative of an environmental organization knowledgeable in
693 electric vehicle policy appointed by the speaker of the House of
694 Representatives; (2) one member who is an owner or manager of a
695 business engaged in the sale or repair of bicycles appointed by the
696 president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one representative of an
697 organization that represents the interests of an environmental justice
698 community appointed by the majority leader of the House of
699 Representatives; (4) one representative of an association representing
700 automotive retailers in the state appointed by the majority leader of the
701 Senate; (5) one representative of an association representing electric
702 vehicle consumers appointed by the minority leader of the House of
703 Representatives; (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of
704 the Senate; (7) one representative of an organization interested in the
705 promotion of walking or bicycling appointed by the House chairperson
706 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
707 cognizance of matters relating to transportation; (8) one member
708 appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of
709 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
710 transportation; (9) one representative of an association representing
711 electric vehicle manufacturers appointed by the House ranking member
712 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
713 cognizance of matters relating to transportation; and (10) one member
714 appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
715 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
716 relating to transportation. The Commissioner of Energy and
717 Environmental Protection may appoint to the advisory board not more
718 than three additional representatives from other industrial fleet or
719 transportation companies. Each member appointed pursuant to
720 subdivisions (1) to (10), inclusive, of this subsection or appointed by the

721 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall serve for
 722 a term of two years and may [service] continue to serve until such
 723 member's successor is appointed. The Commissioner of Energy and
 724 Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve
 725 as chairperson of the advisory board. The advisory board shall meet at
 726 such times as it deems necessary and may establish rules governing its
 727 internal procedures.

728 Sec. 520. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 14-164c of the
 729 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 730 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-44c(d)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-61(b)
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-164b
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-164c(b)
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-36(d) and (e)
Sec. 506	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 508	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-54
Sec. 509	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 510	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-283b
Sec. 511	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-253a(a)

Sec. 512	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-253a(d)
Sec. 513	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	14-253a(o)
Sec. 514	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 515	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-296aa(c)
Sec. 516	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-276a(b)
Sec. 517	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 518	<i>from passage</i>	14-50a(a)
Sec. 519	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	22a-202(c)
Sec. 520	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-164c(d)(2)