

General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 5324

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SECONDARY TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) No officer may stop a vehicle only for a violation of any provision of title 14 of the general statutes that is a secondary violation. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit enforcement of a secondary violation by automated enforcement, by a mailed notice of violation or in the case of a vehicle stopped for a violation that is not a secondary violation.

Sec. 2. Section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

9 Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless 10 another construction is clearly apparent from the language or context in 11 which the term is used or unless the construction is inconsistent with 12 the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

(1) "Activity vehicle" means a student transportation vehicle that is
used to transport students in connection with school-sponsored events
and activities, but is not used to transport students to and from school;

(2) "Agricultural tractor" means a tractor or other form of
nonmuscular motive power used for transporting, hauling, plowing,
cultivating, planting, harvesting, reaping or other agricultural purposes

on any farm or other private property, or used for the purpose of
transporting, from one farm to another, agricultural implements and
farm products, provided the agricultural tractor is not used on any
highway for transporting a pay load or for some other commercial
purpose;

(3) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor
vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of
historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original
manufacturer's specifications;

(4) "Apparent candle power" means an illumination equal to the
normal illumination in foot candles produced by any lamp or lamps,
divided by the square of the distance in feet between the lamp or lamps
and the point at which the measurement is made;

32 (5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department
33 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) an authorized emergency medical
34 services vehicle, as defined in section 19a-175;

(6) "Autocycle" means a motor vehicle that meets the requirements of a motorcycle under 49 CFR Part 571, and (A) does not have more than three wheels in contact with the ground, (B) is designed to be controlled with a steering mechanism and foot pedals for acceleration, braking or shifting, (C) has a seat or seats that are fully or partially enclosed and in which the occupants sit with their legs forward, and (D) is equipped with safety belts, in accordance with section 14-100a, for all occupants;

42 (7) "Auxiliary driving lamp" means an additional lighting device on
43 a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the general illumination
44 in front of a motor vehicle provided by the motor vehicle's head lamps;

(8) "Bulb" means a light source consisting of a glass bulb containing a
filament or substance capable of being electrically maintained at
incandescence;

48 (9) "Camp trailer" includes any trailer designed for living or sleeping

49 purposes and used exclusively for camping or recreational purposes;

50 (10) "Camp trailer registration" means the type of registration issued 51 to any trailer that is for nonbusiness use and is limited to camp trailers 52 and utility trailers;

(11) "Camp vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is regularly used
to transport persons under eighteen years of age in connection with the
activities of any youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420;

(12) "Camper" means any motor vehicle designed or permanently
altered in such a way as to provide temporary living quarters for travel,
camping or recreational purposes;

(13) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with
a motor that engages only when the rider operates the electric bicycle's
foot pedals, and disengages when the rider stops pedaling or such
electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour;

(14) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with
a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle, and
disengages when the brakes are applied or such electric bicycle reaches
the speed of twenty miles per hour;

(15) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with
a motor that engages only when the rider operates the electric bicycle's
foot pedals, and disengages when the rider stops pedaling or such
electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour;

(16) "Combination registration" means the type of registration issued
to a motor vehicle used for both private passenger and commercial
purposes if such vehicle does not have a gross vehicle weight rating in
excess of twelve thousand five hundred pounds;

(17) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a license issued to
an individual in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-44a to 1444m, inclusive, which authorizes such individual to drive a commercial
motor vehicle;

(18) "Commercial driver's license information system" or "CDLIS"
means the national database of holders of commercial driver's licenses
established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
pursuant to Section 12007 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act
of 1986;

84 (19) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designed or used to 85 transport passengers or property, except a vehicle used for farming 86 purposes in accordance with 49 CFR 383.3(d), fire fighting apparatus or 87 an emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-283, or a recreational 88 vehicle in private use, which (A) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 89 twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, or a gross combination 90 weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, inclusive 91 of a towed unit or units with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 92 ten thousand pounds; (B) is designed to transport sixteen or more 93 passengers, including the driver, or is designed to transport more than 94 ten passengers, including the driver, and is used to transport students 95 under the age of twenty-one years to and from school; or (C) is 96 transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in 97 accordance with 49 CFR 172, Subpart F, as amended, or any quantity of 98 a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR Part 73;

99 (20) "Commercial registration" means the type of registration
100 required for any motor vehicle designed or used to transport
101 merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business
102 enterprise, unless a more specific type of registration is authorized and
103 issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

(21) "Commercial trailer" means a trailer used in the conduct of a
business to transport freight, materials or equipment whether or not
permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

107 (22) "Commercial trailer registration" means the type of registration108 issued to any commercial trailer;

(23) "Commissioner" includes the Commissioner of Motor Vehiclesand any assistant to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles who is

designated and authorized by, and who is acting for, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under a designation; except that the deputy commissioners of motor vehicles and the Attorney General are deemed, unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles otherwise provides, to be designated and authorized by, and acting for, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under a designation;

(24) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as provided in
section 21a-240 and the federal laws and regulations incorporated in
chapter 420b;

(25) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated;

(26) "Dealer" includes any person actively engaged in buying, selling
or exchanging motor vehicles or trailers who has an established place of
business in this state and who may, incidental to such business, repair
motor vehicles or trailers, or cause them to be repaired by persons in his
or her employ;

132 (27) "Disgualification" means a withdrawal of the privilege to drive a 133 commercial motor vehicle, which occurs as a result of (A) any 134 suspension, revocation, or cancellation by the commissioner of the 135 privilege to operate a motor vehicle; (B) a determination by the Federal 136 Highway Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier 137 safety contained in 49 CFR 386, as amended from time to time, that a 138 person is no longer qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle 139 under the standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended from time to 140 time; or (C) the loss of qualification which follows any of the convictions 141 or administrative actions specified in section 14-44k;

142 (28) "Drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a

143 motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle being towed by another;

(29) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in physical
control of a commercial motor vehicle, or who is required to hold a
commercial driver's license;

(30) "Driver's license" or "operator's license" means a valid
Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a license issued by
another state or foreign jurisdiction authorizing the holder thereof to
operate a motor vehicle on the highways;

(31) "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle equipped with operable foot
pedals and an electric motor of fewer than seven hundred fifty watts of
power that is either a class 1, class 2 or class 3 bicycle. "Electric bicycle"
does not include a dirt bike or an all-terrain vehicle;

(32) "Electric foot scooter" means a device (A) that weighs not more
than seventy-five pounds, (B) that has two or three wheels, handlebars
and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, (C) that is
powered by an electric motor and human power, and (D) whose
maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level
surface, is not more than twenty miles per hour;

(33) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,
including full-time, regularly employed drivers, casual, intermittent or
occasional drivers, drivers under contract and independent owneroperator contractors, who, while in the course of operating a commercial
motor vehicle, are either directly employed by, or are under contract to,
an employer;

(34) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a
state or any political subdivision thereof, who owns or leases a
commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial
motor vehicle;

171 (35) "Farm implement" means a vehicle designed and adapted172 exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising operations

and which is not operated on a highway for transporting a pay load orfor any other commercial purpose;

(36) "Felony" means any offense, as defined in section 53a-25 andincludes any offense designated as a felony under federal law;

177 (37) "Fatality" means the death of a person as a result of a motor178 vehicle accident;

(38) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than a state ofthe United States;

181 (39) "Fuels" means (A) all products commonly or commercially 182 known or sold as gasoline, including casinghead and absorption or 183 natural gasoline, regardless of their classification or uses, (B) any liquid 184 prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and 185 commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, which, 186 when subjected to distillation in accordance with the standard method 187 of test for distillation of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene and similar petroleum products by "American Society for Testing Materials Method 188 189 D-86", shows not less than ten per cent distilled (recovered) below 347° 190 Fahrenheit (175° Centigrade) and not less than ninety-five per cent 191 distilled (recovered) below 464° Fahrenheit (240° Centigrade); provided 192 the term "fuels" does not include commercial solvents or naphthas 193 which distill, by "American Society for Testing Materials Method D-86", 194 not more than nine per cent at 176° Fahrenheit and which have a 195 distillation range of 150° Fahrenheit, or less, or liquefied gases which 196 would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit and a 197 pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute, and (C) any liquid 198 commonly referred to as "gasohol" which is prepared, advertised, 199 offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and commercially used, as 200 a fuel in internal combustion engines, consisting of a blend of gasoline 201 and a minimum of ten per cent by volume of ethyl or methyl alcohol;

202 (40) "Garage" includes every place of business where motor vehicles203 are, for compensation, received for housing, storage or repair;

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(41) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value
specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a
single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a
combination (articulated) vehicle commonly referred to as the "gross
combination weight rating" or GCWR is the GVWR of the power unit
plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

(42) "Gross weight" means the light weight of a vehicle plus the
weight of any load on the vehicle, provided, in the case of a tractortrailer unit, "gross weight" means the light weight of the tractor plus the
light weight of the trailer or semitrailer plus the weight of the load on
the vehicle;

(43) "Hazardous materials" has the same meaning as provided in 49CFR 383.5;

(44) "Head lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the front of a
motor vehicle projecting a high intensity beam which lights the road in
front of the vehicle so that it can proceed safely during the hours of
darkness;

(45) "High-mileage vehicle" means a motor vehicle having the
following characteristics: (A) Not less than three wheels in contact with
the ground; (B) a completely enclosed seat on which the driver sits; (C)
a single or two cylinder, gasoline or diesel engine or an electric-powered
engine; and (D) efficient fuel consumption;

(46) "Highway" includes any state or other public highway, road,
street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway, place or dedicated roadway
for bus rapid transit service, under the control of the state or any
political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to
public travel or other use;

(47) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition that
presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe
personal injury or a substantial endangerment to health, property, or the
environment may occur before the reasonably foreseeable completion

date of a formal proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness,injury or endangerment;

(48) "Intersecting highway" includes any public highway which joinsanother at an angle whether or not it crosses the other;

(49) "Light weight" means the weight of an unloaded motor vehicle
as ordinarily equipped and ready for use, exclusive of the weight of the
operator of the motor vehicle;

(50) "Limited access highway" means a state highway so designatedunder the provisions of section 13b-27;

(51) "Local authorities" includes the board of aldermen, common
council, chief of police, warden and burgesses, board of selectmen or
other officials having authority for the enactment or enforcement of
traffic regulations within their respective towns, cities or boroughs;

(52) "Maintenance vehicle" means any vehicle in use by the state or
by any town, city, borough or district, any state bridge or parkway
authority or any public service company, as defined in section 16-1, in
the maintenance of public highways or bridges and facilities located
within the limits of public highways or bridges;

(53) "Manufacturer" means (A) a person, whether a resident or
nonresident, engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new
motor vehicles of a type required to be registered by the commissioner,
for operation upon any highway, except a utility trailer, which are
offered for sale in this state, or (B) a person who distributes new motor
vehicles to new car dealers licensed in this state;

(54) "Median divider" means an intervening space or physical barrier
or clearly indicated dividing section separating traffic lanes provided
for vehicles proceeding in opposite directions;

(55) "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle twenty
years old or older which has been modified for safe road use, including,
but not limited to, modifications to the drive train, suspension, braking

265 system and safety or comfort apparatus;

(56) "Motor bus" includes any motor vehicle, except a taxicab, as
defined in section 13b-95, operated in whole or in part on any street or
highway in a manner affording a means of transportation by
indiscriminately receiving or discharging passengers, or running on a
regular route or over any portion of a regular route or between fixed
termini;

(57) "Motor home" means a vehicular unit designed to provide living
quarters and necessary amenities which are built into an integral part
of, or permanently attached to, a truck or van chassis;

(58) "Motor-driven cycle" means any of the following vehicles that
have a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a motor having
a capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement: (A) A
motorcycle, other than an autocycle; (B) a motor scooter; or (C) a bicycle
with attached motor, except an electric bicycle;

280 (59) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any 281 nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage 282 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities, 283 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by persons with 284 physical disabilities at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour, golf 285 carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing from one 286 part of the golf course to another, golf-cart-type vehicles operated on 287 roads or highways on the grounds of state institutions by state 288 employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles as run 289 only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers and 290 lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were 291 designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour, 292 whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment, 293 motor-driven cycles, as defined in section 14-286, special mobile 294 equipment, as defined in section 14-165, mini-motorcycles, as defined in section 14-289j, electric bicycles, electric foot scooters and any other 295 296 vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway;

(60) "Motorcycle" means (A) an autocycle, as defined in this section,
or (B) a motor vehicle, with or without a side car, that has (i) not more
than three wheels in contact with the ground, (ii) a saddle or seat which
the rider straddles or a platform on which the rider stands, and (iii)
handlebars with which the rider controls the movement of the vehicle.
"Motorcycle" does not include a motor-driven cycle, an electric bicycle
or an electric foot scooter;

(61) "National Driver Registry" or "NDR" means the licensing
information system and database operated by the National Highway
Traffic Safety Administration and established pursuant to the National
Driver Registry Act of 1982, as amended;

308 (62) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, the equitable or
309 legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer,
310 distributor or dealer to an ultimate consumer;

- (63) "Nonresident" means any person whose legal residence is in astate other than Connecticut or in a foreign country;
- (64) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or "nonresident CDL"
 means a commercial driver's license issued by a state to an individual
 who resides in a foreign jurisdiction;
- 316 (65) "Nonskid device" means any device applied to the tires, wheels,
 317 axles or frame of a motor vehicle for the purpose of increasing the
 318 traction of the motor vehicle;
- (66) "Number plate" means any sign or marker furnished by the
 commissioner on which is displayed the registration number assigned
 to a motor vehicle by the commissioner;

(67) "Officer" includes any constable, state marshal, inspector of
motor vehicles, state policeman or other official authorized to make
arrests or to serve process, provided the officer is in uniform or displays
the officer's badge of office in a conspicuous place when making an
arrest;

(68) "Operator" means any person who operates a motor vehicle or
who steers or directs the course of a motor vehicle being towed by
another motor vehicle and includes a driver;

(69) "Out-of-service order" means an order (A) issued by a person 330 331 having inspection authority, as defined in regulations adopted by the 332 commissioner pursuant to section 14-163c, or by an authorized official 333 of the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor 334 Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to any provision of federal law, 335 to prohibit any motor vehicle specified in subsection (a) of section 14-336 163c from being operated on any highway, or to prohibit a driver from 337 operating any such motor vehicle, or (B) issued by the United States 338 Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety 339 Administration, pursuant to any provision of federal law, to prohibit 340 any motor carrier, as defined in Section 386.2 of Title 49 of the Code of 341 Federal Regulations, from engaging in commercial motor vehicle 342 operations;

343 (70) "Owner" means any person holding title to a motor vehicle, or
344 having the legal right to register the same, including purchasers under
345 conditional bills of sale;

346 (71) "Parked vehicle" means a motor vehicle in a stationary position347 within the limits of a public highway;

348 (72) "Passenger and commercial motor vehicle" means a motor
349 vehicle used for private passenger and commercial purposes which is
350 eligible for combination registration;

(73) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for the
private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,
designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, with a capacity of
carrying not more than ten passengers including the operator thereof;

355 (74) "Passenger registration" means the type of registration issued to
356 a passenger motor vehicle unless a more specific type of registration is
357 authorized and issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

(75) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited liability
company, association, copartnership, company, firm, business trust or
other aggregation of individuals but does not include the state or any
political subdivision thereof, unless the context clearly states or
requires;

363 (76) "Pick-up truck" means a motor vehicle with an enclosed forward
364 passenger compartment and an open rearward compartment used for
365 the transportation of property;

366 (77) "Pneumatic tires" means tires inflated or inflatable with air;

367 (78) "Pole trailer" means a trailer which is (A) intended for 368 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, logs, pipes 369 or structural members, which loads are capable of sustaining 370 themselves as beams between supporting connections, and (B) designed 371 to be drawn by a motor vehicle and attached or secured directly to the 372 motor vehicle by any means including a reach, pole or boom;

(79) "Public passenger endorsement" means an endorsement issued
to an individual, which authorizes such individual to transport
passengers, including, but not limited to, passengers who are students
in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of section 14-36a;

(80) "Recreational vehicle" includes the camper, camp trailer andmotor home classes of vehicles;

(81) "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle
registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with such
registration;

(82) "Registration number" means the identifying number or letters,or both, assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

(83) "Resident", for the purpose of registering motor vehicles,
includes any person who is a legal resident of this state, as the
commissioner may presume from the fact that such person occupies a
place of dwelling in this state for more than six months in a year, or any

person, firm or corporation owning or leasing a motor vehicle used or
operated in intrastate business in this state, or a firm or corporation
having its principal office or place of business in this state;

(84) "School bus" means any school bus, as defined in section 14-275,
including a commercial motor vehicle used to transport preschool,
elementary school or secondary school students from home to school,
from school to home, or to and from school-sponsored events, but does
not include a bus used as a common carrier;

396 (85) "Second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an offense 397 committed not more than three years after the date of an arrest which 398 resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same statutory 399 provision, except in the case of a violation of section 14-215, 14-224, 14-400 227a or 14-227m, "second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an 401 offense committed not more than ten years after the date of an arrest 402 which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same 403 statutory provision;

404 (86) "Secondary violation" means a violation of any provision of this
405 <u>title that may be enforced only in accordance with the provisions of</u>
406 <u>section 1 of this act;</u>

407 [(86)] (87) "Semitrailer" means any trailer type vehicle designed and
408 used in conjunction with a motor vehicle so that some part of its own
409 weight and load rests on or is carried by another vehicle;

410 [(87)] (88) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the 411 following offenses: (A) Excessive speeding, involving a single offense in 412 which the speed is fifteen miles per hour or more above the posted 413 speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219; (B) reckless driving 414 in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too closely in violation of 415 section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic lane changes, in 416 violation of section 14-236; (E) using a hand-held mobile telephone or 417 other electronic device or typing, reading or sending text or a text 418 message with or from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device in 419 violation of subsection (e) of section 14-296aa while operating a

420 commercial motor vehicle; (F) driving a commercial motor vehicle 421 without a valid commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-36a 422 or 14-44a; (G) failure to carry a commercial driver's license in violation 423 of section 14-44a; (H) failure to have the proper class of license or 424 endorsement, or violation of a license restriction in violation of section 425 14-44a; or (I) a violation of any provision of chapter 248, by an operator 426 who holds a commercial driver's license or instruction permit that 427 results in the death of another person;

[(88)] (89) "Service bus" includes any vehicle except a vanpool vehicle or a school bus designed and regularly used to carry ten or more passengers when used in private service for the transportation of persons without charge to the individual;

[(89)] (90) "Service car" means any motor vehicle used by a manufacturer, dealer or repairer for emergency motor vehicle repairs on the highways of this state, for towing or for the transportation of necessary persons, tools and materials to and from the scene of such emergency repairs or towing;

[(90)] (91) "Shoulder" means that portion of a highway immediately
adjacent and contiguous to the travel lanes or main traveled portion of
the roadway;

[(91)] (92) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber, or other elastic material
approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, which do not depend
on confined air for the support of the load;

[(92)] (93) "Spot lamp" or "spot light" means a lighting device projecting a high intensity beam, the direction of which can be readily controlled for special or emergency lighting as distinguished from ordinary road illumination;

[(93)] (94) "State" means any state of the United States and the District
of Columbia unless the context indicates a more specific reference to the
state of Connecticut;

450 [(94)] (95) "Stop" means complete cessation of movement;

451 [(95)] (96) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one
452 years who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school
453 program of education;

[(96)] (97) "Tail lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the rear of a
motor vehicle showing a red light to the rear and indicating the presence
of the motor vehicle when viewed from behind;

[(97)] (98) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its chassis, which includes, but is not limited to, a cargo tank and portable tank, as defined in 49 CFR 383.5, as amended, provided it does not include a portable tank with a rated capacity not to exceed one thousand gallons;

464 [(98)] (99) "Tractor" or "truck tractor" means a motor vehicle designed 465 and used for drawing a semitrailer;

466 [(99)] (100) "Tractor-trailer unit" means a combination of a tractor and 467 a trailer or a combination of a tractor and a semitrailer;

468 [(100)] (101) "Trailer" means any rubber-tired vehicle without motive
469 power drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle;

470 [(101)] (102) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used or 471 maintained primarily for the transportation of property;

472 [(102)] (103) "Ultimate consumer" means, with respect to a motor
473 vehicle, the first person, other than a dealer, who in good faith purchases
474 the motor vehicle for purposes other than resale;

475 [(103)] (104) "United States" means the fifty states and the District of
476 Columbia;

477 [(104)] (105) "Used motor vehicle" includes any motor vehicle which

478 has been previously separately registered by an ultimate consumer;

479 [(105)] (106) "Utility trailer" means a trailer designed and used to
480 transport personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not
481 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

482 [(106)] (107) "Vanpool vehicle" includes all motor vehicles, the 483 primary purpose of which is the daily transportation, on a prearranged 484 nonprofit basis, of individuals between home and work, and which: (A) 485 If owned by or leased to a person, or to an employee of the person, or to 486 an employee of a local, state or federal government unit or agency 487 located in Connecticut, are manufactured and equipped in such manner 488 as to provide a seating capacity of at least seven but not more than 489 fifteen individuals, or (B) if owned by or leased to a regional ride-490 sharing organization in the state recognized by the Commissioner of 491 Transportation, are manufactured and equipped in such manner as to 492 provide a seating capacity of at least six but not more than nineteen 493 individuals:

494 [(107)] (108) "Vehicle" includes any device suitable for the
495 conveyance, drawing or other transportation of persons or property,
496 whether operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other
497 means. The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human
498 power or devices used exclusively on tracks;

[(108)] (109) "Vehicle identification number" or "VIN" means a series of Arabic numbers and Roman letters that is assigned to each new motor vehicle that is manufactured within or imported into the United States, in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR 565, unless another sequence of numbers and letters has been assigned to a motor vehicle by the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-149;

506 [(109)] (110) "Wrecker" means a vehicle which is registered, designed, 507 equipped and used for the purposes of towing or transporting wrecked 508 or disabled motor vehicles for compensation or for related purposes by 509 a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions 510 of subpart (D) of part III of this chapter or a vehicle contracted for the 511 consensual towing or transporting of one or more motor vehicles to or 512 from a place of sale, purchase, salvage or repair.

513 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of section 14-212 of the general statutes is 514 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 515 *1*, 2024):

516 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in 517 section 14-1, as amended by this act: "Agricultural tractor", "authorized 518 emergency vehicle", "class 1 electric bicycle", "class 2 electric bicycle", 519 "class 3 electric bicycle", "commissioner", "driver", "electric bicycle", "electric foot scooter", "fuels", "gross weight", "head lamp", "high-520 521 mileage vehicle", "highway", "light weight", "limited access highway", 522 "maintenance vehicle", "motor bus", "motorcycle", "motor vehicle 523 registration", "nonresident", "nonskid device", "number plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor vehicle", "passenger and 524 525 commercial motor vehicle", "person", "pneumatic tires", "pole trailer", 526 "registration", "registration number", "second offense", "secondary 527 violation", "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop", "subsequent offense", "tail lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-trailer unit", 528 529 "trailer", "truck" and "vanpool vehicle";

Sec. 4. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 14-99g of the general statutes
are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

533 (f) Any person who violates any provision of subsections (b) to (e), 534 inclusive, of this section shall be deemed to have committed an 535 infraction for each offense. Any person who violates any provision of 536 subsection (b) of this section shall remove such object or material which 537 obstructs [his] such person's clear and full view of the road and report 538 within sixty days to the police department which issued the infractions 539 complaint to present [his] such person's vehicle for inspection and to 540 demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this section. If such 541 person fails to report to such police department and is cited for a

subsequent violation of this section, [his] <u>such person's</u> vehicle shall be
impounded after notice and opportunity for hearing. <u>A violation of any</u>
<u>provision of subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this section is a</u>
secondary violation.

546 (g) Any person owning a vehicle having a window which has been 547 tinted or darkened with any tinted material after factory delivery, shall 548 present such vehicle to the Department of Motor Vehicles, by July 1, 549 1996, to receive a sticker for any tinted or darkened window to indicate 550 such tinting or darkening is in compliance with this section. Any person 551 operating a motor vehicle, on or after July 1, 1996, in violation of this 552 subsection shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. A violation 553 of any provision of this subsection is a secondary violation.

554 Sec. 5. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 14-18 of the general 555 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 556 (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

557 (a) (1) Each motor vehicle for which one number plate has been issued 558 shall, while in use or operation upon any public highway, display in a 559 conspicuous place at the rear of such vehicle the number plate. The 560 commissioner may issue a sticker denoting the expiration date of the 561 registration. Such sticker shall be displayed in such place on the vehicle 562 as the commissioner may direct. Such sticker may contain the 563 corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate 564 issued by the commissioner.

565 (2) Each motor vehicle for which two number plates have been issued 566 shall, while in use or operation upon any public highway, display in a 567 conspicuous place at the front and the rear of such vehicle the number plates. Displaying a number plate against a vehicle's rear window is a 568 569 secondary violation, provided the numerals and letters on any such 570 number plate are plainly legible. The commissioner may issue a sticker 571 denoting the expiration date of the registration. Such sticker shall be 572 displayed in such place on the vehicle as the commissioner may direct. 573 Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the

574 number plate issued by the commissioner.

575 (b) Repealed by 1969, P.A. 247, S. 1.

576 (c) Official number plates when displayed upon motor vehicles shall 577 be [entirely] substantially unobscured and the numerals and letters 578 thereon shall be plainly legible at all times. Such number plates shall be 579 horizontal [,] and shall be fastened so as not to swing. [and, during the 580 time when a motor vehicle is required to display lights, the rear number 581 plate shall be so illuminated as to be legible at a distance of fifty feet.] 582 Nothing may be affixed to a motor vehicle or to the official number plates displayed on such vehicle that obscures or impairs the visibility 583 of [any information] the numerals and letters on such number plates. 584 585 Not more than one number plate shall be displayed on the front or rear 586 of any motor vehicle in operation upon the public highways of the state; 587 provided any motor vehicle may, upon permission of the commissioner, 588 display more than one number plate in front or rear, subject to such 589 conditions as the commissioner prescribes. If any number plate supplied 590 by the commissioner is lost, or if the registered number thereon becomes 591 mutilated or illegible, the owner of or the person in control of the motor 592 vehicle for which such number plate was furnished shall immediately 593 place a temporary number plate bearing said registration number upon 594 such motor vehicle, which temporary number plate shall conform to the 595 regular number plate and shall be displayed as nearly as possible as 596 [herein] provided in this section for such regular number plate; and such 597 owner shall, within forty-eight hours after such loss or mutilation of the 598 number plate, give notice thereof to the commissioner and apply for a 599 new number plate. The commissioner may issue a permit to operate 600 with such temporary plate and shall supply new number plates upon payment of the fee therefor as provided in section 14-50a. Upon receipt 601 602 of such new number plates and new certificate, the remaining old 603 number plate, if any, and certificate shall be surrendered to the commissioner. 604

605 Sec. 6. Section 14-96a of the general statutes is repealed and the 606 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

607 (a) Every vehicle upon a highway within this state shall display such 608 lighted lamps and illuminating devices as may be required under the 609 provisions of this section and sections [14-96a] 14-96b to 14-96aa, inclusive, (1) at any time from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour 610 611 before sunrise, (2) at any time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the 612 613 highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of five hundred feet 614 ahead, and (3) at any time during periods of precipitation, including, 615 but not limited to, periods of snow, rain or fog.

(b) Whenever in said sections any requirement is declared as to
distance from which certain lamps and devices shall render objects
visible or within which such lamps or devices shall be visible, such
requirement shall apply during the times stated in subsection (a) of this
section in respect to a vehicle without load when upon a straight, level,
unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions unless a
different time or condition is expressly stated.

(c) Whenever in said sections any requirement is declared as to the
mounted height of lamps or devices, such requirement shall mean the
height measured from the center of such lamps or devices to the level
ground upon which the vehicle stands when such vehicle is without a
load.

(d) Failure to [provide lighted] <u>illuminate</u> lamps and illuminatingdevices at such time as required by this section shall be an infraction.

630 (e) To the extent that a violation concerning the number, placement 631 or intensity of lamps or illuminating devices, or any other technical 632 specifications concerning lamps or illuminating devices, provided for in 633 sections 14-96b to 14-96aa, inclusive, would also constitute a violation 634 under this section, such violation shall be enforced under sections 14-635 96b to 14-96aa, inclusive, as applicable, and not under this section. 636 Sec. 7. Section 14-96c of the general statutes is repealed and the 637 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

638 (a) After October 1, 1967, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and 639 pole trailer, and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a 640 combination of vehicles, shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required in subsection (a) 641 642 of section 14-96a, as amended by this act, shall emit a red light plainly 643 visible from a distance of one thousand feet to the rear, except that 644 passenger cars manufactured or assembled prior to October 1, 1957, and 645 motorcycles shall have at least one such tail lamp. On a combination of 646 vehicles, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be 647 seen from the distance specified. On vehicles equipped with more than 648 one tail lamp, the lamps shall be mounted on the same level and as 649 widely spaced laterally as practicable.

(b) Every tail lamp upon every vehicle shall be located at a mountedheight of not more than seventy-two inches nor less than fifteen inches.

652 (c) The rear registration plate shall be so illumined with a white light 653 as to render it clearly legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. Any 654 tail lamp or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for 655 illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted 656 whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted, except 657 that any vehicle equipped by the manufacturer with daytime running 658 lamps which meet federal requirements may have such daytime 659 running lamps illuminated without illumination of the tail lamps or rear 660 registration plate.

(d) Failure to have tail lamps or failure to illuminate the rear
registration plate as required in this section shall be an infraction.
<u>Failure to illuminate the rear registration plate shall be a secondary</u>
<u>violation.</u>

665 Sec. 8. Section 14-96d of the general statutes is repealed and the 666 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

(a) Each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer shall carry
on the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two or more
red reflectors meeting the requirements of this section. Each motorcycle

670 shall carry at least one such reflector.

(b) Each such reflector shall be mounted on the vehicle at a height of
not less than fifteen inches nor more than sixty inches, and shall be of
such size and characteristics and so mounted as to be visible at night
from all distances within three hundred fifty feet to one hundred feet
from such vehicle when directly in front of upper beams of head lamps.

(c) Failure to carry and mount reflectors as required in this section
shall be an infraction. <u>Failure to carry and mount two reflectors shall be</u>
<u>a secondary violation if a vehicle has one reflector.</u>

679 Sec. 9. Section 14-96y of the general statutes is repealed and the 680 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

(a) [At all times specified in subsection (a) of section 14-96a, at least
two lighted lamps shall be displayed, one on each side at the front of
every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle] <u>Each motor vehicle, other</u>
than a motorcycle, shall have at least two functioning head lamps, one
of which shall be located on each side at the front of such vehicle, except
when such vehicle is parked subject to the regulations governing lights
on parked vehicles.

(b) Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with head lamps as [herein]
required by this section is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps or a
spot lamp or any other lamp on the front thereof projecting a beam of
intensity greater than three hundred candlepower, not more than a total
of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any
one time when upon a highway.

(c) Failure to have <u>two functioning head</u> lamps as required by this
section shall be an infraction. <u>Failure to have two functioning head</u>
<u>lamps shall be a secondary violation if the vehicle has one lighted head</u>
<u>lamp and is otherwise in compliance with the provisions of subsection</u>
(a) of this section.

699 Sec. 10. Section 14-99f of the general statutes is repealed and the

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

701 (a) Each motor vehicle shall be equipped with a windshield of a type 702 prescribed by section 14-100 and a windshield cleaner or wiper in 703 effective working order located directly in front of the operator while in 704 use on the highway. The windshield shall be reasonably free of defects 705 and accumulations, inside and out, of snow, ice, condensation and dirt. 706 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a motorcycle or a 707 vehicle designed by the manufacturer for nonhighway operation 708 without a windshield.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle required to be equipped
with such a windshield if the windshield is in a condition to interfere
with an unobstructed view of the highway.

(c) No article, device, sticker or ornament shall be attached or affixed
to or hung on or in any motor vehicle in such a manner or location as to
interfere with the operator's unobstructed view of the highway or to
distract the attention of the operator.

(d) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction. <u>A</u>
violation of subsection (c) of this section shall be a secondary violation
<u>if the obstruction of the windshield is not substantial.</u>

Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2024):

722 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any 723 highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered 724 with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for 725 repairs or necessary work if it bears the number plates of a licensed and 726 registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided any motor 727 vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a period of 728 ninety days following establishment by the owner of residence in this 729 state, be operated on any highway without first being registered with 730 the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, (1) a

731 person commits an infraction if such person (A) registers a motor 732 vehicle [he or she] such person does not own, or (B) operates, allows the 733 operation of, parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor 734 vehicle on any highway, or (2) a resident of this state who operates or 735 parks a motor vehicle such resident owns with number plates issued by 736 another state on any highway shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars, 737 except that the fine shall be suspended for a first time violator who 738 presents proof of registration for the motor vehicle subsequent to the 739 violation but prior to the imposition of a fine. If the owner of a motor 740 vehicle previously registered with the commissioner, the registration of 741 which expired not more than [thirty] sixty days previously, operates, 742 allows the operation of, parks or allows that parking of such a motor 743 vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount designated for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the right to retain his or 744 745 her operator's license shall not be affected. Such violation shall be a 746 secondary violation. No operator other than the owner shall be subject 747 to penalty for the operation or parking of such a previously registered 748 motor vehicle. As used in this subsection, the term "unregistered motor 749 vehicle" includes any vehicle that is not eligible for registration by the 750 commissioner due to the absence of necessary equipment or other 751 characteristics of the vehicle that make it unsuitable for highway 752 operation, unless the operation of such vehicle is expressly permitted by 753 another provision of this chapter or chapter 248.

Sec. 12. Subsection (d) of section 14-41 of the 2024 supplement to the
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

757 (d) The commissioner may, at least fifteen days before the date on 758 which each motor vehicle operator's license or identity card expires, 759 notify the holder of such license or identity card of the expiration date, 760 in a manner determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall 761 not provide such notification by mail to any such licensee or identity 762 card holder if the United States Postal Service has determined that mail 763 is undeliverable to the address for such person that is documented in 764 the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Any previously

765 licensed operator who operates a motor vehicle within sixty days after 766 the expiration date of the operator's license without obtaining a renewal 767 of the license shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated 768 for the infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. 769 A violation of this subsection shall be a secondary violation. Any 770 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for the 771 same act constituting a violation under this section but section 14-36 772 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

Sec. 13. Section 14-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

(a) A person holding (1) a license for the operation of a motor vehicle,
issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in accordance with
section 14-36, or (2) an identity card, issued by said commissioner in
accordance with section 1-1h, shall notify the commissioner within
forty-eight hours of any change of such person's address. The
notification shall include such person's old address and new address.

781 (b) In IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection 782 (b) of section 46b-231, upon written notification by the Department of 783 Social Services that the address listed for the holder of a motor vehicle 784 operator's license or the holder of an identity card is incorrect, the 785 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall notify the operator that the 786 correct address must be furnished to the department. The commissioner 787 shall refuse to issue or renew a motor vehicle operator's license if the 788 address furnished by the applicant is determined to be incorrect. The 789 department shall notify the Department of Social Services of the current 790 address of holders of motor vehicle operator's licenses when a change 791 of address is reported.

(c) Failure of the holder of a motor vehicle operator's license or
identity card to give the notice required by this section shall be an
infraction <u>and a secondary violation</u>.

Sec. 14. Section 14-213 of the general statutes is repealed and thefollowing is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

Each [operator of] <u>person who operates</u> a motor vehicle shall carry
[his] <u>such person's</u> operator's license while operating such vehicle.
Failure to carry such operator's license as required by the provisions of
this section shall be an infraction <u>and a secondary violation</u>.

801 Sec. 15. Section 14-215b of the general statutes is repealed and the 802 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

803 Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license has been 804 suspended who operates a motor vehicle after the expiration of such 805 period of suspension without obtaining the reinstatement of such 806 license shall (1) during the first sixty days after such expiration, be 807 deemed to have failed to renew such license and be subject to the 808 penalty for failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license under 809 subsection (c) of section 14-41, and such violation shall be a secondary 810 violation, and (2) after said sixty-day period, be subject to the penalty 811 for operating a motor vehicle without a license under section 14-36. Any 812 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-215 for the 813 same act constituting a violation under this section.

814 Sec. 16. Section 14-21b of the general statutes is repealed and the 815 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

816 (a) The commissioner shall issue fully reflectorized safety number 817 plates for new registrations and renewal registrations issued on and after January 1, 2000, for passenger, combination and commercial 818 819 registrations and other registrations as the commissioner deems feasible 820 within funds and personnel available. Each plate shall bear the words 821 "Constitution State" and "Connecticut". The commissioner shall issue 822 two fully reflectorized safety number plates in accordance with a 823 schedule established by the commissioner in such quantities as the 824 commissioner deems feasible within the funds and personnel available. 825 No safety fee shall be charged for the issuance of the replacement 826 number plates for such renewals.

(b) No additional charge shall be made for the issuance of such newor replacement fully reflectorized plates, except for the safety fee

829 provided for in subsection (w) of section 14-49.

(c) The owner or lessee of each registered motor vehicle who is issued
two fully reflectorized safety number plates by the commissioner shall
display such plates on such motor vehicle as provided in section 14-18,
<u>as amended by this act</u>. A violation of this subsection shall be an
infraction <u>and a secondary violation</u>.

Sec. 17. Subsection (e) of section 14-80 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2024):

(e) Every motor vehicle shall, when operated on a highway, be
equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of emitting
sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than
two hundred feet, but no horn or other warning device shall emit an
unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle. <u>A violation of this</u>
<u>subsection shall be a secondary violation.</u>

844 Sec. 18. Section 14-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the 845 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

846 (a) Each motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror attached to
847 and so located and adjusted on such vehicle as to give the operator
848 thereof a clear reflected view of the highway directly to the rear of or on
849 a line parallel to the left side of the body of such motor vehicle. <u>A</u>
850 violation of this subsection shall be a secondary violation.

851 (b) Any person operating a motor vehicle with a commercial 852 registration so constructed or which may be so loaded that the operator 853 is prevented from having a free and unobstructed view of the highway 854 immediately to the rear and at the left side of the same shall, by means 855 of such mirror, make frequent observations of the approach of vehicles 856 from the rear. When operating at below the posted speed limits and 857 when so approached or overtaken, the operator of such motor vehicle 858 shall drive to the extreme right of the traveled way as promptly as safety 859 will permit, giving the vehicle approaching from the rear opportunity

860 to pass.

861 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

862 Sec. 19. Section 14-285 of the general statutes is repealed and the 863 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

864 Each vehicle, except a motor vehicle, which is so constructed or which 865 is so loaded that the driver is prevented from having a free and 866 unobstructed view of the highway immediately to the rear and at the sides of the same, shall be equipped with a mirror or reflector attached 867 868 to and so located and adjusted on such vehicle as to give the operator 869 thereof a clear reflected view of the highway directly to the rear on a line 870 parallel to the side of the body of such vehicle. Any person operating 871 such a vehicle shall make observations for the approach of vehicles from 872 the rear and, when so approached, shall drive to the right of the center 873 line of the traveled way as promptly as safety will permit, giving the vehicle approaching from the rear opportunity to pass in safety. Any 874 875 person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed to 876 have committed an infraction and be fined fifty dollars for each offense. 877 Such violation shall be a secondary violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-1
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-212(1)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-99g(f) and (g)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2024	14-18(a) to (c)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2024	14-96a
Sec. 7	October 1, 2024	14-96c
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-96d
Sec. 9	October 1, 2024	14-96y
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-99f
Sec. 11	October 1, 2024	14-12(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-41(d)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-45

Sec. 14	October 1, 2024	14-213
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-215b
Sec. 16	October 1, 2024	14-21b
Sec. 17	October 1, 2024	14-80(e)
Sec. 18	October 1, 2024	14-99
Sec. 19	October 1, 2024	14-285

Statement of Legislative Commissioners: In Section 1, "only" was moved for clarity.

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