



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 186

LCO No. 1492



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING WEIGHT TOLERANCE EXEMPTIONS FOR ELECTRIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN PICK-UP TRUCKS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The owner of a commercial
2 motor vehicle that is powered primarily through the use of an electric
3 battery shall be granted a weight tolerance exemption of two thousand
4 pounds from the gross, total axle, total tandem or bridge formula weight
5 limits established by section 14-267a of the general statutes. Such
6 exemption may be granted by any official or law enforcement officer
7 authorized to enforce the provisions of said section.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
10 *1, 2024*):

11 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part
12 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross
13 vehicle weight rating of [less than] twelve thousand five hundred
14 pounds or less, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one

15 hundred thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to
 16 such vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may,
 17 at such individual's discretion, renew the combination registration of
 18 such vehicle owned by such individual for either a one-year period or
 19 the registration period as determined by the commissioner pursuant to
 20 subsection (a) of section 14-22. (2) For the registration of a school bus,
 21 the commissioner shall charge an annual fee of one hundred seven
 22 dollars for a type I school bus and sixty-four dollars for a type II school
 23 bus. (3) For the registration of a motor vehicle when used in part for
 24 commercial purposes and as a passenger motor vehicle or of a motor
 25 vehicle having a seating capacity greater than ten and not used for the
 26 conveyance of passengers for hire, the commissioner shall charge a
 27 biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as outlined
 28 in section 14-47, plus the sum of fourteen dollars and shall issue
 29 combination registration to such vehicle. (4) Each vehicle registered as
 30 combination shall be issued a number plate bearing the word
 31 "combination". No vehicle registered as combination may have a gross
 32 vehicle weight rating in excess of twelve thousand five hundred
 33 pounds. (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having a gross vehicle
 34 weight rating of [less] eight thousand five hundred fifty-one pounds or
 35 more, but not more than twelve thousand five hundred pounds, that is
 36 not used in part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall
 37 charge a triennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as
 38 provided in section 14-47, plus the sum of twenty-one dollars. The
 39 commissioner [may] shall issue passenger registration to any [such
 40 vehicle with] pick-up truck having a gross vehicle weight rating of eight
 41 thousand five hundred fifty pounds or less that is not used in part for
 42 commercial purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-49(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) grant electric commercial vehicles a weight tolerance exemption of two thousand pounds from statutory weight limits, and (2) issue passenger registration to pick-up trucks with a gross vehicle rating of eight thousand five hundred fifty pounds or less that are not used in part for commercial purposes.

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