



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 186

February Session, 2024



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 shall be granted by any official or law enforcement officer
7 authorized to enforce the provisions of section 14-267a of the general
8 statutes.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
11 *1, 2024*):

12 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part
13 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross
14 vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred
15 pounds, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one hundred
16 thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to such
17 vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may, at

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

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(e)(5), ". The commissioner [may]" was changed to "[. The commissioner may] and shall issue combination registration to such pick-up truck, except the commissioner shall" for clarity.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*