

General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 261

AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 1-1h of the general statutes is
 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):

(e) Any person who misrepresents his <u>or her</u> age or practices any
other deceit in the procurement of an identity card, or uses or exhibits
an identity card belonging to any other person, shall be guilty of a class
D misdemeanor <u>and shall have such identity card revoked by the</u>
<u>commissioner</u>.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general statutes is 10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 11 2021):

(a) Any person (1) whose operator's license or [right] privilege to
operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by
the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, [or] (2) who has been disqualified
from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or (3) whose identity card,
issued under section 1-1h, as amended by this act, has been revoked due
to misrepresentation or deceit, shall pay a restoration fee of one hundred

18 seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such 19 person of a new operator's license <u>or identity card</u> or the restoration of 20 such operator's license or [such] privilege to operate a motor vehicle or 21 commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to 22 any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty 23 dollars of such fee in a separate nonlapsing school bus seat belt account 24 which shall be established within the General Fund.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-11c of the general statutes is 26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 27 2021):

28 (b) The Motor Carrier Advisory Council shall consist of the following 29 voting members: The Commissioners of Transportation, Motor 30 Vehicles, [Public Safety] Emergency Services and Public Protection, 31 Revenue Services, Economic and Community Development and Energy 32 and Environmental Protection, or their designees, and any other 33 commissioner of a state agency, or such commissioner's designee, 34 invited to participate. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the 35 commissioner's designee shall organize and serve as chairperson of the 36 council. The council shall only make recommendations or take actions 37 by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting. The council 38 may make recommendations as the council deems appropriate to the 39 United States Congress, the Governor or the General Assembly.

40 Sec. 4. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the 41 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

42 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, firm 43 or corporation, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and 44 who is engaged in the business of filing applications for the issuance of 45 a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for motor vehicles with 46 the Department of Motor Vehicles, to file such applications 47 electronically if the commissioner determines that such person, firm or 48 corporation files, on average, seven or more such applications each 49 month. A qualified person, firm or corporation shall, [within] not later

50 than ten days [from] after the electronic issuance of such registration, 51 submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary 52 documents required to register the vehicle with the department. Any 53 such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to file such 54 application electronically upon the request of the commissioner shall 55 pay a twenty-five-dollar fee to the commissioner for each application 56 submitted. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance 57 with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this 58 section.

59 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is 60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 61 2021):

62 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural person, 63 such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on the 64 certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who shall 65 assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the owner and upon the making of an application pursuant to this subsection. The 66 owner making such designation shall have all rights of ownership of 67 68 such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the beneficiary shall have 69 no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and an 70 application is made pursuant to this subsection. Not later than [sixty] 71 one hundred twenty days after the death of the owner, the beneficiary 72 may make application to the commissioner for the issuance of a 73 certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle 74 in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1) 75 The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is 76 designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the 77 deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the 78 commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection 79 (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and 80 number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247. If the 81 beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period 82 specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no right to obtain

83 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection after 84 the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain 85 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection shall 86 be subordinate to the rights of each lienholder whose security interest 87 in such motor vehicle is duly recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The 88 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to 89 implement the provisions of this subsection.

90 Sec. 6. Section 14-21z of the general statutes is repealed and the 91 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

92 (a) On and after [January 1, 2020] July 1, 2021, the Commissioner of 93 Motor Vehicles shall issue Save Our Lakes commemorative number 94 plates of a design to enhance public awareness of the state's effort to 95 preserve and protect the state's lakes, rivers and ponds from aquatic invasive species and cyanobacteria blooms. Said design shall be 96 97 determined by agreement between the Commissioner of Energy and 98 Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No 99 use shall be made of such plates except as official registration marker 100 plates.

101 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall [establish, by 102 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged] 103 charge a fee of sixty dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative 104 number [plates] plate, with letters and numbers selected by the 105 commissioner, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the 106 registration of a motor vehicle. [The fee shall be for such number plates 107 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor 108 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher 109 fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of numbers 110 as authorized by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed 111 for plates issued under said section; and (2) such number plates which 112 are low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to 113 the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted 114 115 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary

116 lakes and ponds preservation donation, which shall be deposited in the 117 Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account established under 118 section 14-21aa. All fees established and collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in said account.] The commissioner shall 119 120 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the 121 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, 122 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates, and forty-five dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and 123 124 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as 125 amended by this act.

126 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of eighty 127 dollars for a Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate that (A) 128 contains letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, as 129 amended by this act, or (B) is a low number plate in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for number plates 130 131 issued under said sections. The commissioner shall deposit fifteen 132 dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing 133 134 and replacing such commemorative number plates, and sixty-five 135 dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds 136 Preservation account.

137 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, no additional 138 renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of registration for any motor 139 vehicle bearing Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates which 140 contain letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of 141 the renewal fee for Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates with 142 letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. 143 No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration 144 to or from a registration with Save Our Lakes commemorative number 145 plates.

(d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may request an additional
voluntary donation of fifteen dollars at the time of registration renewal
for any motor vehicle bearing a Save Our Lakes commemorative

149 number plate. Five dollars of the donation may be dedicated to the 150 administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ten dollars 151 of such donation shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and 152 Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as 153 amended by this act. [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in 154 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 155 Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of 156 chapter 54, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance, 157 renewal and replacement of Save Our Lakes commemorative number 158 plates.]

159 Sec. 7. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the 160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

161 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut 162 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account". The Connecticut Lakes, 163 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account shall be a separate, nonlapsing 164 account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law to be 165 deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the 166 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. The account 167 shall be available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 168 Protection for (1) restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, rivers and 169 ponds in the state; (2) programs of the Department of Energy and 170 Environmental Protection for the eradication of aquatic invasive species 171 and cyanobacteria blooms; (3) education and public outreach programs 172 to enhance the public's understanding of the need to protect and 173 preserve the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (4) allocation of grants to 174 state and municipal agencies and not-for-profit organizations to 175 conduct research and to provide public education and public awareness 176 to enhance understanding and management of the natural resources of 177 the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (5) provision of funds for all services 178 that support the protection and conservation of the state's lakes, rivers 179 and ponds; and (6) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles 180 for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Save Our 181 Lakes commemorative number plates, including administrative 182 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z, as amended by this act.

(b) The [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Energy and Environmental</u>
<u>Protection</u> may receive private donations to the Connecticut Lakes,
Rivers and Ponds Preservation account and any such receipts shall be
deposited in the account.

187 (c) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 188 Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the Save 189 Our Lakes commemorative number plate image for use on clothing, 190 recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or 191 programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of 192 supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation 193 account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing 194 shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds 195 Preservation account.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, not less than
eighty per cent of any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes,
Rivers and Ponds Preservation account pursuant to section 14-21bb
shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4),
inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

201 Sec. 8. Section 14-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the 202 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

203 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue distinctive 204 registration marker plates to each motor vehicle, except a taxicab or 205 motor vehicle in livery service, that is used as a student transportation 206 vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. Each such registration of a student 207 transportation vehicle shall be issued for a period of one year and, 208 subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-103, may be 209 renewed by the owner, in accordance with schedules established by the 210 commissioner. The fee for such registration or for any renewal thereof 211 shall be determined as follows: (1) In the case of any such motor vehicle 212 designed as a service bus, the fee shall be one-half of the fee prescribed

213 for the registration of a service bus, in accordance with the provisions of 214 subsection (p) of section 14-49, and (2) in the case of any such motor 215 vehicle designed as a passenger motor vehicle, the fee shall be one-half 216 of the fee prescribed for the biennial combination registration of a 217 passenger motor vehicle or one-third of the fee prescribed for the 218 triennial <u>combination</u> registration of a passenger motor vehicle, in 219 accordance with the provisions of <u>subdivision (1) of</u> subsection [(a)] (e) 220 of section 14-49, as amended by this act.

Sec. 9. Section 14-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

223 (a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab, school 224 bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation vehicle or 225 service bus and no person may operate or cause to be operated upon 226 any public highway any such motor vehicle until the owner or lessee 227 thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory to the 228 commissioner [, which insurance or bond] that shall indemnify the 229 insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any 230 person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result 231 from or have been caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle 232 described in the contract of insurance or such bond. Such insurance or 233 bond shall not be required from (1) a municipality which the 234 commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial responsibility to 235 meet legal liability for personal injury, death or damage resulting from 236 or caused by the use or operation of a service bus owned or operated by 237 such municipality, or (2) the owner or lessee of such class of motor 238 vehicle who holds a certificate of public necessity and convenience from 239 the Department of Transportation if such owner or lessee has procured 240 from the department a certificate that the department has found that 241 such owner or lessee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal 242 liability for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from or 243 caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle. The Department 244 of Transportation may issue such certificate upon presentation of 245 evidence of financial responsibility that is satisfactory to it.

246 (b) [(1)] The amount of insurance or of such bond [which] that each 247 such vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity 248 against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting 249 from damage to the property of passengers or others for any one 250 accident shall be not less than [(A) fifty thousand dollars for one person 251 subject to that limit per person; (B) for all persons in any one accident 252 where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, one hundred 253 thousand dollars; (C) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, one hundred 254 fifty thousand dollars; (D) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, two 255 hundred thousand dollars; (E) twenty-one to thirty passengers, 256 inclusive, two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (F) thirty-one 257 passengers or more, three hundred thousand dollars; and such policy or 258 such bond shall indemnify the insured against legal liability resulting 259 from damage to the property of passengers or of others to the amount 260 of ten thousand dollars] (1) a single limit of liability of (A) one hundred 261 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport seven passengers or less, or (B) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, if such 262 263 vehicle is designed or used to transport eight to fourteen passengers without compensation; (2) the minimum amounts established in 49 CFR 264 265 Part 387, as amended from time to time, if such vehicle is designed or 266 used to transport eight passengers or more for compensation, or fifteen 267 passengers or more without compensation; (3) one million five hundred 268 thousand dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the 269 provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or 270 used to transport fourteen passengers or less; and (4) five million dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the provisions 271 272 of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or used to 273 transport fifteen passengers or more.

[(2) In lieu of the foregoing, a single limit of liability shall be allowed as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers or of others for any one accident (A) where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, not less than one hundred thousand dollars; (B) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, not less than one hundred fifty 280 thousand dollars; (C) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, not less 281 than two hundred thousand dollars; (D) twenty-one to thirty 282 passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars; 283 and (E) thirty-one passengers or more, not less than three hundred 284 thousand dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (i) 285 a municipality which the commissioner has found to have sufficient 286 financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as provided 287 in subsection (a) of this section or (ii) the owner or lessees of any such 288 motor vehicle holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity 289 issued by the Department of Transportation whom the department has 290 found to be of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for 291 damages as provided in subsection (a).]

292 (c) (1) Any person or company issuing any such insurance or 293 indemnity bond shall file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a 294 certificate in such form as the commissioner prescribes, and no such 295 insurance or bond shall lapse, expire or be cancelled while the 296 registration is in force until the commissioner has been given at least ten 297 days' written notice of an intention to cancel and until the commissioner 298 has accepted other insurance or another indemnity bond and has 299 notified the person or company seeking to cancel such insurance or 300 bond that such other insurance or bond has been accepted or until the 301 registration of such motor vehicle described in such insurance policy or 302 bond has been suspended or cancelled.

(2) No person or company issuing any such insurance or indemnity
bond shall issue an insurance policy or indemnity bond for a motor
vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this section for limits less than those
specified in subsection (b) [or (f)] of this section. Upon initial registration
or renewal of any such motor vehicle, the commissioner may presume
that an insurance policy or indemnity bond meets the minimum
amounts specified in said subsection (b) [or (f)] for such vehicle.

(d) Any person injured in person or property by any such motor
vehicle may apply to the commissioner for the name and description of
the insurer of the vehicle causing such injury or the name of the surety

upon any indemnity bond of any such owner or the name of the holderof a certificate of financial responsibility.

(e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall befined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more thanone year or both.

318 [(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person, 319 association or corporation operating a motor vehicle in livery service 320 under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, shall carry 321 insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death and 322 legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers or of 323 others for any one accident in an amount not less than one million five 324 hundred thousand dollars for vehicles with a seating capacity of 325 fourteen passengers or less and five million dollars for vehicles with a 326 seating capacity of fifteen passengers or more.]

Sec. 10. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,
no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway of this
state or private road on which a speed limit has been established in
accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a until such person has
obtained a motor vehicle operator's license.

334 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older who does not hold a 335 motor vehicle operator's license may not operate a motor vehicle on the 336 public highways of the state for the purpose of instruction until such 337 person has applied for and obtained an adult instruction permit from 338 the commissioner. Such person shall not be eligible for an adult 339 instruction permit if such person has had a motor vehicle operator's 340 license or privilege suspended or revoked. An adult instruction permit 341 shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her 342 immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public 343 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and

accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued 344 345 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years preceding 346 347 the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the motor vehicle 348 being operated and who has not had his or her motor vehicle operator's 349 license suspended by the commissioner during the four-year period 350 preceding the instruction. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall 351 not issue a motor vehicle operator's license to any person holding an 352 adult instruction permit who has held such permit for less than ninety 353 days unless such person (A) is a member of the armed forces on active 354 duty outside the state, or (B) has previously held a motor vehicle 355 operator's license. (2) A person holding a valid out-of-state motor 356 vehicle operator's license may operate a motor vehicle for a period of 357 [thirty] <u>sixty</u> days following such person's establishment of residence in 358 Connecticut, if the motor vehicle is of the same class as that for which 359 his or her out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license was issued. (3) 360 No person may cause or permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a 361 person under sixteen years of age.

362 (c) (1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has 363 not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor 364 vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the 365 [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] <u>commissioner</u> for a youth instruction 366 permit. The commissioner may issue a youth instruction permit to an 367 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the 368 369 road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 and has 370 filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, 371 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the youth instruction permit 372 and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both 373 parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, 374 (B) the legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the 375 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no 376 qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal 377 guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled outside of this state or

378 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the 379 applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or 380 marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the 381 382 commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in 383 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended by this act, 384 or any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle 385 operation and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e, as 386 amended by this act, to issue a youth instruction permit, subject to such 387 standards and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in 388 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each youth 389 instruction permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance or on 390 the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's 391 license, whichever is earlier. Any holder of a youth instruction permit 392 who attains eighteen years of age may retain such permit until the 393 expiration of such permit. (2) The youth instruction permit shall entitle 394 the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate 395 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, provided 396 such holder is under the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person 397 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 398 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to 399 operate, for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle 400 of the same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not 401 had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the 402 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (3) 403 Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction of and 404 accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued under 405 the provisions of section 14-73, no passenger in addition to the person 406 providing instruction shall be transported unless such passenger is a 407 parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a 408 youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member of a certified 409 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an 410 emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national 411 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of 412 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history

413 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the 414 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be 415 exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection only when such holder is [en route] driving to or from the location of 416 417 the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency call. (5) The 418 commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit used in 419 violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of this 420 subsection.

421 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any 422 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant 423 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements 424 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) [present] submit to 425 the [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner, in such manner as 426 the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion 427 (i) in a public secondary school, a technical education and career school 428 or a private secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle 429 operation prepared as provided in section 14-36e, as amended by this 430 act, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers' 431 school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training in 432 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each 433 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful 434 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-435 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit 436 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) [present] submit to the 437 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a 438 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight 439 hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four 440 hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects 441 of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, 442 the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the 443 consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of 444 alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related 445 motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an examination which may 446 include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning

447 motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required 448 under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road 449 skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant 450 451 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction 452 permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or 453 454 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth 455 instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an 456 applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver 457 training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the 458 provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period 459 of time required by said unit. The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] 460 <u>commissioner</u> shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction 461 at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to 462 such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the 463 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good 464 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended 465 by this act, or secondary school driver education program authorized 466 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, as amended by this act, to administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws 467 468 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant 469 to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving 470 practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this 471 subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results 472 of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by 473 this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing 474 instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under 475 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty 476 dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a 477 resident of another state, completed the course required in 478 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe 479 driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall 480 complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any 481 requirement in this subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years
of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any
other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has
received training and instruction of a similar nature.

486 (2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training 487 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home 488 training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs. Such 489 490 statement shall be signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or 491 by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant, 492 [which states] and state that the applicant has obtained a youth 493 instruction permit and has successfully completed a driving course 494 taught by the person signing the statement, that the signer has had an operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the 495 496 statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by 497 the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the 498 statement. [or, if] If the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent, 499 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the 500 instruction, [a] such statement may be signed by the applicant's 501 stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided 502 the person signing the statement is qualified.

503 (3) If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant under 504 this section, the test shall be given in English or Spanish at the option of 505 the applicant, provided the commissioner shall require that the 506 applicant shall have sufficient understanding of English for the 507 interpretation of traffic control signs.

508 (4) The [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] <u>commissioner</u> may adopt 509 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to 510 implement the purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements 511 for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, the content of safe 512 driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary 513 schools, and the administration and certification of required testing. (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the
applicant signs and [files with] <u>submits to</u> the commissioner, <u>in such</u>
<u>manner as the commissioner directs</u>, an application under oath, or made
subject to penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen
years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the license.

(2) Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an applicant for
a new motor vehicle operator's license shall [, in the discretion of the
commissioner, file,] <u>submit</u> with the application [,] a copy of such
applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence, as determined
by the commissioner, of date of birth and evidence of identity.

525 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously 526 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or [who has not 527 operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years] whose 528 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two 529 years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the 530 applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, [or] 531 a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such 532 manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper 533 person to operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant 534 has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor 535 vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory 536 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the 537 road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle 538 operator's license may be administered in such form as the 539 commissioner deems appropriate, including audio, electronic or written 540 testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered in English, Spanish 541 or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's 542 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census 543 Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such 544 knowledge test shall include a question concerning highway work zone 545 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under 546 section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than

one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile 547 548 telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the 549 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa. If any 550 such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of 551 the United States where a similar examination is required, the 552 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such 553 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the 554 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge, 555 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as 556 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed 557 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's 558 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such 559 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the 560 examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle [licenses] 561 license, the commissioner shall [only] waive the driving skills test for 562 such applicant [who] and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive the knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant meets 563 564 the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time. 565 For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who 566 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable 567 from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is 568 569 satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the 570 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or 571 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and 572 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to 573 operate.

(4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority

581 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall in all cases be 582 treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license, containing such 583 limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or 584 renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to 585 prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or 586 unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person whom the 587 commissioner determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor 588 vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle 589 operator's license issued to or renewed by a person who is deaf or hard 590 of hearing shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such 591 impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such 592 impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed 593 by a licensed health care practitioner.

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

(f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor vehicle
in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2) any motor
vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which such person's right to
operate is limited.

601 (g) The commissioner may place a restriction on the motor vehicle 602 operator's license of any person or on any special operator's permit 603 issued to any person in accordance with the provisions of section 14-37a 604 that restricts the holder of such license or permit to the operation of a motor vehicle that is equipped with an approved ignition interlock 605 606 device, as defined in section 14-227j, for such time as the commissioner 607 shall prescribe, if such person has: (1) Been convicted for a first or second 608 time of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a, 609 and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of 610 suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of 611 subsections (g) and (i) of section 14-227a; (2) been ordered by the Superior Court not to operate any motor vehicle unless it is equipped 612 613 with an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the

provisions of section 14-227j; (3) been granted a reversal or reduction of 614 615 such person's license suspension or revocation, in accordance with the 616 provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-111; (4) been issued a motor vehicle operator's license upon the surrender of an operator's license 617 618 issued by another state and such previously held license contains a 619 restriction to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition 620 interlock device; (5) been convicted of a violation of section 53a-56b or 621 53a-60d; (6) been permitted by the commissioner to be issued or to retain 622 an operator's license subject to reporting requirements concerning such 623 person's physical condition, in accordance with the provisions of 624 subsection (e) of this section and sections 14-45a to 14-46g, inclusive, as 625 amended by this act; (7) had such person's operator's license suspended 626 under subsection (i) of section 14-227b and has served not less than 627 forty-five days of the prescribed period of such suspension; (8) been 628 convicted for a first or second time of a violation of subsection (a) of 629 section 14-227m and has served not less than forty-five days of the 630 prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with 631 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227m and subsection (i) of 632 section 14-227a; or (9) been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) or 633 (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n and has served not less than forty-634 five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in 635 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227n and subsection (i) of section 14-227a. 636

(h) Before issuing a motor vehicle operator's license in accordance
with this section or section 14-44c, <u>as amended by this act</u>, the
commissioner shall request information from the National Driver
Registry and the Commercial Driver License Information System, in
accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR section 383.73. Each driving
history record shall contain a notation of the date on which such inquiry
was made.

(i) (1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for
a first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined
not less than seventy-five dollars or more than ninety dollars and, for

any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
dollars or more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not
more than thirty days, or both.

650 (2) In addition to the penalty prescribed under subdivision (1) of this 651 subsection, any person who violates any provision of this section who 652 (A) has, prior to the commission of the present violation, committed a 653 violation of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, shall be fined 654 not more than five hundred dollars or sentenced to perform not more 655 than one hundred hours of community service, or (B) has, prior to the 656 commission of the present violation, committed two or more violations 657 of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-215, or any combination 658 thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year, ninety 659 days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner.

- 660 (j) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in 661 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.
- 662 Sec. 11. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the 663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The commissioner may acquire, by lease or purchase, and install
at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and at such other
locations where operator's licenses are issued or renewed, such
equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
chapter.

669 (b) The commissioner may [provide for the renewal of] <u>renew or</u> 670 produce a duplicate of any motor vehicle operator's license, commercial 671 driver's license or identity card without personal appearance of the 672 license or card holder [, in circumstances where the holder is a member 673 of the armed forces, is temporarily residing outside of this state for 674 business or educational purposes, or in other circumstances where, in the judgment of the commissioner, such personal appearance would be 675 676 impractical or pose a significant hardship. The commissioner shall 677 decline to issue any such renewal without personal appearance if the

678 commissioner is not satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot 679 personally appear, if the commissioner does not have the applicant's 680 color] if (1) the commissioner has on file a photograph or digital image 681 [on file, if] of the applicant that meets the specifications and standards 682 prescribed by the commissioner and may be used on such license or 683 identity card, (2) the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the 684 identity of the applicant, [has not been presented, or if] (3) the commissioner [has reason to believe] is satisfied that the applicant is [no 685 longer] a legal resident of this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the 686 687 applicant personally appeared to renew such license or identity card 688 within the time limitations specified in state or federal law, and (5) the applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or duplicate 689 690 issuance of a license or identity card.

691 (c) The commissioner may issue₂ [or] renew [any] or duplicate a 692 license, [any] an instruction permit or an identity card [issued or 693 renewed] pursuant to this title or section 1-1h, as amended by this act, 694 by any method that the commissioner deems to be secure and efficient. 695 If the commissioner determines that an applicant has met all conditions 696 for such issuance, [or] renewal or duplication, the commissioner may 697 require that such license, instruction permit or identity card be 698 produced at a centralized location and mailed to the applicant. The 699 commissioner may issue a temporary license, instruction permit or 700 identity card for use by the applicant for the period prior to the applicant's receipt of the permanent license, instruction permit or 701 702 identity card. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity 703 card shall not be required to contain a photograph or digital image of 704 the applicant as specified in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of section 705 14-36h. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity card shall 706 have an expiration date not later than thirty days after the date of 707 issuance and shall remain valid until the earlier of such expiration date 708 or the date the applicant receives such license, instruction permit or 709 identity card.

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(d) [The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide] If the

711 commissioner provides for the renewal or duplicate issuance of the 712 motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity 713 card [of any person not identified in] without the personal appearance 714 of the license or card holder in accordance with the provisions of 715 subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall establish 716 procedures to renew or issue a duplicate of such license or identity card 717 by mail or by electronic communication with the Department of Motor 718 Vehicles.

Sec. 12. Section 14-36e of the general statutes is repealed and thefollowing is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this section, "classroom instruction" includes training
 or instruction offered in person in a congregate setting, through real time interactive distance learning or through a combination of both in person and real-time interactive distance learning.

725 (b) Each local and regional board of education may provide a course 726 of instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety on a 727 secondary school level, which course (1) shall consist of not less than 728 thirty clock hours of classroom instruction offered during or after school 729 hours as said board of education, in its discretion, may provide, 730 including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the 731 responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b) of 732 section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of said 733 subsection (b), and (2) may include behind-the-wheel instruction of up 734 to twenty clock hours. [Said] Such course shall be open to enrollment by 735 any person between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, who is 736 a resident of the town or school district or whose parent, parents or legal 737 guardian owns property taxable in such town or school district. Any 738 such board of education may contract for such behind-the-wheel 739 instruction with a licensed drivers' school.

Sec. 13. Section 14-36f of the general statutes is repealed and thefollowing is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in 742 743 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the 744 establishment, conduct and scope of driver education programs in 745 secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements of section 14-746 36e, as amended by this act. Such regulations shall (1) permit any local 747 or regional board of education or private secondary school to contract 748 with a licensed drivers' school approved by the Commissioner of Motor 749 Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction of such driver education 750 program and instruction therein may be given by such school's driving 751 instructors who are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, [and] 752 (2) require that the classroom instruction of any such driver education 753 program [shall] include a discussion concerning highway work zone 754 safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under 755 section 14-212d, and (3) permit a class or classroom instruction to be 756 offered in person in a congregate setting, through real-time interactive 757 distance learning or through a combination of both in-person and real-758 time interactive distance learning.

Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

762 (b) The commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not 763 limited to, an automobile club or association licensed in accordance with 764 the provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any 765 municipality, to issue duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to 766 section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to 767 section 1-1h, as amended by this act, and conduct registration 768 transactions. [at the office or facilities of such contractors or 769 municipalities.] The commissioner may authorize such contractors and 770 municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed eight 771 dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or 772 duplication, or for a registration transaction.

Sec. 15. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercialdriver's instruction permit, shall include the following:

- (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of theperson;
- (2) A physical description of the person, including [sex] gender,height and eye color;
- 781 (3) Date of birth;

782 (4) The applicant's Social Security number;

(5) The person's statement, under oath, that such person meets the
physical qualification standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended
from time to time;

(6) The person's statement, under oath, that the type of vehicle in
which the person has taken or intends to take the driving skills test is
representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or
intends to operate;

(7) The person's statement, under oath, that such person is not subject
to disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of operating
privileges in any state, and that he or she does not hold an operator's
license in any other state;

(8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has
been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten
years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not
hold an operator's license in any other state; and

(9) The person's signature, and certification of the accuracy and
completeness of the application, subject to the penalties of false
statement under section 53a-157b. The application shall be accompanied
by the fee prescribed in section 14-44h.

802 (b) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days

803 may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a 804 commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

(c) At the time of application for a commercial driver's license, the
applicant shall make the applicable certification, as required by 49 CFR
383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in which such person shall
engage. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to a person who
fails to make such certification.

810 (d) On and after January 6, 2023, the commissioner shall request a 811 driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in accordance 812 with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from time to time, for any person who 813 applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial driver's license. 814 The commissioner shall use information obtained from the Drug and 815 Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether a 816 person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not 817 disclose such information to any person or entity not directly involved 818 in determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial 819 motor vehicle.

[(d)] (e) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person
who knowingly falsifies information or certifications required under
subsection (a) of this section shall have such person's operator's license
or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended for sixty
days.

Sec. 16. Subsection (g) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2021):

(g) The commissioner may issue a commercial driver's instruction
permit to any person who holds a valid operator's license. Such permit
may be issued for a period not exceeding one [hundred eighty days, and
may be reissued or renewed for one additional period not exceeding one
hundred eighty days, provided the reissuance or renewal of such permit
occurs within a two-year period from its initial issuance] year. Any

holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit who has not obtained 834 835 a commercial driver's license on or before the expiration date of such 836 [reissued or renewed] permit shall be required to retake the commercial 837 driver's license knowledge test and any applicable endorsement 838 knowledge tests. The holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit 839 may, unless otherwise disqualified or suspended, drive a commercial 840 motor vehicle if such holder is accompanied by the holder of a 841 commercial driver's license of the appropriate class and bearing 842 endorsements for the type of vehicle being driven who occupies a seat 843 beside the individual for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the 844 commercial motor vehicle. The commissioner shall not administer a 845 commercial driver's license driving skills test to any holder of a 846 commercial driver's instruction permit unless such person has held such 847 permit for a minimum period of fourteen days.

Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 14-44i of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2021):

(b) There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license
knowledge test a fee of sixteen dollars. There shall be charged for each
commercial driver's license skills test a fee of thirty dollars. There shall
be charged for each commercial driver's instruction permit a fee of [ten]
twenty dollars.

Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 14-44k of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2021):

(g) Any person who (<u>1</u>) uses any motor vehicle in the commission of
a felony involving the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of a
controlled substance, or (<u>2</u>) uses a commercial motor vehicle in the
commission of a felony involving severe forms of trafficking in persons,
as defined in 22 USC 7102(11), as amended from time to time, shall be
disqualified for life and ineligible for reinstatement in accordance with
subsection (h) of this section.

Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 14-45a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2021):

869 (b) Prior to issuing a motor vehicle operator's license to a person who 870 has not previously been issued a license in this state or [has not operated 871 a motor vehicle within the preceding two years] whose Connecticut 872 motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to 873 the application date, the commissioner may require such person to pass 874 a vision screening to determine if the person meets vision standards 875 specified in the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this 876 section.

Sec. 20. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2021):

880 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part 881 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross 882 vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred 883 pounds, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one hundred 884 thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to such 885 vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may, at 886 such individual's discretion, renew the combination registration of such 887 vehicle owned by such individual for either a one-year period or the 888 registration period as determined by the commissioner pursuant to 889 subsection (a) of section 14-22.

890 (2) For the registration of a school bus, the commissioner shall charge
891 an annual fee of one hundred seven dollars for a type I school bus and
892 sixty-four dollars for a type II school bus.

(3) For the registration of a motor vehicle when used in part for
commercial purposes and as a passenger motor vehicle or of a motor
vehicle having a seating capacity greater than ten and not used for the
conveyance of passengers for hire, the commissioner shall charge a

biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as outlined
in section 14-47, plus the sum of fourteen dollars and shall issue
combination registration to such vehicle.

900 (4) Each vehicle registered as combination shall be issued a number
901 plate bearing the word "combination". No vehicle registered as
902 combination may have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of twelve
903 thousand five hundred pounds.

904 (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having a gross vehicle 905 weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred pounds that is 906 not used in part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall 907 charge a triennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as 908 provided in section 14-47, plus the sum of twenty-one dollars. The 909 commissioner may issue passenger registration to any such vehicle with 910 a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred pounds or 911 less.

912 Sec. 21. Section 14-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the 913 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

914 (a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the 915 buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or 916 the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued either a 917 new car dealer's, a used car dealer's, a repairer's or a limited repairer's 918 license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the 919 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor 920 vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer or limited repairer, three 921 922 hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially 923 according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner so as 924 to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a 925 staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less 926 than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a 927 prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior 928 to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall

929	send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the
930	commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not
931	filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee
932	prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in
933	business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after
934	the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred
935	dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this
936	subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each
applicant for a repairer's or a limited repairer's license shall furnish [a
cash bond or] a surety bond in the amount of five thousand dollars.

940 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each applicant
941 for a new car dealer's or a used car dealer's license shall furnish [a cash
942 bond or] a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

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

947 (4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, 948 of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee 949 complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation 950 relating to the conduct of such business and provided as indemnity for 951 any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts of the licensee 952 constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or such 953 licensee going out of business. Each [cash bond shall be deposited with 954 the commissioner and each] surety bond shall be executed in the name 955 of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but 956 the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the 957 commissioner after a hearing held before said commissioner in 958 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. For purposes of this 959 subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any person, firm or 960 corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor vehicle inventory, or

(B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity as a dealer, who buysmotor vehicles from or sells motor vehicles to another licensed dealer.

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

969 (c) The commissioner may request information from any applicant 970 for a repairer's license or used car dealer's license concerning the 971 financial status and ability of such applicant to comply with the 972 requirements of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. 973 The commissioner shall review such information to determine if the 974 applicant has sufficient financial resources to conduct the business in a 975 manner consistent with the reasonable security and protection of its 976 customers in regard to the duties and responsibilities imposed by the 977 provisions of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The 978 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the applicant fails to 979 provide any such information requested or, if, after review by the 980 commissioner, the commissioner is not satisfied as to such applicant's 981 financial status. The commissioner may, in any case deemed 982 appropriate, grant a license on condition that the applicant post [a cash 983 bond or] a surety bond, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 984 (b) of this section, in an amount prescribed by the commissioner that is 985 greater than the minimum amount required by the applicable 986 provisions of said subsection (b). Any applicant aggrieved by any 987 decision of the commissioner made pursuant to this subsection shall be 988 afforded an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions 989 of chapter 54. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance 990 with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(d) Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of the
buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or of
the repairing of any motor vehicle without a license shall be guilty of a

994 class B misdemeanor.

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

1002 Sec. 22. Section 14-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1003 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1004 (a) The commissioner may, after notice and hearing, refuse to grant 1005 or renew a license to a person, firm or corporation to engage in the 1006 business of selling or repairing motor vehicles pursuant to the 1007 provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, if the applicant for 1008 or holder of such a license, or an officer or major stockholder if the 1009 applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, has been found liable in a 1010 civil action for, or convicted of, a violation of any provision of laws 1011 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer including 1012 a motor vehicle recycler, or of any violation involving fraud, larceny or 1013 deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United 1014 States or of any state. Each applicant for such a license shall submit to a 1015 state criminal history records check, conducted in accordance with 1016 section 29-17a and based on the applicant's name and date of birth, not 1017 more than thirty days before such application is made and provide the 1018 results of such records check to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The 1019 commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to submit its 1020 application electronically. Upon renewal of such license, [such] a licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or 1021 1022 conviction under penalty of false statement.

(b) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant or
renew a license to an applicant [or licensee] for or the holder of a used
<u>car dealer's license</u> that is delinquent in the payment of sales tax in

1026 connection with a business from which it is or was obligated to remit1027 sales tax, as reported to the commissioner by the Department of1028 Revenue Services.

Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2021):

1032 (a) Each sale shall be evidenced by [an] a retail purchase order 1033 properly signed by both the buyer and seller, a copy of which shall be 1034 furnished to the buyer when executed, and an invoice upon delivery of 1035 the motor vehicle, both of which shall contain the following information: 1036 (1) Make of vehicle; (2) [year of] the vehicle's model year, whether sold 1037 as new or used, and [on invoice] the vehicle's identification number; (3) 1038 deposit, and (A) if the deposit is not refundable, the words "No Refund 1039 of Deposit" shall appear at this point, [and] (B) if the deposit is conditionally refundable, the words "Conditional Refund of Deposit" 1040 1041 shall appear at this point, followed by a statement giving the conditions 1042 for refund, [and] (C) if the deposit is unconditionally refundable, the 1043 words "Unconditional Refund" shall appear at this point, and (D) if the 1044 buyer is financing the motor vehicle through the seller, a statement that 1045 the deposit is refundable if the seller does not provide written proof of 1046 approved financing to the buyer prior to the execution of the retail 1047 purchase order; (4) cash selling price; (5) finance charges, and (A) if 1048 these charges do not include insurance, the words "No Insurance" shall 1049 appear at this point, and (B) if these charges include insurance, a 1050 statement shall appear at this point giving the exact type of coverage; (6) 1051 allowance on motor vehicle traded in, if any, and description of the 1052 same; (7) stamped or printed in a size equal to at least ten-point bold type on the face of both order and invoice one of the following forms: 1053 1054 (A) "This motor vehicle not guaranteed", or (B) "This motor vehicle is 1055 guaranteed", followed by a statement as to the terms of such guarantee, 1056 which terms shall include the duration of the guarantee or the number 1057 of miles the guarantee shall remain in effect. Such statement shall not 1058 apply to household furnishings of any trailer; (8) if the motor vehicle is

1059 new but has been subject to use by the seller or use in connection with 1060 his business as a dealer, the word "demonstrator" shall be clearly 1061 displayed on the face of both order and invoice; (9) any dealer 1062 conveyance fee or processing fee and a statement that such fee is not 1063 payable to the state of Connecticut printed in at least ten-point bold type 1064 on the face of both order and invoice; and (10) the dealer's legal name, 1065 address and license number. For the purposes of this subdivision, "dealer conveyance fee" or "processing fee" means a fee charged by a 1066 1067 dealer to recover reasonable costs for processing all documentation and 1068 performing services related to the closing of a sale, including, but not 1069 limited to, the registration and transfer of ownership of the motor 1070 vehicle which is the subject of the sale.

Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 14-69 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2021):

1074 (a) No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers' 1075 school without being licensed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. 1076 An application for a license shall be in writing and shall contain such 1077 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for a license 1078 shall be fingerprinted before such application is approved. The 1079 commissioner shall subject each applicant for a license to state and 1080 national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with 1081 section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry 1082 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any such applicant has a 1083 criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry, 1084 the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to issue a 1085 license to conduct a drivers' school in accordance with the standards and 1086 procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted 1087 pursuant to said section. If the application is approved, the applicant 1088 shall be granted a license upon the payment of a fee of seven hundred 1089 dollars and a deposit with the commissioner of [cash or] a bond of a 1090 surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned on 1091 the faithful performance by the applicant of any contract to furnish 1092 instruction, in either case in such amount as the commissioner may 1093 require, such [cash or] bond to be held by the commissioner to satisfy 1094 any execution issued against such school in a cause arising out of failure of such school to perform such contract. For each additional place of 1095 1096 business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of one 1097 hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee opens an additional 1098 place of business with one year or less remaining on the term of its 1099 license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-eight dollars for 1100 each such additional place of business for the year or any part thereof 1101 remaining on the term of such license. No license shall be required in 1102 the case of any board of education, or any public, private or parochial 1103 school, which conducts a course in driver education established in 1104 accordance with sections 14-36e, as amended by this act, and 14-36f, as 1105 amended by this act. A license so issued shall be valid for two years. The 1106 commissioner shall issue a license certificate or certificates to each 1107 licensee, one of which shall be displayed in each place of business of the licensee. In case of the loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate, the 1108 1109 commissioner shall issue a duplicate upon proof of the facts and the 1110 payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

1111 Sec. 25. Section 14-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1112 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1113 The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the 1114 provisions of chapter 54, [for (1)] regarding the conduct of drivers' 1115 schools and instructor license requirements. Such regulations shall (1) 1116 establish the conduct of drivers' schools, including, but not limited to, 1117 requirements as to the inspection of the vehicles used by the drivers' 1118 schools in the conduct of their business, instructional standards and 1119 procedures, including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes 1120 concerning the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under 1121 subsection (b) of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the 1122 provisions of said subsection, [(b),] instruction concerning highway 1123 work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor 1124 vehicle under section 14-212d, the administration of a test at the 1125 conclusion of each class, the posting of rates charged for instruction, and 1126 the general form in which records [shall be kept] concerning persons 1127 under instruction and those who have completed their course of 1128 instruction [, and (2) the establishment of] shall be kept and, when 1129 required, the method of transmission to the commissioner, (2) permit a 1130 class or classroom instruction to be offered in person in a congregate 1131 setting, through real-time interactive distance learning or through a combination of both in-person and real-time interactive distance 1132 1133 learning, and (3) establish the requirements for a person to receive a 1134 license as an instructor in accordance with section 14-73. On and after 1135 October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall not issue a license that is limited 1136 to classroom instruction. Any person who was issued such limited 1137 license prior to October 1, 2010, may maintain and renew such license.

Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 14-111g of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1141 (b) The retraining program shall be taught by a designee of the 1142 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by an instructor approved by the 1143 commissioner and shall (1) review principles of motor vehicle operation, 1144 (2) develop alternative attitudes for those attitudes contributing to 1145 aggressive driving behavior, and (3) emphasize the need to practice safe 1146 driving behavior. The retraining program shall be offered by the 1147 Department of Motor Vehicles or by any other organization certified by 1148 the commissioner to conduct such program in person in a congregate 1149 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-1150 person and distance learning. Any drivers' school, as defined in section 1151 14-68, that meets the licensure requirements of part IV of this chapter 1152 shall be eligible to seek certification to offer the motor vehicle operator's 1153 retraining program. The commissioner shall determine the number of 1154 program providers necessary to serve the needs of the public. Each 1155 organization or drivers' school seeking certification or recertification to 1156 conduct such retraining program shall submit an application to the 1157 department in such form as the commissioner shall require and an

application fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Each such applicant shall: 1158 1159 (A) Be registered to do business in this state and continuously maintain 1160 good standing with the office of the Secretary of the State; (B) file and 1161 continuously maintain a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand 1162 dollars. Such bond shall be conditioned upon compliance with the 1163 provisions of any state or federal law or regulation concerning the conduct of an operator retraining program and provided as indemnity 1164 for any loss or expense sustained by either the state or any person by 1165 1166 reason of any acts or omissions of the program provider. Such bond shall be executed in the name of the State of Connecticut for the benefit 1167 1168 of any aggrieved party, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked 1169 except upon order of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after a 1170 hearing held before the commissioner in accordance with the provisions 1171 of chapter 54; (C) have a permanent place of business in this state where 1172 all operator retraining program records shall be maintained and 1173 accessible to the commissioner during normal business hours; (D) 1174 submit for approval by the commissioner a detailed curriculum and 1175 lesson plan, including any changes to such curriculum and lesson plan, 1176 which shall be used in each operator retraining class; and (E) 1177 electronically transmit information concerning enrollment and class 1178 completion to the commissioner at such times and in such form as the 1179 commissioner shall prescribe. Prior to the certification of an applicant, 1180 the commissioner shall investigate the applicant's character, driving 1181 history and criminal history. If the applicant is a business entity, such 1182 investigation shall include the principals and officers of such entity. The 1183 applicant shall submit to the commissioner any information pertaining 1184 to current or past criminal or civil actions. The certification of a program 1185 provider by the commissioner shall not be transferable and shall be 1186 valid for a two-year period. Recertification of a provider shall be at the 1187 discretion of the commissioner and in such form and manner 1188 determined by the commissioner.

Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2021):

1192 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with 1193 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations 1194 shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control 1195 equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission 1196 standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic 1197 standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy 1198 and Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of 1199 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or 1200 waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by 1201 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and 1202 compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the 1203 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such 1204 regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board 1205 diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor 1206 vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or 1207 which will be registered in this state, and to all motor vehicles sold by a 1208 dealer licensed in this state as required by subsection (n) of this section, 1209 except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand 1210 pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors 1211 attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary 1212 registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago; 1213 (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered 1214 but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as 1215 defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II 1216 school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer 1217 either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for 1218 the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; (12) 1219 vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a 1220 and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles; (13) 1221 electric bicycles, as defined in section 14-1; or (14) electric foot scooters, as defined in section 14-1. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations 1222 1223 shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four 1224 or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the 1225 previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse 1226 upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental

1227 Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department 1228 of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate 1229 applicable federal environmental or transportation planning 1230 requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and 1231 1232 compliance or waiver prior to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the 1233 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection finds that it is 1234 necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision 1235 (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model 1236 years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning 1237 emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles 1238 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, 1239 to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles 1240 having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor 1241 vehicles four or less model years of age.

Sec. 28. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1245 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the Office 1246 of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to time 1247 modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each 1248 biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for 1249 inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such 1250 fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including 1251 1252 administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor, 1253 exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by 1254 the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official 1255 emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply 1256 with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the 1257 right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to 1258 the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection 1259 without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal

1260 holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special 1261 circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection 1262 to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for 1263 reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee of 1264 twenty dollars against the owner of a motor vehicle that has not 1265 presented such motor vehicle for an emissions inspection within thirty 1266 days following the expiration date of the assigned inspection period, or 1267 that has not presented such motor vehicle for a reinspection within sixty 1268 days following a test failure, or both. The commissioner may waive such 1269 late fee when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the 1270 failure to have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned 1271 inspection period or during the sixty-day reinspection period was due 1272 to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been 1273 transferred, the new owner shall have such motor vehicle inspected 1274 within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle. The 1275 commissioner may specify a longer period for all new owners to achieve 1276 compliance after a transfer of ownership if circumstances require 1277 closure or limited operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles or 1278 emissions inspection stations. After the expiration of such thirty-day 1279 period, or the period specified by the commissioner, the commissioner 1280 shall require the payment of the late fee specified in this subdivision. If 1281 the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the 1282 commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions 1283 exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such 1284 vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be 1285 assessed.

Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2021):

(a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be
deemed to have given such person's consent to a chemical analysis of
such person's blood, breath or urine and, if such person is a minor, such
person's parent or parents or guardian shall also be deemed to have

given their consent. <u>As used in this section, "motor vehicle" includes a</u>
<u>snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as such terms are defined in section</u>
14-379.

Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1299 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in 1300 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing a procedure 1301 for the safety training of school bus operators and operators of student 1302 transportation vehicles. Such regulations shall provide for minimum 1303 proficiency requirements for school bus operators. The safety training 1304 administered by the commissioner shall conform to the minimum 1305 requirements of number 17 of the National Highway Safety Standards. 1306 Such safety training shall include instruction relative to the location, 1307 contents and use of the first aid kit in the motor vehicle. A class or 1308 classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting, 1309 through distance learning or through a combination of both in-person 1310 and distance learning.

Sec. 31. Subsection (c) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) Any town or regional school district may require its school bus
operators to have completed a safety training course in the operation of
school buses, consisting of a minimum of ten hours of behind-the-wheel
instruction and three hours of classroom instruction. <u>Classroom</u>
<u>instruction shall include instruction offered in person in a congregate</u>
<u>setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-</u>
<u>person and distance learning.</u>

Sec. 32. Subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1324 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit marine 1325 dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to assign registration numbers and 1326 issue [temporary] certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of a 1327 vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the issuance of such 1328 [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles 1329 an application together with all necessary documents, information and 1330 fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate of number issued for the vessel transfer. 1331

(2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit such marine
dealers to issue [temporary] certificates of decal upon the sale or transfer
of a documented vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the
issuance of such [temporary] certificate submit to the Commissioner of
Motor Vehicles an application together with all necessary documents,
information and fees [for a permanent] corresponding to the certificate
of decal [with respect to] issued for such vessel.

(3) [On and after March 1, 2005, the] <u>The</u> Commissioner of Motor
Vehicles shall permit marine dealers [, as defined in section 15-141,] to
submit the applications and documents required under subdivisions (1)
and (2) of this subsection by electronic means. [Said] <u>The</u> commissioner
[shall] <u>may</u> adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry
out the provisions of this subdivision.

1345 Sec. 33. Section 14-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1346 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1347 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered 1348 1349 with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for 1350 repairs or necessary work if it bears the [markers] number plates of a 1351 licensed and registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided 1352 any motor vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a 1353 period of [sixty] ninety days following establishment by the owner of 1354 residence in this state, be operated on any highway without first being 1355 registered with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this

1356 subsection, (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A) 1357 registers a motor vehicle he or she does not own, or (B) operates, allows 1358 the operation of, parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor 1359 vehicle on any highway, or (2) a resident of this state who operates or parks a motor vehicle such resident owns with [marker] number plates 1360 1361 issued by another state on any highway shall be fined one thousand 1362 dollars. If the owner of a motor vehicle previously registered with the 1363 commissioner, the registration of which expired not more than thirty 1364 days previously, operates, allows the operation of, parks or allows that 1365 parking of such a motor vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount 1366 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the 1367 right to retain his or her operator's license shall not be affected. No operator other than the owner shall be subject to penalty for the 1368 1369 operation or parking of such a previously registered motor vehicle. As 1370 used in this subsection, the term "unregistered motor vehicle" includes 1371 any vehicle that is not eligible for registration by the commissioner due 1372 to the absence of necessary equipment or other characteristics of the 1373 vehicle that make it unsuitable for highway operation, unless the 1374 operation of such vehicle is expressly permitted by another provision of 1375 this chapter or chapter 248.

1376 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in 1377 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall [file in the office of] submit 1378 to the commissioner an application signed by [him] such owner and 1379 containing such information and proof of ownership as the 1380 commissioner may require. The application shall be made [on blanks 1381 furnished by the commissioner. The blanks shall be] in such form and 1382 contain such provisions and information as the commissioner may 1383 determine.

(c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations
adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to (1) issue new
registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp

trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks or other 1389 1390 vehicle types as determined by the commissioner, [when they are sold 1391 by a licensed dealer. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of 1392 ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of 1393 this subsection] and (2) renew such registrations for such vehicle types. 1394 A person [purchasing] registering or renewing the registration of a 1395 motor vehicle or other vehicle type as determined by the commissioner 1396 from a dealer so appointed [and registering such vehicle pursuant to 1397 this section] shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the 1398 dealer, [a fee] the registration fee in accordance with the provisions of 1399 section 14-49, as amended by this act, and any other applicable fees. The 1400 commissioner may authorize such dealer to charge a convenience fee 1401 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, as amended by this act. The 1402 commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the 1403 application and [fee] fees, other than the convenience fee, shall be 1404 transmitted to the commissioner.

1405 (d) A motor vehicle registration certificate issued upon an application 1406 containing any material false statement is void from the date of its issue 1407 and shall be surrendered, upon demand, with any number plate or 1408 plates, to the commissioner. Any money paid for the registration 1409 certificate shall be forfeited to the state. No person shall obtain or 1410 attempt to obtain any registration for another by misrepresentation or 1411 impersonation and any registration so obtained shall be void. The 1412 commissioner may require each applicant for a motor vehicle 1413 registration to furnish personal identification satisfactory to the 1414 commissioner and may require any applicant who has established 1415 residence in this state for more than thirty days to obtain a motor vehicle 1416 operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of 1417 section 14-36, as amended by this act, or an identification card issued 1418 pursuant to section 1-1h, as amended by this act. Any person who 1419 violates any provision of this subsection and any person who fails to 1420 surrender a falsely obtained motor vehicle registration or number plate 1421 or plates upon the demand of the commissioner shall be fined not more 1422 than two hundred dollars.

(e) The commissioner may register any motor vehicle under the
provisions of this chapter, may assign a distinguishing registration
number to the registered motor vehicle and may then issue a certificate
of registration to the owner. A certificate of registration shall contain the
registration number assigned to the motor vehicle and its vehicle
identification number and shall be in such form and contain such further
information as the commissioner determines.

(f) (1) The commissioner may refuse to register or issue a certificate
of title for a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if [he] <u>the</u>
<u>commissioner</u> determines that the characteristics of the motor vehicle or
class of motor vehicles make it unsafe for highway operation. The
commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection and the
provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

1437 (2) The commissioner shall not register a motor vehicle if [he] the 1438 commissioner knows that the motor vehicle's equipment fails to comply 1439 with the provisions of this chapter, provided nothing contained in this 1440 section shall preclude the commissioner from issuing one or more 1441 temporary registrations for a motor vehicle not previously registered in 1442 this state or from issuing a temporary registration for a motor vehicle 1443 under a trade name without a certified copy of the notice required by 1444 section 35-1.

1445 (3) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle, except a 1446 platform truck the motive power of which is electricity, or a tractor equipped with solid tires, if it is not equipped with lighting devices as 1447 1448 prescribed by this chapter. The registration of any motor vehicle which 1449 is not equipped with such prescribed lighting devices is void and money 1450 paid for the registration shall be forfeited to the state. Nothing in this 1451 subdivision shall prevent the commissioner, at [his] the commissioner's 1452 discretion, from registering a motor vehicle not equipped with certain 1453 lighting devices if the operation of the vehicle is restricted to daylight 1454 use.

(4) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle or a
combination of a motor vehicle and a trailer or semitrailer [which] <u>that</u>
exceeds the limits specified in section 14-267a.

1458 (5) [On or after October 1, 1984, no] <u>No</u> motor vehicle registration 1459 shall be issued by the commissioner for any motorcycle unless the 1460 application for registration is accompanied by sufficient proof, as 1461 determined by the commissioner, that the motorcycle is insured for the 1462 amounts required by section 14-289f.

(6) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle which is
subject to the federal heavy vehicle use tax imposed under Section 4481
of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any subsequent corresponding
internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
amended, if the applicant fails to furnish proof of payment of such tax,
in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United
States.

1470 (g) The commissioner may elect not to register any motor vehicle 1471 which is ten or more model years old and which has not been previously 1472 registered in this state until the same has been presented, as directed by 1473 the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of the 1474 Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official emissions 1475 inspection station or other business or firm, authorized by the 1476 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct safety inspections, and has 1477 passed the inspection as to its safety features as required by the 1478 commissioner. When a motor vehicle owned by a resident of this state 1479 is garaged in another jurisdiction and cannot be conveniently presented 1480 at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, an authorized 1481 emissions inspection station or other facility, the commissioner may 1482 accept an inspection made by authorities in such other jurisdiction or by 1483 authorities, provided appropriate military the commissioner 1484 determines that such inspection is comparable to that conducted by the 1485 Department of Motor Vehicles. If the commissioner authorizes the 1486 contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection 1487 stations or other business or firm to conduct the safety inspections

required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the 1488 1489 contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen 1490 dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any 1491 motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52, as am<u>ended by this act</u>, and meeting qualifications established by the 1492 1493 commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to 1494 make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety 1495 inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is 1496 in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. 1497 No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to 1498 make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner 1499 authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections, 1500 such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in 1501 such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance 1502 of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment 1503 standards and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner 1504 as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

(h) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle unless it
meets the equipment related registration requirements contained in
sections 14-80, 14-100, 14-100a, 14-100b, 14-106a and 14-275.

1508 (i) The commissioner or any city, town, borough or other taxing 1509 district authorized under subsection (f) of section 14-33 may issue a 1510 temporary registration to the owner of a motor vehicle. The application 1511 for a temporary registration shall conform to the provisions of this 1512 section. A temporary registration may be issued for a period of time 1513 determined by the commissioner and may be renewed from time to time at the discretion of the commissioner. The fee for a temporary 1514 1515 registration or any renewal thereof shall be as provided in subsection 1516 (n) of section 14-49.

(j) The commissioner may issue a special use registration to the owner
of a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed thirty days for the sole
purpose of driving such vehicle to another state in which the vehicle is
to be registered and exclusively used. The application for such

registration shall conform to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. The commissioner may issue special use certificates and plates in such form as [he] <u>the commissioner</u> may determine. The special use certificate shall state such limitation on the operation of such vehicle and shall be carried in the vehicle at all times when it is being operated on any highway.

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (e) of this section, the commissioner shall issue to a municipality, as defined in section 7-245, or a regional solid waste authority comprised of several municipalities, upon receipt of an application by the municipality or regional solid waste authority, a general distinguishing number plate for use on a motor vehicle owned or leased by such municipality or regional solid waste authority.

(l) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall record the number of electric vehicles, as defined in section 16-19eee, registered in the state. This data shall be publicly available on the department's Internet web site and shall include (1) the number of electric vehicles registered in the state each year, and (2) the total number of electric vehicles registered in the state. The department shall update this information every six months.

Sec. 34. Subsection (h) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as
defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, <u>as amended by this act</u>, to use
a blue, red, yellow, or white light or lights, including a flashing light or
lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in subsection [(j)]
(k) of this section.

1549 Sec. 35. Section 14-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1550 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1551 (a) As used in this section, "emergency vehicle" means (1) any

1552 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical 1553 service organization responding to an emergency call [,] or taking a 1554 patient to a hospital, (2) any vehicle used by a fire department or by any 1555 officer of a fire department while on the way to a fire or while 1556 responding to an emergency call but not while returning from a fire or 1557 emergency call, (3) any state or local police vehicle operated by a police 1558 officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles answering an 1559 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators, [or] (4) any 1560 Department of Correction vehicle operated by a Department of 1561 Correction officer while in the course of such officer's employment and 1562 while responding to an emergency call, or (5) any Department of Energy 1563 and Environmental Protection vehicle operated by a Department of 1564 Energy and Environmental Protection employee authorized to operate 1565 such vehicle while in the course of such employee's employment and 1566 while on the way to a fire or responding to an emergency call but not 1567 while returning from a fire or emergency call.

1568 (b) (1) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (A) park or stand 1569 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (B) except as 1570 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed past any red 1571 light, [or] stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or 1572 stopping to the extent necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle, 1573 (C) exceed the posted speed limits or other speed limits imposed by or 1574 pursuant to section 14-218a or 14-219 as long as such operator does not 1575 endanger life or property by so doing, and (D) disregard statutes, 1576 ordinances or regulations governing direction of movement or turning 1577 in specific directions.

(2) The operator of any emergency vehicle shall immediately bring
such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when
approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking or
following any registered school bus on any highway or private road or
in any parking area or on any school property when such school bus is
displaying flashing red signal lights and such operator may then
proceed as long as he or she does not endanger life or property by so

1585 doing.

1586 (c) The exemptions granted in this section shall apply only when an 1587 emergency vehicle is making use of an audible warning signal device, 1588 including, but not limited to, a siren, whistle or bell which meets the 1589 requirements of subsection (f) of section 14-80, and visible flashing or 1590 revolving lights which meet the requirements of sections 14-96p and 14-1591 96q, as amended by this act, and to any state or local police vehicle 1592 properly and lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device 1593 only.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of an
emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety
of all persons and property.

1597 (e) Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle making 1598 use of such an audible warning signal device and such visible flashing 1599 or revolving lights or of any state or local police vehicle properly and 1600 lawfully making use of an audible warning signal device only, the 1601 operator of every other vehicle in the immediate vicinity shall 1602 immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, 1603 the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and 1604 shall stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has 1605 passed, except when otherwise directed by a state or local police officer 1606 or a firefighter.

(f) Any person who is (1) operating a motor vehicle that is not an
emergency vehicle, [as defined in subsection (a) of this section,] and (2)
following an ambulance that is using flashing lights or a siren, shall not
follow such [vehicle] <u>ambulance</u> more closely than one hundred feet.

1611 (g) Any officer of a fire department may remove, or cause to be 1612 removed, any vehicle upon any [public] <u>highway</u> or private way which 1613 obstructs or [retards] <u>impedes</u> any fire department, or any officer 1614 thereof, in controlling or extinguishing any fire.

1615 (h) Any person who wilfully or negligently obstructs or [retards any

1616 ambulance or vehicle operated by a member of an emergency medical 1617 service organization while answering any emergency call or taking a 1618 patient to a hospital, or any vehicle used by a fire department or any 1619 officer or member of a fire department while on the way to a fire, or 1620 while responding to an emergency call, or any vehicle used by the state 1621 police or any local police department, or any officer of the Division of 1622 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public 1623 Protection or any local police department while on the way to an 1624 emergency call or in the pursuit of fleeing law violators, impedes an 1625 emergency vehicle or any vehicle used by the state or local police shall 1626 be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting the use of
a siren upon any motor vehicle other than an emergency vehicle [, as
defined in subsection (a) of this section, or a rescue service vehicle
which] or an authorized emergency medical services vehicle that is
registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section
19a-181.

(j) A police officer may issue a written warning or a summons to the
owner of a vehicle based upon an affidavit signed by the operator of an
emergency vehicle specifying (1) the license plate number, color and
type of any vehicle observed violating any provision of subsection (e) or
(h) of this section, and (2) the date, approximate time and location of
such violation.

Sec. 36. Subdivision (5) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) [a public service company or municipal department ambulance or emergency vehicle designated or authorized for use as an authorized emergency vehicle by the commissioner] <u>an ambulance</u>; Sec. 37. Section 14-163f of the general statutes is repealed. (*EffectiveOctober 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
sections:				
Section 1	July 1, 2021	1-1h(e)		
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	14-50b(a)		
Sec. 3	July 1, 2021	14-11c(b)		
Sec. 4	July 1, 2021	14-15d		
Sec. 5	July 1, 2021	14-16(b)		
Sec. 6	July 1, 2021	14-21z		
Sec. 7	July 1, 2021	14-21aa		
Sec. 8	July 1, 2021	14-25c		
Sec. 9	October 1, 2021	14-29		
Sec. 10	July 1, 2021	14-36		
Sec. 11	from passage	14-36d		
Sec. 12	from passage	14-36e		
Sec. 13	from passage	14-36f		
Sec. 14	from passage	14-41(b)		
Sec. 15	July 1, 2021	14-44c		
Sec. 16	July 1, 2021	14-44e(g)		
Sec. 17	July 1, 2021	14-44i(b)		
Sec. 18	October 1, 2021	14-44k(g)		
Sec. 19	July 1, 2021	14-45a(b)		
Sec. 20	October 1, 2021	14-49(e)		
Sec. 21	October 1, 2021	14-52		
Sec. 22	July 1, 2021	14-52a		
Sec. 23	October 1, 2021	14-62(a)		
Sec. 24	July 1, 2021	14-69(a)		
Sec. 25	from passage	14-78		
Sec. 26	from passage	14-111g(b)		
Sec. 27	July 1, 2021	14-164c(c)		
Sec. 28	July 1, 2021	14-164c(k)(1)		
Sec. 29	July 1, 2021	14-227b(a)		
Sec. 30	from passage	14-276a(a)		
Sec. 31	from passage	14-276a(c)		
Sec. 32	from passage	15-144(e)		
Sec. 33	October 1, 2021	14-12		
Sec. 34	from passage	14-96q(h)		

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Sec. 35	from passage	14-283
Sec. 36	from passage	14-1(5)
Sec. 37	October 1, 2021	Repealer section

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