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

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

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-44c of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 3 passage):
- 4 (d) On and after [January 6, 2023] November 18, 2024, the
- 5 commissioner shall request a driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol
- 6 Clearinghouse, in accordance with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from
- 7 time to time, for any person who applies for, renews, transfers or
- 8 upgrades a commercial driver's license <u>or a commercial driver's</u>
- 9 <u>instruction permit</u>. The commissioner shall use information obtained
- 10 from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of
- 11 determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial
- 12 motor vehicle and shall not disclose such information to any person or
- 13 entity not directly involved in determining whether a person is qualified
- 14 to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

- Sec. 2. Section 14-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):
- 17 (a) As used in this subpart: [(D):]

- (1) "New car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of merchandising new motor vehicles under a manufacturer's or importer's contract for each such make of vehicle who may, incidental to such business, sell used motor vehicles and repair motor vehicles. Such person shall be qualified to conduct such business in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a.
 - (2) "Used car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of merchandising motor vehicles other than new who may, incidental to such business, repair motor vehicles. A used car dealer does not include any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles that offers for sale or sells used motor vehicles incidental to its primary business, if (A) such person, firm or corporation is licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-15, and (B) the motor vehicles that it offers for sale were formerly the subject of one or more lease agreements to which it was a party and the actual or prospective purchaser is the original lessee pursuant to a purchase option specified in a lease agreement. Such person shall be qualified to conduct such business in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a.
 - (3) "Repairer" includes any person, firm or corporation qualified to conduct such business in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a, having a suitable facility and having adequate equipment, engaged in repairing, overhauling, adjusting, assembling or disassembling any motor vehicle [, but shall exclude] or making minor repairs to any motor vehicle, including repairs and replacement of cooling, electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, brake adjustments, relining and repairs, wheel alignment and balancing and repair and replacement of shock absorbers. "Repairer" does not include a person engaged in making repairs to tires, upholstering, glazing, general blacksmithing,

welding and machine work on motor vehicle parts when parts involving such work are disassembled or reassembled by a licensed repairer.

- [(4) "Limited repairer" includes any qualified person, having a suitable place of business and adequate equipment engaged in the business of minor repairs, including repairs and replacement of cooling, electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, brake adjustments, relining and repairs, wheel alignment and balancing, and repair and replacement of shock absorbers. For the purpose of this section, the place of business of a limited repairer shall be deemed to be suitable if the building in which the work of the repairer is performed has space capable of receiving at least one motor vehicle at any one time, exclusive of a grease pit or rack, and has adequate space for an office and for the storage of parts and accessories. A person shall be deemed capable of performing the duties of a limited repairer if he is, in the opinion of the commissioner, a qualified mechanic who has a thorough knowledge of the services to be rendered, or has a certificate of completion of a specialized course from a service school approved by the commissioner, or satisfactory proof of previous employment by a licensed repairer for a period of three years, or has successfully passed an examination given by the Department of Motor Vehicles.]
- (b) The lubricating of motor vehicles, adding or changing of oil or other motor vehicle fluids, changing of tires and tubes, including the balancing of wheels, or installing of batteries or light bulbs, windshield wiper blades or drive belts shall not be construed as the repairing of motor vehicles under the provisions of this subpart. [(D).]
- Sec. 3. Section 14-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):
- (a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued [either] a new car dealer's, a used car dealer's [,] or a repairer's [or a limited repairer's] license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the

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- 79 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor 80 vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five 81 hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer, [or limited repairer,] three hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially 82 83 according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner [so as] 84 to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a 85 staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less 86 than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a 87 prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior 88 to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall 89 send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the 90 commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not 91 filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee 92 prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in 93 business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after 94 the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred 95 dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this 96 subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.
- 97 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each 98 applicant for a repairer's license shall furnish a surety bond in the 99 amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.
- [(2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each applicant for a limited repairer's license shall furnish a surety bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars.]
 - [(3)] (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each applicant for a new car dealer's or a used car dealer's license shall furnish a surety bond in the amount of sixty thousand dollars.
 - [(4)] (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 surety bond in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars.

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[(5)] (4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to [(4)] (3), inclusive, of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation relating to the conduct of such business and provided as indemnity for any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts of the licensee constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or such licensee going out of business. Each surety bond shall be executed in the name of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the commissioner after a hearing held before said commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. For purposes of this subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any person, firm or corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor vehicle inventory, or (B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity as a dealer, who buys motor vehicles from, or sells motor vehicles to, another licensed dealer.

[(6)] (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.

(c) The commissioner may request information from any applicant for a repairer's license or used car dealer's license concerning the financial status and ability of such applicant to comply with the requirements of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The commissioner shall review such information to determine if the applicant has sufficient financial resources to conduct the business in a manner consistent with the reasonable security and protection of its customers in regard to the duties and responsibilities imposed by the provisions of this subpart and the regulations adopted thereunder. The commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the applicant fails to provide any such information requested or, if, after review by the

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- 143 commissioner, the commissioner is not satisfied as to such applicant's 144 financial status. The commissioner may, in any case deemed 145 appropriate, grant a license on condition that the applicant post a surety 146 bond, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, 147 in an amount prescribed by the commissioner that is greater than the 148 minimum amount required by the applicable provisions of said 149 subsection (b). Any applicant aggrieved by any decision of the 150 commissioner made pursuant to this subsection shall be afforded an 151 opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. 152 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 153 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 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.
 - Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) On and after January 1, 2024, each limited repairer's license issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles prior to January 1, 2024, that is otherwise valid, shall remain valid, according to its terms, and shall authorize each license holder to engage in the business of minor repairs of motor vehicles under the provisions of section 14-52 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023, until the expiration of the license. On and after January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall not issue or renew a limited repairer's license.
- 174 Sec. 5. (Effective from passage) Not later than thirty days after the

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effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall 175 176 provide written notice to each limited repairer licensed in accordance 177 with the provisions of section 14-52 of the general statutes, revision of 178 1958, revised to January 1, 2023. Such notice shall state that (1) the 179 limited repairer's license will not be renewed by the commissioner on 180 and after January 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 181 of this act, and (2) after the expiration of such license according to the 182 terms of the license, if such person desires to engage in the business of 183 repairing motor vehicles, such person shall apply to obtain a repairer's 184 license pursuant to section 14-52 of the general statutes, as amended by 185 this act.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2024):

(b) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned by such licensee or temporarily in such licensee's custody, [make application apply to the commissioner for a general distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to the applicant a certificate or certificates of registration containing the distinguishing number and mark assigned to such applicant, and made in a form and containing any further information that the commissioner may determine, and, thereupon, each motor vehicle owned by the applicant or temporarily in the applicant's custody shall be regarded as registered under and having assigned to it such general distinguishing number and mark until sold. For the registration of all motor vehicles registered under a general distinguishing number and mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee at the rate of seventy dollars per year. [No new car dealer may be issued more than one such registration for each ten sales transactions in a year and no repairer or limited repairer may be issued more than three registrations in a year, unless such licensee makes application for an additional registration to the commissioner, in such form and containing such information as the commissioner may require to substantiate such request. No used car dealer may be issued more

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- 208 than three such registrations in a year, provided an additional 209 registration may be issued for each ten sales transactions in excess of 210 thirty such transactions upon submission of such application for an 211 additional registration.] The commissioner may issue to each such 212 licensee such [additional] registrations as the commissioner deems 213 necessary. The commissioner may withdraw any registration 214 previously issued or may limit the number of registrations which any 215 licensee is eligible to receive or to hold, if the commissioner determines 216 that a licensee does not require such number of registrations or if a 217 licensee has been found to be in violation of any of the provisions of 218 section 14-64.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-62b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2024):
- 222 (b) No new car dealer, used car dealer [,] or repairer, [or limited 223 repairer, as defined in section 14-51,] licensed in accordance with the 224 provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, may purchase or in 225 any manner obtain possession of any motor vehicle for the purpose of 226 dismantling such motor vehicle and selling its parts, as defined in 227 subsection (a) of this section, for use in any other motor vehicle, except 228 that any such dealer or repairer may sell used motor vehicle parts if the 229 parts are installed in a motor vehicle by such dealer or repairer for the 230 purpose of repair or maintenance of such motor vehicle.
- Sec. 8. Section 14-65e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):
- For the purposes of sections 14-65f to 14-65j, inclusive, "motor vehicle repair shop" or "repair shop" means a new car dealer, a used car dealer [,] or a repairer, [or a limited repairer, as defined in section 14-51,] or their agents or employees.
- Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 14-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*

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- (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish and maintain a system of voluntary examination of equipment of motor vehicles registered in this state or being operated on the highways thereof. Such examination may be made by [licensed automobile dealers and repair garages, not including limited repairers, which have been a new car dealer, a used car dealer or a repairer, who is licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-52, as amended by this act, and approved by said commissioner for such purpose.
- Sec. 10. Section 14-106b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):
 - (a) Each self-propelled motor vehicle registered in this state that is designed and manufactured with an odometer shall at all times while operating on the highway be equipped with a properly functioning odometer. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be issued a warning for defective equipment under the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-103.
 - (b) No person or [his] <u>such person's</u> agent shall remove, turn back or change the reading on the odometer of any motor vehicle required under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-106a to be equipped with an odometer, except in connection with the repair of such odometer either while installed in or removed from such motor vehicle and unless such person is licensed as a new car dealer, used car dealer or [general or limited] repairer pursuant to section 14-52, as amended by this act. Each odometer repaired and each new or used odometer installed in any motor vehicle required to be equipped with an odometer shall display mileage at least equal to the mileage displayed by the odometer in such motor vehicle immediately prior to such repair or replacement.
 - (c) No person shall sell, offer for sale, use, install or cause to be installed any device which causes the odometer in any motor vehicle

- required under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (a) of section 14-106a to be so equipped to register any mileage other than the true mileage driven. For purposes of this section, the true mileage driven is that mileage driven by the vehicle as registered by the odometer within the manufacturer's designed tolerance.
- (d) Any person violating the provisions of subsections (b) or (c) of this section shall be guilty of committing a class A misdemeanor. Any person violating the provisions of said subsections shall be liable for damages equal to three times the amount of actual damage or one thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, court costs and reasonable attorney's fees and shall pay a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each violation. A violation of the provisions of said subsections shall be deemed to be an unfair trade practice within the provisions of chapter 735a. Any person licensed as a new car dealer, used car dealer or [general or limited] repairer pursuant to section 14-52, as amended by this act, shall, in addition to the penalties imposed by this section, be subject to the suspension or revocation of [his] such person's license as provided in section 14-64.
- Sec. 11. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 12-692 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):
 - (3) "Rental company" means any business entity that is engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks without a driver or machinery in this state to lessees and that uses for rental purposes a motor vehicle fleet of five or more passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks or pieces of machinery in this state, but does not mean any person, firm or corporation that is licensed, or required to be licensed, pursuant to section 14-52, as amended by this act, (A) as a new car dealer [, repairer or limited] or repairer, or (B) as a used car dealer that is not primarily engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles or rental trucks without a driver in this state to lessees. "Rental company" does not include a business entity with total annual rental

- income, excluding retail or wholesale sales of rental equipment, that is less than fifty-one per cent of the total revenue of the business entity in a given taxable year.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 13b-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2024):
- (b) Each such taxicab shall be inspected, biennially, at the time of renewal of registration of such taxicab, by a repairer [or limited repairer] licensed and authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to perform such inspections. The commissioner shall set a fee for such an inspection.
- Sec. 13. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 42-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1*, 2024):
 - (2) "Rental company" means any business entity that is engaged in the business of renting trucks or vans without a driver in this state to renters and that uses for rental purposes a motor vehicle fleet of five or more rental trucks in this state, but does not mean any person, firm or corporation that is licensed, or required to be licensed, pursuant to section 14-52, as amended by this act, (A) as a new car dealer [, repairer or limited] or repairer, or (B) as a used car dealer that is not primarily engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles or rental trucks without a driver in this state to renters.
- Sec. 14. Section 14-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):
 - (a) No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers' school without being licensed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. An application for a license shall be in writing and shall contain such information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant for a license or the renewal of a license shall be fingerprinted before such application is approved. The commissioner shall subject each applicant for a license

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or the renewal of a license to state and national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If any such applicant has a criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry, the commissioner shall make a determination [of] whether to issue a license or renew a license to conduct a drivers' school in accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the regulations adopted pursuant to said section. If the application is approved, the applicant shall be granted a license upon the payment of a fee of seven hundred dollars and submission of a surety bond from a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned upon the faithful performance by the applicant of any contract to furnish instruction, in such amount as the commissioner may require. Such surety bond shall be held by the commissioner to satisfy 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 business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of one hundred seventy-six dollars, except if the licensee opens an additional place of business with one year or less remaining on the term of its license, the commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty-eight dollars for each such additional place of business for the year, or any part thereof, remaining on the term of such license. No license or surety bond shall be required in the case of any board of education, or any public, private or parochial school, which conducts a course in driver education established in accordance with sections 14-36e and 14-36f. A license so issued shall be valid for two years. The commissioner shall issue a license certificate or certificates to each 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 license certificate, the commissioner shall issue a duplicate license certificate to the licensee upon proof of the facts and the payment of a fee of twenty dollars.

(b) The biennial fee for the renewal of a license shall be seven hundred dollars and the biennial renewal fee for each additional place of business

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- (c) Any person who engages in the business of conducting a drivers' school without being licensed in accordance with this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
- Sec. 15. Subsection (d) of section 14-100a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
 - (d) (1) (A) Any person who transports a child under two years of age or weighing less than thirty pounds in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state shall provide and require the child to ride rear-facing in a child restraint system equipped with a five-point harness approved pursuant to regulations that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall adopt in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
 - (B) Any person who transports a child under five years of age, but not under two years of age, or weighing less than forty pounds, but not less than thirty pounds, in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state shall provide and require the child to ride rear-facing or forward-facing in a child restraint system equipped with a five-point harness approved pursuant to such regulations.

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- (C) Any person who transports a child under eight years of age, but not under five years of age, or weighing less than sixty pounds, but not less than forty pounds, in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state shall provide and require the child to ride rear-facing or forward-facing in a child restraint system equipped with a five-point harness or a booster seat secured by a seat safety belt approved pursuant to such regulations.
 - (D) No person shall transport a child in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state in a rear-facing child restraint system in the front seat of any motor vehicle that is equipped with a functional air bag on the passenger side of such motor vehicle.
 - (2) Any person who transports a child eight years of age or older and weighing sixty or more pounds in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state shall either provide and require the child to use an approved child restraint system or require the child to use a seat safety belt. Failure to use a child restraint system shall not be considered as contributory negligence nor shall such failure be admissible evidence in any civil action. As used in this subsection, "motor vehicle" does not mean a bus having a tonnage rating of one ton or more.
 - (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, any person who transports a child four years of age or older in a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, on the highways of this state shall either provide and require the child to use an approved child restraint system or require the child to use a seat safety belt. Any person who transports a child under four years of age weighing less than forty pounds in a student transportation vehicle on the highways of this state shall provide and require the child to use a child restraint system approved pursuant to such regulations.
 - (4) No person shall restrain a child in a booster seat unless the motor vehicle is equipped with a safety seat belt that includes a shoulder belt and otherwise meets the requirement of subsection (b) of this section.

- (5) Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this subsection shall, for a first violation, have committed an infraction; for a second violation, be fined not more than one hundred ninety-nine dollars; and, for a third or subsequent violation, be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. The court may, subsequent to the violation but prior to the imposition of a fine, remit the fine for a first-time violator who presents proof of the acquisition, rental or purchase of a child restraint system or booster seat appropriate for the weight and age of the child that such person transports not later than fourteen days from the date of the violation. The commissioner shall require any person who has committed a first or second violation of the provisions of this subsection to attend a child car seat safety course offered or approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, suspend for a period of not more than two months the motor vehicle operator's license of any person who fails to attend or successfully complete the course.
- Sec. 16. Section 14-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - (a) Any person who counterfeits any number plate or marker, or makes any substitute or temporary marker, except as provided in section 14-18, or who counterfeits or in any manner alters any motor vehicle registration or operator's license, and any person who gives, loans or sells any such counterfeited or altered number plate, marker, motor vehicle registration or operator's license, shall be [fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both] guilty of a class D misdemeanor.
 - (b) Any person who loans or sells [any operator's license issued by the commissioner, for use by any person, or] any <u>number plate or</u> marker or certificate of registration issued by the commissioner, for use on any car, except as provided in sections 14-59 and 14-60, shall [be fined not more than one hundred dollars] <u>have committed an infraction</u>.
 - (c) No person shall use any motor vehicle registration or operator's

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- license other than the one issued to [him] <u>such person</u> by the commissioner, except as provided in section 14-18; and no person shall use a motor vehicle registration on any motor vehicle other than that for which such registration has been issued. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall [be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both] <u>have</u> committed an infraction.
- (d) Any person who loans any operator's license issued by the commissioner, for use by another person, shall have committed an infraction.
- (e) Any person who sells any operator's license issued by the commissioner, for use by another person, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.
- Sec. 17. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license has been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such person's operator's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state as follows: For a first violation of subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-224 or section 14-110, 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period of not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than two years; for a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222 or subsection (c) of section 14-224, for a period of not less than thirty days or more than ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than ninety days; for a violation of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-224, for a period of not less than ninety days and for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than one year; for a first violation of subsection (b), (d)

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- or (e) of section 14-147, as amended by this act, for a period of not less than ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than five years; for a first violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147, as amended by this act, for a period of not less than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than one
- Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- 503 (g) When any person who does not hold a Connecticut operator's 504 license is convicted or has [his] such person's case nolled or is given a 505 suspended judgment or sentence for a violation of any provision of 506 section 14-36, as amended by this act, 14-110 or 14-145, subsection (b), 507 (d) or (e) of section 14-147, as amended by this act, or section 14-215, 14-508 224, 14-227a, 14-227m, 14-227n or 14-229, the commissioner shall not 509 issue to [him] such person a nonresident or resident operator's license 510 during such period as the commissioner may determine, which period shall not be less than the period provided for suspension in subsection 511 512 (b) of this section or in subsection (g) of section 14-227a, subsection (c) 513 of section 14-227m or subsection (c) of section 14-227n. When any person 514 is convicted or has [his] such person's case nolled or is given a 515 suspended judgment or sentence for any violation of any of the 516 provisions of section 14-12, the commissioner shall not issue registration 517 for any motor vehicle owned by such person until thirty days after 518 application therefor.
 - Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle record" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-10 of the general statutes and "police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes. The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and Emergency Services and Public Protection shall study the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an emergency contact information database or, alternatively, revising motor vehicle records to add emergency contact information. Such database or revised motor

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vehicle records shall (1) provide the holder of a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, instruction permit or identity card with the opportunity to furnish and update, as needed, the name, address, telephone number and relationship to at least one contact person whom the holder wishes to be contacted if the holder is involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and the holder dies, is seriously injured or is rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate with such contact person, and (2) be accessible to police officers for the purposes of notifying such contact person that such holder is involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation. Not later than February 1, 2024, the commissioners shall submit the results of such study and make recommendations regarding the implementation of such database or revised motor vehicle records to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, public safety and security and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

Sec. 20. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

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

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is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) submit to the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs, including cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, [and] the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations and a video presentation specific to the impact of cannabis on the operator of a motor vehicle and how the ingestion of cannabis can cause impairment of motor function, reaction time, perception and peripheral vision; and (C) pass an examination which may include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period of time required by said unit. The commissioner shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, as amended by this act, or secondary school driver education program authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor

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vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another state, completed the course required in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any 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.

- Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- 616 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person 617 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of 618 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c) 619 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-148f, 7-148o, 7-283, 7-325, 7-620 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-621 230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision 622 (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 623 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of 624 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-71, 625 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 626 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section 627 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section 13b-108,

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Sec. 22. Section 54-1q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

The court shall not accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a person in a proceeding with respect to a violation of section 14-110, subsection (b), [or] (c), (d) or (e) of section 14-147, as amended by this act, section 14-215, subsection (a) of section 14-222, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-224 or section 53a-119b unless the court advises such person that conviction of the offense for which such person has been charged may have the consequence of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles suspending such person's motor vehicle operator's license.

Sec. 23. Section 54-143a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

A cost of twenty dollars shall be imposed against any person convicted of a violation, as defined in section 53a-27, under any provision of section 12-487 or sections 13b-410a to 13b-410c, inclusive; any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410; or a violation of subsection (a) or (e) of section 14-147, as amended by this act, section 14-219, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269 or 14-270, chapter 268 or subsection (a) of section 22a-250, or any section of the general statutes the violation of which is deemed an infraction, or who forfeits a cash bond or guaranteed bail bond certificate posted under section 14-140a or under reciprocal agreements made with other states for the alleged violation of any of said sections, or who pleads nolo contendere to a violation of any of said sections and pays the fine by mail; except that such cost shall be thirty-five dollars for a violation of any section of the general statutes the violation of which is deemed an infraction and carries a fine of thirty-five dollars or more. The costs imposed by this section shall be deposited in the General Fund and shall be in addition to any costs imposed by section 54-143.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
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Section 1	from passage	14-44c(d)		
Sec. 2	January 1, 2024	14-51		
Sec. 3	January 1, 2024	14-52		

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Sec. 4	January 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 5	from passage	New section
Sec. 6	January 1, 2024	14-58(b)
Sec. 7	January 1, 2024	14-62b(b)
Sec. 8	January 1, 2024	14-65e
Sec. 9	January 1, 2024	14-103(b)
Sec. 10	January 1, 2024	14-106b
Sec. 11	January 1, 2024	12-692(a)(3)
Sec. 12	January 1, 2024	13b-99(b)
Sec. 13	January 1, 2024	42-450(a)(2)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2023	14-69
Sec. 15	October 1, 2023	14-100a(d)
Sec. 16	October 1, 2023	14-147
Sec. 17	October 1, 2023	14-111(b)(1)
Sec. 18	October 1, 2023	14-111(g)
Sec. 19	from passage	New section
Sec. 20	October 1, 2023	14-36(d)(1)
Sec. 21	October 1, 2023	51-164n(b)
Sec. 22	October 1, 2023	54-1q
Sec. 23	October 1, 2023	54-143a

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(a) and (b), "(D)" was bracketed for consistency with standard drafting conventions; in Section 5, "as amended by this act" was changed to "revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023" for accuracy and "for and" was changed to "to" for clarity; in Section 19, "7-294" was changed to "7-294a" for accuracy; and Sections 21 to 23, inclusive, were added to conform with the changes being made in Section 16.

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