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Title of Proposal: An Act Concerning the Department of Motor Vehicles

Statutory Reference: Varied

Proposal Summary:

Sections:

1. Amend section 14-15(b) to permit leasing companies 10 days (it is now 5) to submit to DMV the paperwork relative to the registration or transfer of a vehicle (also see #s 2, 7 and 9).
2. Amend section 14-15d to permit entities engaged in the business of filing registrations 10 days (it is now 5) to submit to DMV paperwork relative to the registration of a vehicle (also see #s 1, 7 and 9).
3. Eliminate requirement in section 14-16(a) that a registration certificate and plates be returned to the commissioner upon transfer. CIVLS has automated this process upon a vehicle transfer, and not requiring the return of plates and certificates in other situations encourages online cancellation.
4. Eliminate requirement in section 14-18(d) to return plates at the end of a registration period, when the registration is not being renewed, in order to encourage online cancellations.
5. Amend section 14-49(t) and repeal section 14-49(aa) to eliminate second year refunds for campers and other motor vehicles.
6. Amend section 14-58 to change the word "adjacent" to "abutting" for purposes of determining whether a licensed dealer can add property or buildings to its licensed location without having to obtain zoning approval and/or a license amendment.



7. Amend section 14-61(a) to permit online dealers 10 days (it is now 5) to submit paperwork relative to the temporary registration of a vehicle (also see #s 1, 2 and 9).
8. Amend section 14-61b to add a penalty (infraction) for a dealer's failure to produce electronic records on the same day that a DMV request is made for such records.
9. Amend section 14-62(f) to permit a dealer 10 days (it is now 5) to transmit all documents relative to the sale of a lease vehicle to the lessee (see also #s 1, 2 and 7).
10. Expand section 14-66b by permitting a repairer that operates a wrecker to maintain electronic records. The statute currently applies only to dealers.
11. Amend section 14-111(i) by clarifying the requirements for restoration of an operator's license after a "lifetime" revocation for three or more OUI convictions.
12. Amend section 14-111e by clarifying that the suspension penalty attaches if the offender is under 21 at the time of the offense, not at the time of the conviction for the offense.
13. Amend section 14-180 by clarifying the documents needed for a vehicle held for resale by a dealer.
14. Amend section 14-276 to require carriers (school transportation) to check a DMV-provided suspension list of drivers twice monthly at minimum designated intervals. It currently requires that the list be checked twice a month, but the interval is left to the carrier. It also changes the requirement that a suspended driver be removed within 48 hours to immediate removal.
15. Amend section 14-279 to remove language authorizing the issuance of written warnings for passing a school bus.
16. Amend section 15-147 by eliminating the language that requires that a boat owner to notify DMV when the boat is transferred. This is done automatically in CIVLS when the boat is re-registered.
17. Amend section 38a-343a to require insurance companies to notify DMV when they add a policy for a driver. Currently the law requires only a notice of cancellation for an insurance "drop," which leads to unmatched "drops" and "adds". A "drop" requires the DMV to open an insurance case on the driver, sometimes unnecessarily because the driver has added a new policy of which the DMV is unaware due to insurance companies failing to notify DMV
18. Repeal section 556 of Public Act 17-2, which requires DMV to make a reasonable effort to determine make, model and owner information for vehicles registered in another state when their registration number is reported to DMV by a town assessor.
19. Repeal section 667 of Public Act 17-2. This section requires the DMV to charge dealers \$35 for each vehicle that accept as a trade-in during a new or used vehicle sale.
20. Repeal section 15 of Public Act 17-68. This section requires DMV to maintain a system for determining whether a carrier is properly checking the driver suspension list (which it is required to do by law) that is maintained by DMV under section 14-44.



PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?
 - (2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?
 - (3) Have certain constituencies called for this action?
 - (4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?
1. No
 2. No
 3. No
 4. Section 18- There is no database that can assist with this function. It requires complete manual intervention; specifically it requires a staff member to contact each state for each reported plate for every city and town in CT. In fact, it is much more efficient for each town to undertake this function itself. DMV does not have the resources to do this.

◇ Origin of Proposal New Proposal Resubmission

If this is a resubmission, please share:

- (1) What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration's package?
- (2) Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?
- (3) Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?
- (4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?

N/A

PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ AGENCIES AFFECTED (please list for each affected agency)

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Date Contacted: November 15, 2017

Approve of Proposal YES NO Talks Ongoing

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

DEEP will review language, but does not have an issue with the concept. Insurance has no issue.

Will there need to be further negotiation? YES NO



◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> N/A
State <u>Section 5</u> - This will result in a revenue gain of approximately \$1,285,000 in FY 19. <u>Section 18</u> - There is no database that can assist with this function. It requires complete manual intervention; specifically it requires a staff member to contact each state for each reported plate for every city and town in CT. DMV does not have the resources to do this. Failure to repeal will have a negative fiscal impact on DMV. <u>Section 19</u> - DMV does not currently capture trade-ins as a data point during the dealer process. For the first year, DMV will be required to assign staff to oversee approximately 2,500 dealers to ensure that they are conducting quarterly self-reporting of trade-ins, and will be required to establish a fiscal process for collecting these fees. The DMV would attempt to automate this process after the first year, which would require code changes for both the DMV and the online dealers' vendors, and would also require form changes and training for DMV staff. <u>Section 20</u> - Although program implementation was not a budgeted cost, the estimate for implementing (and the amount that will be saved by not implementing) is approximately \$150,000 for FY 2018/2019.
Federal N/A
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◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

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Sec. 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(b) Each person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or by another state, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified, may electronically register or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle used in connection with its business. The licensee, within [five] ten days from the electronic issuance of such registration or transfer, shall submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary documents to register or transfer the



registration of the vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Any such licensee that registers or transfers registration shall be required to register or transfer registrations electronically if the commissioner determines that such licensee files with such department, on average, seven or more such registrations or transfers each month. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 2. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, firm or corporation, who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and who is engaged in the business of filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for motor vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles, to file such applications electronically if the commissioner determines that such person, firm or corporation files, on average, seven or more such applications each month. A qualified person, firm or corporation shall, within [five] ten days from the electronic issuance of such registration, submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary documents required to register the vehicle with the department. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54¹ to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(a) A motor vehicle registration expires upon transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle. The commissioner shall enter such expiration in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles only when the transferor cancels his or her registration for such motor vehicle in accordance with procedures established by the commissioner or when the transferee re-registers such motor vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles, whichever occurs first. [The person in whose name the motor vehicle is registered shall return to the commissioner, within twenty-four hours of the motor vehicle's transfer, the certificate of registration, the number plate or plates issued for the vehicle together with a written notice, subject to the penalties of false statement, containing the date that ownership of the vehicle was transferred and the name, residence and post-office address of the owner. The following statement shall appear directly above the space provided for the signature of the person filing the form: "I declare under the penalties of false statement that this notice has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is complete, and the statements made herein are true and correct."]

Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 14-18 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(d) All number plates shall be the property of the state and no title therein shall pass to any person registering a motor vehicle under the provisions of this chapter. The owner of any registered motor vehicle which is not reregistered at the end of a registration period shall, within ten days, cancel such registration in accordance with procedures established by the commissioner and may return the



number plates [thereof] to the commissioner. Any person who sells a motor vehicle pursuant to section 14-150 or 49-61 shall, within ten days of such sale, return to the commissioner any number plates displayed on the vehicle or which come into such person's possession in connection with such sale. When the commissioner issues a new type of number plate for use by all persons registering motor vehicles, the obsolete number plates shall become the property of the registrant upon the expiration date.

Sec. 5. Subsections (t) and (aa) of section 14-49 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018, and applicable to any refund request made on or after July 1, 2018*):

(t) For the registration of each camper, the commissioner shall charge a biennial fee of sixty-two dollars. On and after July 1, 2011, the fee shall be seventy-five dollars. [The commissioner shall refund one-half of the registration fee for any camper registration when the number plate or plates and registration certificate are returned with one year or more remaining until the expiration of such registration.]

[(aa) The commissioner shall refund one-half of the registration fee for any motor vehicle when the number plate or plates and registration certificate are returned on or after July 1, 2004, with one year or more remaining until the expiration of such registration.]

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(a) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or repairer before engaging in such business shall make a separate sworn application to the commissioner for a license to engage in such business in each place of business conducted by such dealer. The application shall include any information that may be required by the commissioner on blanks to be furnished by said commissioner. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred forty dollars for each place of business conducted by the applicant, together with the fee for the type of license for which the applicant is making application, and such fee or fees shall not be subject to prorating and shall not be subject to refund. No such license shall be transferable. When such licensee adds buildings or [adjacent] abutting land to such licensee's licensed place of business, the commissioner may require the licensee to furnish satisfactory evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 14-54, or with other applicable provisions of law, administered by the municipality wherein such business is located, concerning building or zoning requirements. When a change of officers of a corporation engaged in such business is made, a notice of the change shall be sent to the commissioner within a period of fifteen days from the date of the change. The commissioner may suspend the license of any corporation, after notice and hearing, when the newly appointed or elected officers cannot be considered as qualified to conduct the business as provided in section 14-51.



Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(a) Any dealer licensed under the provisions of this subpart who in the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and sells or trades a passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer, service bus, school bus or truck to a transferee who holds a current registration certificate for a passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer, service bus, school bus or truck registered in this state may issue a sixty-day temporary transfer of such registration to the vehicle transferred. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new temporary dealer transfer form furnished for the purposes of this section. No dealer may make such temporary transfer of a registration unless the transferee surrenders the current registration certificate to the dealer indicating the disposition of the vehicle described thereon in the space provided on the reverse side of such certificate and unless the transferee is eighteen years of age or older. The dealer shall, within [five] ten days from the issuance of such temporary registration, submit to the commissioner an application together with all necessary documents for a permanent registration for the vehicle transferred. No such temporary registration may be issued if (1) the transferred passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer, service bus, school bus or truck is used and was not previously registered in this state, unless the inspection requirements of section 14-12 have been met, (2) such motor vehicle is ten or more years old, unless the inspection requirements of section 14-16a have been met, or (3) such motor vehicle has been declared a total loss by an insurance company, unless the inspection requirements of section 14-103a have been met.

Sec. 8. Section 14-61b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit any licensed motor vehicle dealer or repairer to maintain, in an electronic format prescribed by the commissioner, all records, documents and forms required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such records, documents and forms shall be produced in written format, upon request by the department, during the licensee's business hours on the same day of such request. A violation of this section shall be an infraction.

Sec. 9. Subsection (f) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(f) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to the sale of any used motor vehicle by a new car dealer to a person, firm or corporation which, pursuant to a lease contract option, purchases such vehicle at the end of the lease term provided (1) such vehicle is registered in this state in accordance with the provisions of section 14-12, (2) the certificate of title for such vehicle is in the possession of a lessor licensed under the provisions of section 14-15, (3) subsequent to such sale, such vehicle is registered in the name of the prior lessee, and (4) such dealer obtains the certificate of title



from such lessor and transmits all necessary documents and fees to the commissioner not later than [five] ten days following the issuance of a motor vehicle registration for such vehicle.

Sec. 10. Section 14-66b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

Each owner of a wrecker registered pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-66 shall keep and maintain a record stating the following information: (1) The registration number of each motor vehicle towed or transported and the registration number of each wrecker used to tow or transport such motor vehicle; (2) the date and time the tow commenced and was completed; (3) the location from which the disabled motor vehicle was towed and the destination of such tow; (4) the mileage of the wrecker at the commencement and completion of the tow; (5) the charge for tow service and any other charges incurred for services related to such tow; (6) the name and address of the person requesting tow service; and (7) any other information the commissioner deems necessary, specified in regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Such records shall be retained at the place of business of the wrecker service for a period of two years and shall be available for inspection during regular business hours by any law enforcement officer or inspector designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Each owner of a wrecker shall also keep and maintain copies of any written contracts with owners or lessees of property authorizing the towing or removal of motor vehicles from the property of such owner or lessee, or with lending institutions repossessing any motor vehicles, as provided in section 14-145, and such contracts shall be available for inspection by motor vehicle owners, agents of the owners, or lending institutions, upon request. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit any licensed motor vehicle dealer or repairer who operates a wrecker service to maintain, in an electronic format prescribed by the commissioner, all records, documents and forms required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such records, documents and forms shall be produced in written format, upon request by the department, during the licensee's business hours on the same day of such request. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction.

Sec. 11. Subsection (i) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(i) (1) Whenever any person has been convicted of any violation of section 14-110, 14-147, 14-215, 14-222 or 14-224 and such person's license has been suspended by the commissioner, such person may make application to the commissioner for the reversal or reduction of the term of such suspension. Such application shall be in writing and shall state specifically the reasons why such applicant believes that the applicant is entitled to such reversal or reduction. The commissioner shall consider each such application and the applicant's driver control record, as defined in section 14-111h, and may grant a hearing to the applicant in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and section 14-4a.



(2) Any person whose license has been revoked in accordance with subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-227a or subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 14-227m may, at any time after two years from the date of such revocation, request a hearing before the commissioner, conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, and the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection for reversal or reduction of such revocation. The commissioner shall require such person to provide evidence that any reversal or reduction of such revocation shall not endanger the public safety or welfare. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to, proof that such person [has successfully completed an alcohol education and treatment program and proof that such person has not] (A) has not operated a motor vehicle during the previous two years; (B) has not been convicted of or had a suspension of his or her operating privilege for any offense related to alcohol, controlled substances or drugs during the preceding two years; and (C) has successfully completed an alcohol or drug education and treatment program subsequent to such person's most recent conviction or privilege suspension for an offense related to alcohol, controlled substances or drugs. The commissioner shall require any person, as a condition of granting such reversal or reduction, to install and maintain an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-227a. The approved ignition interlock device shall be installed and maintained for any period during the lifetime of such person in which such person owns or operates a motor vehicle, except that such person may, at any time after fifteen years from the date the commissioner grants such reversal or reduction, request a hearing before the commissioner, conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to remove such ignition interlock device. The commissioner may authorize the removal of such ignition interlock device, for good cause shown, after such fifteen-year period and such hearing. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish standards to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 12. Section 14-111e of the General Statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

(a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend, for a period of one hundred fifty days, the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of any person [under the age of twenty-one] who has been convicted of a violation of section 30-88a involving the misuse of an operator's license and who was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.

(2) The commissioner shall suspend, for a period of sixty days, the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of any person [under the age of twenty-one] who has been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a or subsection (d) of section 21a-267, and who was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.



(3) The commissioner shall suspend, for a period of thirty days, the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of any person [under the age of twenty-one] who has been convicted of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 30-89 and who was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.

(b) The commissioner shall not issue a new operator's license under section 14-36 for a period of one hundred fifty days from the date all applicable requirements have been satisfied to [Any] any person [under the age of twenty-one who has not been issued a motor vehicle operator's license under section 14-36 and] who has been convicted of a violation of section 30-88a or section 30-89, subsection (e) of section 1-1h, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a or subsection (d) of section 21a-267 [shall not be issued a new operator's license by the commissioner under section 14-36 until a period of one hundred fifty days has elapsed from the date all applicable requirements for any such license have been satisfied by the applicant], and who was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation.

Sec. 13. Section 14-180 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

If a dealer buys a vehicle [and holds it for resale and procures the certificate of title from the owner or the lienholder or submits a statement on a form prescribed by the commissioner in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-171] for which it has (a) obtained a certificate of title from the owner or lienholder or (b) submitted a statement on a form described in subsection (a) of section 14-171 along with an ownership transfer document prescribed by the commissioner, such dealer may resell such vehicle [, the dealer need not send] without sending the certificate or form and ownership transfer document to the commissioner[but, upon]. Upon transferring the vehicle to another person other than by the creation of a security interest, such dealer shall promptly execute the assignment and warranty of title by a dealer, showing the name[s] and address[es] of the transferee or transferees, and of any lienholder holding a security interest created or reserved at the time of the resale and the date of such lienholder's security agreement, in the spaces provided [therefor on the] on such certificate or [as the commissioner prescribes] on such form and ownership transfer document, and mail or deliver the certificate or statement to the commissioner with the transferee's application for a new certificate.

Sec. 14. Section 14-276 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(a) Registered school buses while transporting school children shall be operated by holders of a valid passenger and school endorsement issued in accordance with section 14-44. Such endorsement shall be held in addition to the commercial driver's license required for the operation of such motor vehicles. A person who has attained the age of seventy shall be allowed to hold a passenger and school endorsement for the purpose of operating a school bus, provided such person meets the minimum physical requirements set by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and agrees to submit to a



physical examination at least twice a year or when requested to do so by the superintendent of the school system in which such person intends to operate a school bus. Any person to whom a town has awarded a contract for the transportation of school children who permits the operation of a registered school bus while transporting school children by any person who does not hold a passenger and school endorsement shall be fined not less than two thousand five hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars.

(b) Not less than twice per month, during the first and third week of such month, a carrier shall review the report made by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of section 14-44, with reference to the name and motor vehicle operator's license number of each person such carrier employs to operate a school bus, as defined in section 14-275, or a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. If, according to such report, any such employee's motor vehicle operator's license or endorsement to operate a school bus or student transportation vehicle has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked, such carrier immediately shall prohibit such employee from operating a school bus or student transportation vehicle.

(c) Any carrier who fails to review the report made by the commissioner, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall be subject to a civil penalty of one thousand dollars for the first violation, and two thousand five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation. Any carrier who fails to [remove as an operator, pursuant to] take immediate action prohibiting the operation of a school bus or student transportation vehicle by an operator who appears on a report, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, [not later than forty-eight hours after reviewing such report, any employee whose motor vehicle operator's license or endorsement to operate a school bus or student transportation vehicle has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked,] shall be subject to a civil penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars for the first violation, and five thousand dollars for each subsequent violation. Upon appropriate justification presented to the commissioner by any carrier, the commissioner may make a determination to reduce any such penalty.

Sec. 15. Subsection (c) of section 14-279 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(c) Upon receipt of a written report from any school bus operator or an evidence file from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system, as defined in section 14-279a, specifying the license plate number, color and type of any vehicle observed by such operator or recorded by a camera affixed to such school bus violating any provision of subsection (a) of this section and the date, approximate time and location of such violation, a police officer shall issue [a written warning or] a summons to the owner of any such vehicle. A photographic or digital still or video image that clearly shows the license plate number of a vehicle violating any provision of subsection (a) of this section shall be sufficient proof of the identity of such vehicle for purposes of subsection (b) of section 14-107.



Sec. 16. Section 15-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

(a) The owner of a vessel [which has been awarded] for which the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has issued a registration number or registration decal by this state shall notify the [C]ommissioner [of Motor Vehicles] in writing within fifteen days [of the transfer of all or any part of his interest in, other than the creation of a security interest, or] of the theft, loss, destruction or abandonment of[,] such vessel and surrender with such notice [his] the vessel's certificate of number. Any such [transfer,] theft, loss, destruction or abandonment shall terminate said certificate.

(b) Any person (1) who transfers to another ownership of a vessel numbered by this state or a vessel [having been awarded] for which a registration decal has been issued by this state or (2) who presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such vessel has been stolen, lost or destroyed, may, upon surrendering the outstanding certificate of number or certificate of decal and upon application and payment of a fee of one dollar, have another vessel numbered in [his] such person's name for the remainder of the numbering period, or may have another registration decal issued in [his] such person's name for the remainder of the registration period, provided if the numbering fee or registration decal fee in [accordance with the provisions of] section 15-144 is greater for such other vessel to be numbered or to obtain a registration decal than the fee paid for said registration period with respect to the vessel transferred, such person shall pay, in addition to one dollar, a fee [in addition to said one dollar,] equal to the registration fee in [said] section 15-144 for such other vessel to be numbered or to receive a registration decal minus the amount of such fee paid for said registration period with respect to the vessel transferred.

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

(d) Any person, who for reasons acceptable to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, requests a change in the type of registration issued for a vessel owned by such person, from a registration number to a registration decal, or from a registration decal to a registration number, may, upon surrendering the outstanding registration and payment of a fee of three dollars, have the new registration for such vessel issued in such person's name for the remainder of the registration period.

Sec. 17. Section 38a-343a of the general statutes is repealed, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

(a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require each insurer that issues policies in this state to notify said commissioner monthly, on a date specified by said commissioner, of the cancellation and addition by the insurer of all such policies that occurred during the preceding month. Such notice shall include the name of the named insured in the policy, the policy number, the vehicle identification number of each automobile covered by the policy and the effective date of the policy's



cancellation or addition. Said commissioner shall specify an acceptable method of notification. The method of notification specified may include computer tapes or electronic transmission.

(2) Said commissioner may require each insurer that issues policies in this state to provide monthly, on a date specified by said commissioner, the policy information required for purposes of the Online Insurance Verification System, as provided in section 14-112a.

(3) The failure of an insurer to comply with the requirements of this section shall not affect the cancellation of any policy.

(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive or accept all notices of policy cancellation and addition or all policy information from insurers, as required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Said commissioner shall review and analyze the cancellation and addition data or policy information submitted, together with such other information as said commissioner may obtain from the insurers, from the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or from any other public or private agency or firm in possession of relevant information, for the purpose of determining whether any registered owner identified in any such notice has failed to continuously maintain insurance coverage in violation of sections 14-12c and 38a-371. In conducting such an inquiry to determine insured status, said commissioner may contact registered vehicle owners by mail and require that such mail inquiries be answered in not less than thirty days, in a satisfactory manner containing such information and verification of insurance coverage as said commissioner deems necessary and acceptable.

Sec. 18. Section 556 of public act 17-2 is repealed (*Effective upon passage*).

Sec. 19. Section 667 of public act 17-2 is repealed (*Effective upon passage*).

Sec. 20. Section 15 of public act 17-68 is repealed (*Effective upon passage*).



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Title of Proposal: An Act Increasing the Maximum Convenience Fee

Statutory Reference: 14-41(b)

Proposal Summary:

Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes contractors, municipalities and AAA offices that conduct licensing transactions on behalf of DMV (“contractors”) to charge the customer a convenience fee. The current maximum fee is \$5.00. Contractors are not paid anything by the State of Connecticut, and their sole source of revenue from these transactions is the convenience fee. This fee does not enable contractors to make a profit, and in some cases may not be enough for them to break even. Contractors use their own employees and office space to conduct these transactions. Licensing transactions have become increasingly more complex over the past several years, including the requirement that staff be trained in examining and detecting fraudulent identity documents. DMV’s goal is to expand the services offered on its behalf by reliable partners in order to improve customer service. An increase in the convenience fee may serve as an incentive to attract and/or retain qualified partners. For these reasons, an increase in the convenience fee is warranted.



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PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?
- (2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?
- (3) Have certain constituencies called for this action?
- (4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?

1. No
2. No
3. Third party contractors
4. Attracting viable partners will become more difficult if the fee remains at \$5.00.

◇ Origin of Proposal New Proposal Resubmission

If this is a resubmission, please share:

- (1) What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration’s package?
- (2) Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?
- (3) Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?
- (4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?

N/A

PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ AGENCIES AFFECTED (please list for each affected agency)

Agency Name: N/A
Agency Contact (name, title, phone):
Date Contacted: [Click here](#) to enter text.

Approve of Proposal YES NO Talks Ongoing

Summary of Affected Agency’s Comments

Will there need to be further negotiation? YES NO



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◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> The fee will offset any expenditures made by a town that becomes a DMV partner.
State N/A
Federal N/A
Additional notes on fiscal impact Click here to enter text.

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

Having partners who conduct our license services in the community enhances customer service and convenience and removes some of the strain on DMV that results from overcrowded branch offices.

Insert fully drafted bill here

Sec. 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday. The fee for such license shall be seventy-two dollars. The commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not limited to, an automobile club or association, licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any municipality, to issue duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to section 1-1h and conduct registration transactions at the office or facilities of such contractors or municipalities. The commissioner may authorize such contractors and municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed [five] eight dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or duplication, or for a registration transaction.