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**Title of Proposal:** AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES

**Statutory Reference:** Varied

**Proposal Summary:**

Proposal Section	Statute Affected	Summary
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1	14-12	This authorizes dealers to do “casual” registration renewal transactions for customers who have not purchased a vehicle from the dealer. Dealers already have the system in place to register vehicles that they sell, so this will give customers another option for renewing a registration and will have no cost or impact upon agency resources. There are also technical changes to this statute, including eliminating obsolete language.
2	14-25c	This change sets the registration fee for a student transportation vehicle (STV), which has a one-year registration, to be one third of that for a triennial combination registration. Currently, the statute prorates the fee in accordance with a passenger registration, but STVs are mixed use and current practice is to issue them combination registrations.
3	14-29	This statute governs insurance for commercial passenger-carrying vehicles-school buses, student transportation vehicles (STVs), service buses, taxi, livery and motor buses. As it is written, this statute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains language conflicting with federal law that applies in CT to certain vehicles;</li> <li>• Has grossly inadequate minimum limits for all vehicles except livery. Currently, an owner must maintain a limit per accident of: \$100,000 when carrying up to 7 passengers; \$150,000 when carrying 8 to 12 passengers; \$200,000 when carrying 13-20</li> </ul>



		<p>passengers; \$250,000 when carrying 21-30 passenger; and \$300,00 when carrying over 30 passengers. These limits have remained the same for over 40 years. By comparison, Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) must maintain \$1 million while they are transporting even one passenger. In addition, any vehicle that carries 8 or more passengers for compensation or 15 or more passengers, not for compensation, is required to maintain the limits in federal regulation, \$1.5 million and \$5 million, respectively (49 CFR §387.33).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livery vehicle limits in the current statute (subsection (f)) comply with federal requirements (\$1.5 and \$5 million). This change was put in for livery vehicles in 1999, but other passenger-carrying vehicles were not included.</li> </ul> <p>The revisions made to the statute:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarify which vehicles are subject to the federal limits (\$1.5 and \$5 million);</li> <li>2. Raise the limits for vehicles not subject to federal limits to approach those for TNCs (\$500,000 for 7 or fewer and \$750,000 for 8-14 passengers);</li> <li>3. Eliminate split limits, and require a single limit, similar to the TNC statute and federal regulations;</li> <li>4. Move subsection (f) provisions related to livery vehicles so they become part of subsection (b), without any substantive change.</li> </ol>
4	14-36d	<p>This revision changes the conditions under which a license may be renewed remotely, without the personal appearance of the licensee. It allows the commissioner to renew a license remotely if an acceptable image of the licensee is on file. This gives the commissioner flexibility to leverage technological advances that may enable a customer to upload a photo that can be verified through facial recognition software and used on a license. It also authorizes the commissioner to adopt procedures for these types of renewals, and prohibits a person from doing a remote renewal if the last renewal was not an in-person renewal.</p>
5	14-41, subsection (b)	<p>This statute currently authorizes the commissioner to enter into an agreement with an auto club or other partner to renew licenses, IDs and registrations at its facilities, for a fee that is charged to the customer. This revision eliminates the language that specifies which transactions can be performed, and adds more general language leaving transaction types to the discretion of the commissioner. It also removes the requirement that these transactions be performed at the partner’s facility. Finally, it adds language that authorizes the commissioner to leverage these relationships to implement technology solutions in order to reduce wait times and increase customer convenience.</p>



6	14-44c	This section adds a provision that will require DMV to check a centralized database established in federal regulations before it issues, renews, transfers or upgrades a CDL beginning in 2023. The database is the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse and it is a repository through which an employer reports the positive drug and alcohol tests of its employees who drive with a CDL. States will be required to obtain the information to make CDL licensing decisions. While the required implementation date is a few years away, DMV will be required to make system changes that depend on the legislation being in effect.
7 8	14-44e, subsection (g) 14-44i, subsection(b)	Currently DMV issues a commercial learner’s permit for a 6-month duration with one renewal for 6 months, for a total of one year. There is a \$10 charge for the initial permit and a second \$10 charge for the renewal. Federal law was changed to allow states to issue a single permit for one year. This revision authorizes the issuance of the permit for one year, and adjusts the fee to \$20. This change reduces a CLP holder’s trips to the DMV.
9	14-44k subsection (g)	This adds the offense of trafficking in persons to the offenses that result in a lifetime disqualification of a CDL with no possibility for restoration. Federal regulation requires states to adopt this language for CDL holders.
10	14-49, subsection (e)	This provides the option to a person over age 65 to obtain a one-year renewal of a combination registration on a passenger motor vehicle that he or she owns. This is already available to seniors with passenger plates.
11	14-50b	This authorizes DMV to charge a restoration fee for a non-driver ID that is revoked because of fraud or misrepresentation as a condition of obtaining a new one.
12	14-52a subsection (b)	Currently this section requires that DMV refuse to issue or renew a dealer’s license to anyone who owes sales tax to the state from a current or previous business. This amendment limits the prohibition to used car dealers only.
13	15-144, subsection (e)	Authorizes marine dealers to issue permanent boat registrations and decals. Currently they may only issue temporary registrations, requiring the customer to come to DMV for a permanent registration.
14	14-163f	This section is obsolete because the underlying program to which it applies is no longer in effect.



**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? Yes, sections  
(2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)? Are other states considering something similar this year?  
(3) Have certain constituencies called for this action?  
(4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?  
(1) Yes, sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 correspond to federal regulations applicable to commercial driver license (CDL) and Commercial Learner Permit holders. (2) N/A; (3) N/A; (4) For section 9, the state would be out of compliance with audit findings

**◇ 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?  
Section 1 is a resubmission of language that was included in last year’s agency package. It was left out because of an oversight when the agency bill was broken down into separate proposals. (2) N/A; (3) Major stakeholders are licensed dealers who are in favor of the proposal; (4) Provision was included in initial legislative package and approved by OTG/OPM, but was inadvertently dropped when agency bill was divided into separate bills.

**PROPOSAL IMPACT**

**◇ AGENCIES AFFECTED** (please list for each affected agency)

**Agency Name:** Department of Insurance; Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
**Agency Contact (name, title, phone):** DOI- George Bradner, Director of Property and Casualty Div., (860)297-3866; DEEP- Sue Whalen, Deputy Commissioner, (860)424-3005  
**Date Contacted:** Various  
Approve of Proposal     **YES**     **NO**     **Talks Ongoing**

**Summary of Affected Agency’s Comments**  
DOI is in agreement that limits for commercial vehicles that carry passengers need to be amended. The current limits are inadequate as they have been in effect for over 40 years. By comparison, the limits for transportation network companies, that typically use passenger motor vehicles, are at \$1 million.



DEEP has no objection to allowing marine dealers to issue permanent registrations.

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)*

<b>Municipal</b> <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> N/A
<b>State</b> These proposals have no or minimal fiscal impact.
<b>Federal</b> N/A
<b>Additional notes on fiscal impact</b> N/A

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

Sections 1, 5 and 13 expand delivery of services through existing partners and are anticipated to provide customers with more options when seeking DMV services.

◇ **EVIDENCE BASE**

*What data will be used to track the impact of this proposal over time, and what measurable outcome do you anticipate? Is that data currently available or must it be developed? Please provide information on the measurement and evaluation plan. Where possible, those plans should include process and outcome components. Pew MacArthur Results First [evidence definitions](#) can help you to establish the evidence-base for your program and their [Clearinghouse](#) allows for easy access to information about the evidence base for a variety of programs.*

N/A. The proposals listed in this document are changes to existing statutes and do not establish new programs or affect existing ones in a way that gives rise to measurable, trackable data and outcomes.

**[Insert fully drafted bill here](#)**



Sec. 1. Section 14-12 of the general statutes as amended by section 12 of public act 19-165 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

(a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, towed or parked on any highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is registered with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be towed for repairs or necessary work if it bears the markers of a licensed and registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided any motor vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for a period of sixty days following establishment by the owner of residence in this state, be operated on any highway without first being registered with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A) registers a motor vehicle he or she does not own, or (B) operates, allows the operation of, parks or allows the parking of an unregistered motor vehicle on any highway, or (2) a resident of this state who operates or parks a motor vehicle such resident owns with marker plates issued by another state on any highway shall be fined one thousand dollars. If the owner of a motor vehicle previously registered with the commissioner, the registration of which expired not more than thirty days previously, operates, allows the operation of, parks or allows that parking of such a motor vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount designated for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the 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 operation or parking of such a previously registered motor vehicle. As used in this subsection, the term "unregistered motor vehicle" includes any vehicle that is not eligible for registration by the commissioner due to the absence of necessary equipment or other characteristics of the vehicle that make it unsuitable for highway operation, unless the operation of such vehicle is expressly permitted by another provision of this chapter or chapter 248.

(b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the commissioner an application signed by [him] such owner and containing such information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require. The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such provisions and information as the commissioner may 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 issue new registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks or other vehicle types as determined by the commissioner when they are sold by a licensed dealer. Such dealer may also renew registrations for such vehicle types whether or not the vehicles were originally sold by a licensed dealer. [The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of this subsection.] (1) A person purchasing a motor vehicle or other vehicle type as determined by the commissioner from a dealer so appointed and registering such vehicle pursuant to this section shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the dealer, a fee in accordance with the provisions of section 14-49, as amended by this act. The commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the application and fee shall be transmitted to the commissioner. (2) A person renewing a motor vehicle registration shall pay to the dealer the renewal and other applicable fees, which shall be transmitted to the commissioner in the



manner the commissioner prescribes, and the dealer may charge such person the convenience fee established in subsection (b) of section 14-41.

(d) A motor vehicle registration certificate issued upon an application containing any material false statement is void from the date of its issue and shall be surrendered, upon demand, with any number plate or plates, to the commissioner. Any money paid for the registration certificate shall be forfeited to the state. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain any registration for another by misrepresentation or impersonation and any registration so obtained shall be void. The commissioner may require each applicant for a motor vehicle registration to furnish personal identification satisfactory to the commissioner and may require any applicant who has established residence in this state for more than thirty days to obtain a motor vehicle operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 14-36, or an identification card issued pursuant to section 1-1h. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection and any person who fails to surrender a falsely obtained motor vehicle registration or number plate or plates upon the demand of the commissioner shall be fined not more 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 or she 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.

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

(3) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle, except a 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 prescribed by this chapter. The registration of any motor vehicle which is not equipped with such prescribed lighting devices is void and money paid for the registration shall be forfeited to the state. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent the commissioner, at his or her discretion, from registering a motor vehicle not equipped with certain lighting devices if the operation of the vehicle is restricted to daylight use.

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



(5) [On or after October 1, 1984, no] No motor vehicle registration shall be issued by the commissioner for any motorcycle unless the application for registration is accompanied by sufficient proof, as determined by the commissioner, that the motorcycle is insured for the 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.

(g) The commissioner may elect not to register any motor vehicle which is ten or more model years old and which has not been previously registered in this state until the same has been presented, as directed by the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official emissions inspection station or other business or firm, authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct safety inspections, and has passed the inspection as to its safety features as required by the commissioner. When a motor vehicle owned by a resident of this state is garaged in another jurisdiction and cannot be conveniently presented at an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, an authorized emissions inspection station or other facility, the commissioner may accept an inspection made by authorities in such other jurisdiction or by appropriate military authorities, provided the commissioner determines that such inspection is comparable to that conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections, such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment standards and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner 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.

(i) The commissioner or any city, town, borough or other taxing district authorized under subsection (f) of section 14-33 may issue a temporary registration to the owner of a motor vehicle. The application for a temporary registration shall conform to the provisions of this section. A temporary registration may be issued for a time period determined by the commissioner and may be renewed from time to time at the discretion of the commissioner. The fee for a temporary registration or any renewal thereof shall be as provided in subsection (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 or she 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. 2. Section 14-25c of the general statutes as amended by section 6 of public act 19-165 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue distinctive registration marker plates to each motor vehicle, except a taxicab or motor vehicle in livery service, that is used as a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. Each such registration of a student transportation vehicle shall be issued for a period of one year and, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-103, may be renewed by the owner, in accordance with schedules established by the commissioner. The fee for such registration or for any renewal thereof shall be determined as follows: (1) In the case of any such motor vehicle designed as a service bus, the fee shall be one-half of the fee prescribed for the registration of a service bus, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (p) of section 14-49, and (2) in the case of any such motor vehicle designed as a passenger motor vehicle, the fee shall be one-half of the fee prescribed for the biennial registration of a [passenger] combination motor vehicle or one-third of the fee prescribed for the triennial registration of a [passenger] combination motor vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-49.

Sec. 3. Section 14-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

(a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab, school bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation vehicle or service bus and no person may operate or cause to be operated upon any public highway any such motor vehicle until the owner or lessee thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory to the commissioner[, which insurance or bond] that shall indemnify the insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the use or operation of such



motor vehicle described in the contract of insurance or such bond. Such insurance or bond shall not be required from (1) a municipality which the commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for personal injury, death or damage resulting from or caused by the use or operation of a service bus owned or operated by such municipality, or (2) the owner or lessee of such class of motor vehicle who holds a certificate of public necessity and convenience from the Department of Transportation if such owner or lessee has procured from the department a certificate that the department has found that such owner or lessee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from or caused by the use or operation of such motor vehicle. The Department of Transportation may issue such certificate upon presentation of evidence of financial responsibility that is satisfactory to it.

[(b) (1) The amount of insurance or of such bond which each such vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death shall be not less than (A) fifty thousand dollars for one person subject to that limit per person; (B) for all persons in any one accident where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, one hundred thousand dollars; (C) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, one hundred fifty thousand dollars; (D) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, two hundred thousand dollars; (E) twenty-one to thirty passengers, inclusive, two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (F) thirty-one passengers or more, three hundred thousand dollars; and such policy or such bond shall indemnify the insured against legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers or of others to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

(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 thousand dollars; (C) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred thousand dollars; (D) twenty-one to thirty passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (E) thirty-one passengers or more, not less than three hundred thousand dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (i) a municipality which the commissioner has found to have sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as provided in subsection (a) of this section or (ii) the owner or lessees of any such motor vehicle holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Department of Transportation whom the department has found to be of sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as provided in subsection (a).]

(b) (1) Except as specified for vehicles in livery service, as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the amount of insurance that each such vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting from the damage to the property of passengers or others for any one accident shall comply with the amounts established in 49 CFR Part 387, as amended, if such vehicle is (A) designed or used to transport eight or more passengers for compensation, or (B) is designed or used to transport fifteen or more passengers, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation.

(2) Any person, association or corporation operating a motor vehicle in livery service under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, shall carry 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 in an amount not less than one million five hundred thousand dollars for vehicles designed or used to transport fourteen or fewer passengers and five million dollars for vehicles designed or used to transport fifteen or more passengers.

(c) For any such vehicle that is not identified in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b), such vehicle owner or lessee shall obtain a single limit of liability 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 where such vehicle is (A) designed or used to carry seven or fewer passengers, not less than five hundred thousand dollars; (B) designed or used to carry eight to fourteen passengers, not less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars.

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

[(d)] (e) 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 holder of a certificate of financial responsibility.

[(e)] (f) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

[(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person, association or corporation operating a motor vehicle in livery service under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, shall carry 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 in an amount not less than one million five hundred thousand dollars for vehicles with a seating capacity of fourteen passengers or less and five million dollars for vehicles with a seating capacity of fifteen passengers or more.]

Sec. 4. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2020):



- (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.
- (b) The commissioner may provide for the renewal of any motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity card without personal appearance of the license or card holder[, in circumstances where the holder is a member of the armed forces, is temporarily residing outside of this state for business or educational purposes, or in other circumstances where, in the judgment of the commissioner, such personal appearance would be impractical or pose a significant hardship] on the condition that the commissioner has, for use on such license or identity card, a digital or photographic image of the license or card holder that meets the specifications and standards established by the commissioner for such images. The commissioner shall [decline to] not issue any such renewal without personal appearance of the applicant [if the commissioner is not satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot personally appear,] if the commissioner does not have [the applicant's color] a photograph or digital image of the applicant on file that meets the requirements for use on such license or identity card, if satisfactory evidence of the identity of the applicant has not been presented, [or] if the commissioner has reason to believe that the applicant is no longer a legal resident of this state or if the applicant fails to meet any other requirement for obtaining a license, commercial driver's license or identity card.
- (c) The commissioner may issue or renew any license, any instruction permit or an identity card issued or renewed pursuant to this title or section 1-1h by any method that the commissioner deems to be secure and efficient. If the commissioner determines that an applicant has met all conditions for such issuance or renewal, the commissioner may require that such license, instruction permit or identity card be produced at a centralized location and mailed to the applicant. The commissioner may issue a temporary license, instruction permit or identity card for use by the applicant for the period prior to the applicant's receipt of the permanent license, instruction permit or identity card. Such temporary license, instruction permit or identity card shall have an expiration date not later than thirty days after the date of issuance and shall remain valid until the earlier of such expiration date or the date the applicant receives such license, instruction permit or identity card.
- (d) If the commissioner provides for renewal in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, [The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide] the commissioner shall establish procedures for the renewal of the motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity card [of any person not identified in subsection (b) of this section] by mail or by electronic communication with the Department of Motor Vehicles. No person may renew a license, commercial driver's license or identity card in accordance with subsection (b) of this section if such person did not appear personally for such person's last renewal.

Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes as amended by section 2 of public act 19-165 is repealed, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

- (b) 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] conduct such motor vehicle transactions as



authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner may authorize such contractors and municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed eight dollars, to [each] an applicant for [a license or identity card renewal or duplication, or for a registration] each such transaction. The commissioner may collaborate or enter into agreements with such contractors to implement technology and other solutions to reduce customer wait times and enhance customer convenience.

Sec. 6. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

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

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

(b) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a 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.



(d) On a date established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, but no earlier than January 6, 2023, the commissioner shall request information from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, established in accordance with 49 CFR Part 382, for any person who applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial driver's license. The Commissioner shall use information obtained from such Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle, and such information shall not be further disclosed, in accordance with 49 CFR section 382.725.

[(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. 7. Subsection (g) of section 14-44e is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

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

Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 14-44i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

(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. 9. Section 14-44k is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

(a) A driver who is disqualified or subject to an out-of-service order shall not drive a commercial motor vehicle. An employer shall not knowingly permit or require a driver who is disqualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

(b) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, and except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for one year if convicted of



a violation of (1) operating any motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or both, under section 14-227a, (2) operating a commercial motor vehicle while having a blood alcohol concentration of four-hundredths of one per cent, or more, (3) evasion of responsibility under section 14-224, (4) using any motor vehicle in the commission of any felony, as defined in section 14-1, (5) operating a commercial motor vehicle while the operator's commercial driver's license is revoked, suspended or cancelled, or while the operator is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle, (6) section 14-227m, or (7) subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, and except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not more than two years if convicted of one violation of causing a fatality through the negligent or reckless operation of a commercial motor vehicle, as evidenced by a conviction of a violation of section 14-222a, 53a-56b, 53a-57 or 53a-60d. The disqualification periods in this subsection shall also apply to convictions under the provisions of law of another state, of offenses deemed by the commissioner to be substantially similar to the offenses described in this subsection.

(c) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, and except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for one year if the commissioner finds that such person has refused to submit to a test to determine such person's blood alcohol concentration while operating any motor vehicle, or has failed such a test when given, pursuant to the provisions of section 14-227b or pursuant to the provisions of a law of any other state that is deemed by the commissioner to be substantially similar to section 14-227b. For the purpose of this subsection, a person shall be deemed to have failed such a test if, when driving a commercial motor vehicle, the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was four-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, or if, when driving any other motor vehicle, the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was eight-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight.

(d) If a person commits any of the disqualifying offenses identified in subsection (b) of this section or is the subject of a finding by the commissioner under subsection (c) of this section while driving a vehicle transporting hazardous materials, required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 USC 1801 to 1813, inclusive, as amended, such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years.

(e) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, a person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for (1) sixty days if convicted of failure to stop at a railroad grade crossing, in violation of section 14-249 or 14-250, while operating a commercial motor vehicle, (2) one hundred twenty days if convicted of a second violation of section 14-249 or 14-250 while operating a commercial motor vehicle, and (3) one year if convicted of a third or subsequent violation of section 14-249 or 14-250 while operating a commercial motor vehicle, during any three-year period. The disqualification periods in this subsection shall also apply to convictions under the provisions of law of another state, of offenses deemed by the commissioner to be substantially similar to the offenses described in this subsection.

(f) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, a person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than sixty days if convicted of two serious traffic violations, as defined in section 14-1, or one hundred twenty days if convicted of three serious traffic



violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year period (1) while operating a commercial motor vehicle, (2) while operating a noncommercial motor vehicle, provided such violation resulted in a suspension, for any period of time, of such person's class D license, or (3) from any combination of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. The period of any disqualification for a subsequent offense imposed under this subsection shall commence immediately after the period of any other disqualification imposed on such person. The disqualification periods in this subsection shall also apply to convictions under the provisions of law of another state, of offenses deemed by the commissioner to constitute serious traffic violations, as defined in section 14-1.

(g) Any person who (1) uses any motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of a controlled substance, or (2) uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined and described in 22 U.S.C. 7102(11), shall be disqualified for life and shall not be eligible for reinstatement in accordance with subsection (h) of this section.

(h) A person is disqualified for life if such person commits two or more of the offenses specified in subsection (b) of this section, or if such person is the subject of two or more findings by the commissioner under subsection (c) of this section, or any combination of those offenses or findings, arising from two or more separate incidents. A person is disqualified for life if the commissioner takes suspension actions against such person for two or more alcohol test refusals or test failures, or any combination of such actions, arising from two or more separate incidents. Any person disqualified for life, except a person disqualified under subsection (g) of this section, who has both voluntarily enrolled in and successfully completed an appropriate rehabilitation program, as determined by the commissioner, may apply for reinstatement of such person's commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit, provided any such applicant shall not be eligible for reinstatement until such time as such person has served a minimum disqualification period of ten years. An application for reinstatement shall be accompanied by documentation satisfactory to the commissioner that such person has both voluntarily enrolled in and successfully completed a program established and operated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to chapter 319j, a program operated through a substance abuse treatment facility licensed in accordance with section 19a-491 or the equivalent of either program offered in another state. The commissioner shall not reinstate a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit that was disqualified for life unless an applicant for reinstatement requests an administrative hearing in accordance with chapter 54, and offers evidence that the reinstatement of such applicant's commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit does not endanger the public safety or welfare. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to, proof that such applicant has not been convicted of any offense involving alcohol, a controlled substance or a drug during a period of ten years following the date of such applicant's most recent lifetime disqualification. If a person whose commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit is reinstated under this subsection is subsequently convicted of another disqualifying offense, such person shall be permanently disqualified for life and shall be ineligible to reapply for a reduction of the lifetime disqualification. The following shall remain on the driving history record of a commercial motor vehicle operator or commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit holder for a period of fifty-five years, as required by 49 CFR Part 384, as amended from time to time: (1) Any offense specified in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, provided such offense





occurred on or after December 29, 2006; (2) each of two or more offenses specified in subsection (b) or (c) of this section that occur within ten years of each other and result in a lifetime disqualification, regardless of when such offenses occur; (3) any conviction under subsection (g) of this section for using a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of a controlled substance, committed on or after January 1, 2005.

(i) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, any person who violates an out-of-service order shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle: (A) For a period of not less than one hundred eighty days or more than one year for a first violation; (B) for a period of not less than two years or more than five years for a second violation during any ten-year period, where such violations arose from separate incidents; and (C) for a period of not less than three years or more than five years for a third or subsequent violation during any ten-year period, where such violations arose from separate incidents.

(2) Any person who violates an out-of-service order while driving a vehicle transporting hazardous materials, required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 USC 1801 to 1813, inclusive, or a commercial motor vehicle designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle: (A) For a period of not less than one hundred eighty days or more than two years for a first violation, and (B) for a period of not less than three years or more than five years for a second or subsequent violation during any ten-year period, where such violations arose from separate incidents.

(3) In addition to the penalties provided in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, any person who violates an out-of-service order shall be subject to the civil penalties prescribed in 49 CFR Section 383.53, as amended from time to time.

(j) Any holder of a commercial driver's license whose driving is determined by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to constitute an imminent hazard, as defined in section 14-1, shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. The period of disqualification may not exceed thirty days unless the commissioner is satisfied that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has complied with the procedures for review and hearing set forth in 49 CFR 383.52. The period of any disqualification imposed under this subsection shall be concurrent with the period of any other disqualification or suspension imposed on such commercial driver.

(k) After taking disqualification action, or suspending, revoking or cancelling a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit, the commissioner shall update the commissioner's records to reflect such action within ten days. After taking disqualification action, or suspending, revoking or cancelling the operating privileges of a commercial motor vehicle operator or a commercial driver who is licensed or holds a commercial driver's instruction permit in another state, the commissioner shall notify the licensing state of such action within ten days. Such notification shall identify the violation that caused such disqualification, suspension, cancellation or revocation.

Sec. 10. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes as amended by section 8 of public act 19-165 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):



(e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck having a gross vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred pounds, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee of one hundred thirty-two dollars and shall issue combination registration to such vehicle. Any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older may, at such individual's discretion, renew a combination registration for a passenger motor vehicle owned by such individual for either a one-year period or the registration period as determined by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-22. (2) For the registration of a school bus, the commissioner shall charge an annual fee of one hundred seven dollars for a type I school bus and 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. (4) Each vehicle registered as combination shall be issued a number plate bearing the word "combination". No vehicle registered as combination may have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of twelve thousand five hundred pounds. (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck having a gross vehicle weight rating of less than twelve thousand five hundred pounds that is not used in part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall charge a triennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as provided in section 14-47, plus the sum of twenty-one dollars. The commissioner may issue passenger registration to any such vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred pounds or less.

Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-50b is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

(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 non-driver identity card has been revoked due to fraud or misrepresentation shall pay a restoration fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such person of a new operator's license or non-driver identity card or the restoration of such operator's license or [such] privilege to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty dollars of such fee in a separate nonlapsing school bus seat belt account which shall be established within the General Fund.

Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 14-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

(b) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant or renew a license to [an applicant or licensee] the holder of or an applicant for a used car dealer's license that is delinquent in the payment of sales tax in connection with a business from which it is or was obligated to remit sales tax, as reported to the commissioner by the Department of Revenue Services.

Sec. 13. Subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):



(e) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit marine dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to assign registration numbers and issue [temporary] certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of a 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 number issued for the vessel transfer.

(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] The 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 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this subdivision.]

Sec. 14. Section 14-163f is repealed.



## Agency Legislative Proposal - 2020 Session

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**Title of Proposal:** An Act Concerning Technical Amendments to Statutes Administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles

**Statutory Reference:** 14-21z, 14-21aa, 22a-201c

**Proposal Summary:**

Section	Statute	Summary/Effect of Amendment
1	14-21z	The "Save our Lakes" plate legislation that was passed in 2018 required the DMV to adopt regulations establishing, among other things, the cost of the plate. The regulations that DMV submitted permitted DMV to keep a portion of the fee for producing the plates, which is the process for all special plates. These regulations were rejected by the Office of the Attorney General, who indicated that there was no provision in the statute for DMV to retain any funds for producing the plate. This amendment rewrites the statute to establish the fee, without having to adopt regulations, and expressly permits DMV to retain a portion of the fee to defray the costs associated with producing and issuing the plates.
2	14-21aa	When this provision was adopted establishing the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account, there was language that authorized the commissioner to accept private donations and to reproduce and market the Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate image "for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or programs." This amendment clarifies that the authority for these functions rests with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.
3	22a-201c	A change to this statute during the 2019 session (1) increased the greenhouse gas reduction fee (GGRF) on new vehicles sold from \$5 to \$10; and (2) imposed a new GGRF on newly registered vehicles and registration renewals, both to take effect on January 1, 2020. In all cases, the fees were specifically set to apply to "biennial registration." However, after the



		<p>provision passed, another bill went into effect that extended registration periods to 3 years for all new vehicles and newly issued registrations. The 3-year registration period would also apply to 1/3 of registration renewals as a result of a staggered implementation. The two bills were unable to be reconciled. This amendment establishes a proportional increase in the GGFR for 3 year renewals while leaving the fee for new vehicles at \$10.</p>
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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)? Are other states considering something similar this year?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

1. All sections of this proposal are amendments to statutes that were recently passed but because of drafting issues, are unable to be administered in their present form.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. The “Save our Lakes” registration, instituted to raise money for the preservation of CT lakes and rivers, will not be issued unless this amendment passes.

**◇ 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:** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
**Agency Contact (name, title, phone):** Sue Whalen, Deputy Commissioner, (860)424-3005  
**Date Contacted:** October 23, 2019

Approve of Proposal       **YES**       **NO**       **Talks Ongoing**



### Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

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** (please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)

N/A

**State**

Greenhouse gas reduction fee: For the original change to section 22a-201c during the 2019 session, there should have been a revenue projection from DEEP. There will be a change in the revenue that was originally projected by DEEP when the amendment goes into effect, but it does not appear that it will be significant.

**Federal**

N/A

**Additional notes on fiscal impact**

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

N/A

◇ **EVIDENCE BASE**

What data will be used to track the impact of this proposal over time, and what measurable outcome do you anticipate? Is that data currently available or must it be developed? Please provide information on the measurement and evaluation plan. Where possible, those plans should include process and outcome components. Pew MacArthur Results First [evidence definitions](#) can help you to establish the evidence-base for your program and their [Clearinghouse](#) allows for easy access to information about the evidence base for a variety of programs.

N/A



**Insert fully drafted bill here**

Sec. 1. Section 14-21z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

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

[(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged for Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. The fee shall be for such number plates with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section; and (2) such number plates which are low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary lakes and ponds preservation donation, which shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa. All fees established and collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in said account.]

(b) The commissioner shall charge a fee of sixty dollars for a Save our Lakes number plate with letters and numbers selected by the commissioner, in addition to the regular registration fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. The commissioner shall deposit fifteen dollars into an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing renewing and replacing such plates and forty-five dollars into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa.

(c) The commissioner shall charge a fee of eighty dollars for (1) Save our Lakes number plates that contain letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under such section; and (2) Save our Lakes number plates that are low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160 of the Connecticut General Statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under such section. The commissioner shall deposit fifteen dollars into an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing renewing and replacing such plates and sixty-five dollars into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa.



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

[(d)] (e) 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 number plate. Five dollars of the donation may be dedicated to the administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ten dollars of such donation shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa. [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates.]

Sec. 2. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes as amended by section 2 of public act 19-190 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

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

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

(c) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate image for use on





clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds 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 1 of public act 19-190 shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 3. Section 22a-201c of the general statutes as amended by section 95 of public act 19-117 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: (*Effective upon passage*):

(a) For each registration of a new motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of ten dollars, in addition to any other fees required for registration, [for registration for a biennial period] for the following registration types: Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. [Any person who is sixty-five years or older and who obtains a one-year registration for a new motor vehicle under section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay five dollars for the annual registration period.]

(b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of five dollars for registration for a biennial period, and seven dollars and fifty cents for registration for a triennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or older and who obtains a [one-year registration or] one-year registration renewal for any motor vehicle[, except a new motor vehicle,] under section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay two dollars and fifty cents for the annual registration period.

(c) The fee imposed by this subsection may be identified as the "greenhouse gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined with the fee specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c on any registration form. The first three million dollars received from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account, established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 94 of this act. Any revenue from such fee in excess of the first three million dollars in each fiscal year shall be deposited into the General Fund. No part of the greenhouse gas reduction fee shall be subject to a refund under subsection [(aa)] z of section 14-49.