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Title of Proposal: AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES

Statutory Reference: Varied

Proposal Summary:

- * Denotes change due to COVID
- ** Included in 2020 legislative package

Proposal Section	Statute Affected	Summary
**1	1-1h	Imposes a revocation penalty and a restoration fee for an identity card that was procured through fraud
2 Technical	14-11c	Changes agency names for DESPP and DEEP to conform to changes made in previous years
*3	14-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection (a)-Lengthens the period of time from sixty (60) to ninety (90) days that a person has to register a vehicle in CT after moving here. Subsection (c) This authorizes dealers to do “casual” registration issuance and renewal 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 obtaining and 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.
*4	14-15d	Authorizes the Commissioner to charge a \$25 fee per registration to any lien and titling service that refuses to comply with the statutory requirement to conduct business online when that service registers seven or more vehicles per month.
*5	14-16	Lengthens, from sixty (60) to one-hundred twenty (120) days, the period of time a beneficiary designated on a registration certificate has to transfer the vehicle after the death of the owner.
**6	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.
**7	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.
**8	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.
**9	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"> • Contains language conflicting with federal law that applies in CT to certain vehicles; • 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 passengers; \$250,000



		<p>when carrying 21-30 passenger; and \$300,00 when carrying over 30 passengers. These limits have remained the same for over 40 years. 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"> • 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. <p>The revisions made to the statute:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify which vehicles are subject to the federal limits (\$1.5 and \$5 million); 2. Raise the limits for vehicles not subject to federal limits (\$500,000 for 7 or fewer and \$750,000 for 8-14 passengers); 3. Eliminate split limits, and require a single limit, similar to the federal regulations; 4. Move subsection (f) provisions related to livery vehicles so they become part of subsection (b), without any substantive change.
*10	14-36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes vision screening (currently done by DMV) to require that applicants for an adult instruction permit submit certification from a medical professional that they meet the vision standards that are in DMV regulations. • Lengthens the period of time from thirty (30) to sixty (60) days that a person has to obtain a license in CT after moving here. • Makes language more flexible to allow for electronic submission of applications • Authorizes the commissioner to waive the CDL knowledge tests for persons who operate commercial vehicles in the military. The skills test is currently waived. • Changes language that requires driver testing for someone who has not operated a motor vehicle in 2 years to someone whose license expired more than 2 years ago.
*11	14-36d	<p>This revision changes the conditions under which a license or ID may be renewed or a duplicate obtained remotely, without the personal appearance of the licensee. It allows the commissioner to renew or duplicate a credential remotely if an acceptable image of the applicant is on file. This gives the commissioner flexibility to leverage technological advances that may enable a customer to upload a photo that can be</p>



		verified through facial recognition software and used on a credential. 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.
*12	14-36e	Includes distance learning in the term “classroom instruction” as used in the statute relating to driver’s education in secondary schools.
*13	14-36f	Includes distance learning in the term “classroom instruction” in driving school regulations governing secondary schools.
**14	14-41, subsection (b)	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.
**15	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.
**16 **17	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.
**18	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.
*19	14-45a	At the discretion of the commissioner, requires a person who is obtaining a license for the first time in CT or whose CT license expired more than 2 years prior to the application to submit the results of a vision screening by a licensed medical professional.



**20	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.
**21	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.
22	14-52	Eliminates option to deposit cash with DMV as a condition of obtaining a dealer license; Applicant must submit a surety bond.
**23	14-52a	(a) Allows the commissioner to consider whether the applicant for a dealer license has civil judgments (in addition to criminal convictions) prior to granting a license, and requires a licensee to disclose civil judgments upon renewal. (b) Currently this subsection 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.
24	14-62	Adds a requirement that on a retail purchase order for a motor vehicle, that the dealer must refund a deposit if, prior to execution of the purchase order, the dealer does not provide written proof of approved financing to the buyer.
25	14-69	Eliminates option to deposit cash with DMV as a condition of obtaining a driving school license; Applicant must submit a surety bond.
*26	14-78	Includes distance learning in the term "classroom instruction" in regulations governing commercial driving schools.
*27	14-111g	Includes distance learning for operator retraining classes in statute and regulations.
28	14-164c	(c) Clarifies that a vehicle must pass an emissions test when it is being sold by a licensed motor vehicle dealer, even if the vehicle is being registered outside of CT. (k) Adds commissioner discretion to the requirement that the new owner of a vehicle have it inspected within 30 days of transfer.
29	14-227b	Adds to the term "motor vehicle" in the administrative per se statute so that it includes a snowmobile or an ATV, making it consistent with 14-227a, the criminal DUI statute.
*30	14-276a(a)	Includes distance learning in the term "classroom instruction" in regulations governing the training of school bus and student transportation vehicle drivers.
*31	14-276a(c)	Authorizes the classroom instruction portion of a safety training course that is given by a school district or town to school bus and student transportation vehicle operators to be given in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or a combination of the two.



**32	15-144	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.
*33 *34	14-33, 14-33a	Repeals the requirement to apply a registration hold on the vehicle of any person who owes motor vehicle property taxes
**35	14-163f	Repeals this section because it is obsolete. 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 15-18 correspond to federal regulations applicable to Commercial Driver License (CDL) and Commercial Learner Permit holders. (2) N/A; (3) N/A; (4) For section 18, the state must enact to address FMCSA 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?
(1) The following sections (marked with two asterisks) are resubmissions of language that was included in DMV’s 2020 agency package that was not taken up due to COVID closure: 1, 6-9, 14-18, 20, 21, 23, 32, 35. (2) N/A; (3) Major stakeholders are licensed dealers and DMV partners who are in favor of the proposal; (4) Public hearing, February 28, 2020.

PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ AGENCIES AFFECTED (please list for each affected agency)

Agency Name: Department of Insurance; Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Probate Court Administration; Department of Transportation.
Agency Contact (name, title, phone): DOI- George Bradner, Director of Property and Casualty Div., (860)297-3866; DEEP- Sue Whalen, former Deputy Commissioner; Probate Court Administration- Melissa Riley, Manager of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations (860) 231-2442 ext. 332; DOT- Garrett Eucalitto, Deputy Commissioner, Garrett.Eucalitto@ct.gov; 860-594-3050
Date Contacted: Various
Approve of Proposal YES NO Talks Ongoing with DOT



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. This section also must be amended to conform to federal requirements for certain commercial motor vehicles.

DEEP has no objection to allowing marine dealers to issue permanent registrations. DEEP is in favor of the "Save our Lakes" legislation which is needed to correct flaws in the previously enacted statutes.

DOT has concerns about the possible negative impact to small taxi companies that may result from an increase in the amount of insurance coverage they will be required to carry under section 9.

Will there need to be further negotiation? **YES** **NO** with DOT only

◇ **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

These proposals have no or minimal fiscal impact.

Federal

N/A

Additional notes on fiscal impact

N/A

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

Sections 3, 14 and 32 expand delivery of services through existing partners and are anticipated to provide customers with more options when seeking DMV services.

Sections 12, 13, 26, 27, 30 and 31 provide licensed businesses regulated by DMV, that are required to conduct classroom training, with the option to offer such training remotely, through in-person classes or through a combination of both. Businesses may use these options to mitigate revenue loss due to COVID closures and to promote social distancing.



◇ 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 1-1h of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) Any person who does not possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for an identity card. The application for an identity card shall be accompanied by the birth certificate of the applicant or a certificate of identification of the applicant issued and authorized for such use by the Department of Correction and a fee of twenty-eight dollars. Such application shall include: (1) The applicant's name; (2) the applicant's address; (3) whether the address is permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's date of birth; (5) notice to the applicant that false statements on such application are punishable under section 53a-157b; and (6) such other pertinent information as the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles deems necessary. The applicant shall sign the application in the presence of an official of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may waive the fee for any applicant (A) who has voluntarily surrendered such applicant's motor vehicle operator's license, (B) whose license has been refused by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 14-36, (C) who is both a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and blind, as defined in subsection (a) of section 1-1f, or (D) who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the procedure and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to any such homeless applicant.

(b) (1) An identity card shall indicate its date of expiration, contain a picture of the applicant and specify the applicant's height, sex and eye color.

(2) An original identity card shall expire within a period not exceeding seven years following the date of the applicant's next birthday. Any person who holds an identity card may be notified by the commissioner before its expiration and may renew such card in such manner as the commissioner shall



prescribe. Upon renewal of an identity card, the commissioner may issue an identity card for a period to be determined by the commissioner, provided such period does not exceed eight years. The fee for the renewal of an identity card that expires eight years from the date of issuance shall be thirty-two dollars. The commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for an identity card that expires less than eight years from the date of issuance. The commissioner shall not provide notification by mail to the holder of an identity card if the United States Postal Service has determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for such person that is in the records of the department.

(c) A distinctive identity card shall be issued to any applicant less than twenty-one years of age. The identity card shall contain a statement that it is issued subject to the same verification of the applicant's identity as required for the issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license. The card may thereafter be exhibited to establish the age and identity of the person to whom it was issued.

(d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Liquor Control Commission, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section and section 30-86.

(e) Any person who misrepresents his or her age or practices any other deceit in the procurement of an identity card, or uses or exhibits an identity card belonging to any other person, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor and shall have such identity card revoked. Prior to the issuance to such person of a new identity card, such person shall pay to the Department of Motor Vehicles, in addition to the application fee described in subsection (a) of this section, a restoration fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars.

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

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

Sec. 3. 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 July 1, 2021*):



(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] ninety 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] submit to the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, 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 (1) 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. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the purposes of this subsection.] and (2) renew such registrations for such vehicle types. A person [purchasing] registering or renewing the registration of 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] the registration fees required under section 14-49, and any other applicable fees. The Commissioner may authorize such dealer to retain a service fee paid by the person registering or renewing the registration of a motor vehicle under this subsection. The maximum service fee that such



dealer may charge shall be established by the Commissioner. The commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the application and [fee] fees, other than the service fee, shall be transmitted to the commissioner.

(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] the commissioner 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] the commissioner 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] such commissioner's 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 [period of](#) time 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 [\[he\] the commissioner](#) 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. 4. Section 14-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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 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. [Any such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to electronically file such applications upon the request of the commissioner shall pay a twenty-five-dollar service fee to the commissioner for each application that it submits.](#) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.



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

(b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural person, such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on the certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who shall assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the owner and upon the making of an application pursuant to this subsection. The owner making such designation shall have all rights of ownership of such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the beneficiary shall have no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and an application is made pursuant to this subsection. Not later than ~~sixty~~ one-hundred twenty days after the death of the owner, the beneficiary may make application to the commissioner for the issuance of a certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1) The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247. If the beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no right to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection after the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection shall be subordinate to the rights of each lienholder whose security interest in such motor vehicle is duly recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

(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) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall ~~establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged~~ charge a fee of sixty dollars for Save Our Lakes commemorative number plates, with letters and numbers selected by the commissioner, 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] The commissioner shall deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates, and forty-five dollars of such fee into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established under section 14-21aa, as amended by this act.

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

(c) Except as provided by subsection (d) 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) 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. 7. 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 July 1, 2021*):

(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. 8. 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 July 1, 2021*):

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

(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] 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 damage to the property of passengers or others for any one accident 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] (1) a single limit of liability of (A) five hundred thousand dollars, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport seven passenger or less, or (B) seven hundred fifty thousand, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport eight to fourteen passengers without compensation; (2) the minimum amounts established in 49 CFR Part 387, as amended from time to time, if such vehicle is designed or used to transport eight passengers or more for compensation, or fifteen passengers or more without compensation; (3) one million five hundred thousand dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or used to transport fourteen passengers or less;



and (4) five million dollars, if such vehicle is operated in livery service under the provisions of section 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, and designed or used to transport fifteen passengers or more.

[(2) In lieu of the foregoing, a single limit of liability shall be allowed as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers or of others for any one accident (A) where the carrying capacity is seven passengers or less, not less than one hundred thousand dollars; (B) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, not less than one hundred fifty 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).]

(c) (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)] of this section. Upon initial registration or renewal of any such motor vehicle, the commissioner may presume that an insurance policy or indemnity bond meets the minimum amounts specified in said subsection (b) [or (f)] for such vehicle.

(d) Any person injured in person or property by any such motor vehicle may apply to the commissioner for the name and description of the insurer of the vehicle causing such injury or the name of the surety upon any indemnity bond of any such owner or the name of the holder of a certificate of financial responsibility.

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

(a) Motor vehicle operator's license required for operation of motor vehicle.

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

(b) Adult instruction permit. Out-of-state license holders. Minimum age.

(1) A person eighteen years of age or older who does not hold a motor vehicle operator's license may not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of the state for the purpose of instruction until such person has applied for and obtained an adult instruction permit from the commissioner. Such person shall not be eligible for an adult instruction permit if such person has had a motor vehicle operator's license or privilege suspended or revoked. [An applicant for an adult instruction permit shall submit to the commissioner, as a condition of receiving such permit, the results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed medical professional, as defined in section 14-46b. Such medical professional shall certify that the applicant meets the vision standards established in regulations adopted under section 14-45a.](#)

An adult instruction permit shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not issue a motor vehicle operator's license to any person holding an adult instruction permit who has held such permit for less than ninety days unless such person (A) is a member of the armed forces on active duty outside the state, or (B) has previously held a motor vehicle operator's license. (2) A person holding a valid out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license may operate a motor vehicle for a period of ~~thirty~~ [sixty](#) days following such person's establishment of residence in Connecticut, if the motor vehicle is of the same class as that for which his or her out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license was issued. (3) No person may cause or permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under sixteen years of age.

(c) Youth instruction permit.

(1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the



[Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] [commissioner](#) for a youth instruction permit. The commissioner may issue a youth instruction permit to an applicant after the applicant has [\(A\)](#) passed a [\[vision screening and\]](#) test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, [\(B\)](#) has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 [\[and\]](#), [\(C\)](#) [has submitted to the commissioner the results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed medical professional, as defined in section 14-46b, that certifies that the applicant meets the vision standards established in regulations adopted under section 14-45a, and](#) [\(D\)](#) has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting to the issuance of the youth instruction permit and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by [\[\(A\)\] \(i\)](#) one or both parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, [\[\(B\)\] \(ii\)](#) the legal guardian of the applicant, [\[\(C\)\] \(iii\)](#) the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or [\[\(D\)\] \(iv\)](#) if the applicant has no qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled outside of this state or otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 or any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e to issue a youth instruction permit, subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54.1 Each youth instruction permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance or on the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's license, whichever is earlier. Any holder of a youth instruction permit who attains eighteen years of age may retain such permit until the expiration of such permit. (2) The youth instruction permit shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (3) Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction of and accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73, no passenger in addition to the person providing instruction shall be transported unless such passenger is a parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member of a certified ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection only when such holder is [\[en route\] driving](#) to or from the location of the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency call. (5) The commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit used in violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection.



(d) Operator's license requirements for persons sixteen or seventeen years of age.

(1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) **[present]** submit to the **[Commissioner of Motor Vehicles]** commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school, a technical education and career school or a private secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) **[present]** submit to the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an examination which may include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period of time required by said unit. The **[Commissioner of Motor Vehicles]** commissioner shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, or secondary school driver education program authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 14-36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another state, completed the



course required in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving course. The commissioner may waive any requirement in this subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received training and instruction of a similar nature.

(2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant which states that the applicant has obtained a youth instruction permit and has successfully completed a driving course taught by the person signing the statement, that the signer has had an operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the statement or, if the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent, foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the instruction, a statement signed by the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided the person signing the statement is qualified.

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

(4) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, the content of safe driving instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools, and the administration and certification of required testing.

(e) Requirements for issuance of operator's license.

(1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the applicant signs and [files with the commissioner] submits to the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made subject to penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the license.

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

(3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or [who has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years] whose



Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, **[or]** a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio, electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such knowledge test shall include a question concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa. If any such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where a similar examination is required, the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle license[s], the commissioner shall **[only]** waive the driving skills test for such applicant **[who] and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive the knowledge test for such applicant provided such applicant** meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended. For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate.

(4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person whom the



commissioner determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed by a person who is deaf or hard of hearing shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed by a licensed health care practitioner.

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

(f) Limited license.

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

(g) Ignition interlock device.

The commissioner may place a restriction on the motor vehicle operator's license of any person or on any special operator's permit issued to any person in accordance with the provisions of section 14-37a that restricts the holder of such license or permit to the operation of a motor vehicle that is equipped with an approved ignition interlock device, as defined in section 14-227j, for such time as the commissioner shall prescribe, if such person has: (1) Been convicted for a first or second time of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a, and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of subsections (g) and (i) of section 14-227a; (2) been ordered by the Superior Court not to operate any motor vehicle unless it is equipped with an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-227j; (3) been granted a reversal or reduction of such person's license suspension or revocation, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-111; (4) been issued a motor vehicle operator's license upon the surrender of an operator's license issued by another state and such previously held license contains a restriction to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device; (5) been convicted of a violation of section 53a-56b or 53a-60d; (6) been permitted by the commissioner to be issued or to retain an operator's license subject to reporting requirements concerning such person's physical condition, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section and sections 14-45a to 14-46g, inclusive; (7) had such person's operator's license suspended under subsection (i) of section 14-227b and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of such suspension; (8) been convicted for a first or second time of a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-227m and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227m and subsection (i) of section 14-227a; or (9) been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n and has served not less than forty-five days of the prescribed period of suspension for such conviction, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-227n and subsection (i) of section 14-227a.

(h) Driving history record check.



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

(i) Penalties.

(1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined not less than seventy-five dollars or more than ninety dollars and, for any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars or more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

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

(j) Regulations.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 11. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

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

(b) The commissioner may **[provide for the renewal of]** renew or produce a duplicate 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. The commissioner shall decline to issue any such renewal without personal appearance if the commissioner is not satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot personally appear.]** if **(1)** the commissioner **[does not have the applicant's color]** has on file a photograph or digital image **[on file if]** of the applicant that meets the specifications and standards prescribed by the commissioner and may be used on such license or identity card, **(2)** the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the identity of the applicant, **[has not been presented, or if]** **(3)** the commissioner **[has reason to believe]** is satisfied that the applicant is **[no longer]** a legal



resident of this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the applicant personally appeared to renew such license or identity card the last time such license or identity card was renewed, and (5) the applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or duplicate issuance of a license or identity card.

(c) The commissioner may issue, duplicate or renew **[any]** a license, **[any]** an 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, duplication 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 not be required to contain a photograph or digital image as specified in section 14-36h. 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) **[The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide]** If the commissioner provides for the renewal or duplicate issuance of the motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity card **[of any person not identified in]** without the personal appearance of the license or cardholder in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall establish procedures to renew or issue a duplicate of such license or identity card by mail or by electronic communication with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

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

(b) As used in this section, "classroom instruction" shall include training or instruction offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or a through a combination of both in person and distance learning.



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

(a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,1 governing the establishment, conduct and scope of driver education programs in secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements of section 14-36e. Such regulations shall (1) permit any local or regional board of education or private secondary school to contract with a licensed drivers' school approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction of such driver education program and instruction therein may be given by such school's driving instructors who are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and (2) require that the classroom instruction of any such driver education program shall include a discussion concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d.

(b) In any regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section, a class or classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in person and distance learning.

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

(a) The application for a commercial driver's license or 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 and after January 6, 2023, the commissioner shall request a driving record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in accordance with 49 CFR 382.725, for any person who applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial driver's license. The commissioner shall use information obtained from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not disclose such information to any person or entity not directly involved in determining whether a person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

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

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



(g) The commissioner may issue a commercial driver's instruction permit to any person who holds a valid operator's license. Such permit may be issued for a period not exceeding [one hundred eighty days, and may be reissued or renewed for one additional period not exceeding one hundred eighty days, provided the reissuance or renewal of such permit occurs within a two-year period from its initial issuance] 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. 17. Subsection (b) of section 14-44i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

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

(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 severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined in 22 U.S.C. 7102(11), as amended from time to time, shall be disqualified for life and ineligible for reinstatement in accordance with subsection (h) of this section.

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

(b) Prior to issuing a motor vehicle operator's license to a person who has not previously been issued a license in this state or **[has not operated a motor vehicle within the preceding two years]** whose Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to the application date,



the commissioner may require such person to ~~[pass a vision screening to determine if the person meets vision standards specified in the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.]~~ submit to the commissioner, as a condition of receiving such license, the results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed medical professional, as defined in section 14-46b. Such medical professional shall certify that the applicant meets the vision standards established in regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 20. 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 October 1, 2021*):

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

(a) Any person (1) whose operator's license or [right] privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, [or] (2) who has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or (3) whose non-driver identity card, issued under section 1-1h, 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. 22. Section 14-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2021):

(a) No person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of the buying, selling, offering for sale or brokerage of any motor vehicle or the repairing of any motor vehicle without having been issued either a new car dealer's, a used car dealer's, a repairer's or a limited repairer's license. The license fee for each such license, payable to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall be as follows: (1) New motor vehicle dealer, seven hundred dollars; (2) used motor vehicle dealer, five hundred sixty dollars; and (3) repairer or limited repairer, three hundred forty dollars. Each such license shall be renewed biennially according to renewal schedules established by the commissioner so as to effect staggered renewal of all such licenses. If the adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration of any license more or less than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five days prior to the date of expiration of each such license, the commissioner shall send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner determined by the commissioner, an application for renewal. Any licensee which has not filed the application for renewal accompanied by the prescribed fee prior to the date of expiration of its license shall cease to engage in business. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner after the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license under this subsection which has expired for more than forty-five days.

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

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

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

(4) Each such bond required under subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation relating to the conduct of such business and provided as indemnity for any loss sustained by any customer by reason of any acts of the licensee constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or such licensee going out of business. [Each cash bond shall be deposited with the commissioner and each] Each surety bond shall be executed in the name of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the commissioner after a hearing held before said commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.1 For purposes of this subdivision, "customer" does not include (A) any



person, firm or corporation that finances a licensed dealer's motor vehicle inventory, or (B) any licensed dealer, in such person's capacity as a dealer, who buys motor vehicles from or sells motor vehicles to another licensed dealer.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 23. Section 14-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2021):

(a) The commissioner may, after notice and hearing, refuse to grant or renew a license to a person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of selling or repairing motor vehicles pursuant to the provisions of section 14-52 if the applicant for or holder of such a license, or an officer or major stockholder if the applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, has been [found liable in a civil action](#)



for, or convicted of, a violation of any provision of laws pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer including a motor vehicle recycler, or of any violation involving fraud, larceny or deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United States or of any state. Each applicant for such a license shall submit to a state criminal history records check, conducted in accordance with section 29-17a and based on the applicant's name and date of birth, not more than thirty days before such application is made and provide the results of such records check to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to submit its application electronically. Upon renewal of such license, [such] a licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or conviction under penalty of false statement.

(b) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant or renew a license to [an applicant or licensee] an applicant for or the holder of 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. 24. Subsection (a) of section 14-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) Each sale shall be evidenced by [an] a retail purchase order properly signed by both the buyer and seller, a copy of which shall be furnished to the buyer when executed, and an invoice upon delivery of the motor vehicle, both of which shall contain the following information: (1) Make of vehicle; (2) [year of] the vehicle's model year, whether sold as new or used, and [on invoice] the vehicle's identification number; (3) deposit, and (A) if the deposit is not refundable, the words "No Refund of Deposit" shall appear at this point, [and] (B) if the deposit is conditionally refundable, the words "Conditional Refund of Deposit" shall appear at this point, followed by a statement giving the conditions for refund, [and] (C) if the deposit is unconditionally refundable, the words "Unconditional Refund" shall appear at this point, [and] (D) if the buyer is financing the motor vehicle through the seller, a statement that the deposit is refundable if the seller does not provide written proof of approved financing to the buyer prior to the execution of the retail purchase order; (4) cash selling price; (5) finance charges, and (A) if these charges do not include insurance, the words "No Insurance" shall appear at this point, and (B) if these charges include insurance, a statement shall appear at this point giving the exact type of coverage; (6) allowance on motor vehicle traded in, if any, and description of the same; (7) stamped or printed in a size equal to at least ten-point bold type on the face of both order and invoice one of the following forms: (A) "This motor vehicle not guaranteed", or (B) "This motor vehicle is guaranteed", followed by a statement as to the terms of such guarantee, which terms shall include the duration of the guarantee or the number of miles the guarantee shall remain in effect. Such statement shall not apply to household furnishings of any trailer; (8) if the motor vehicle is new but has been subject to use by the seller or use in connection with his business as a dealer, the word "demonstrator" shall be clearly displayed on the face of both order and invoice; (9) any dealer conveyance fee or processing fee and a statement that such fee is not payable to the state of Connecticut printed in at least ten-point bold type on the face of both order and invoice; and (10) the dealer's legal name, address and license number. For the purposes of this subdivision, "dealer conveyance fee" or "processing fee" means a fee charged by a dealer to



recover reasonable costs for processing all documentation and performing services related to the closing of a sale, including, but not limited to, the registration and transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle which is the subject of the sale.

Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 14-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

Sec. 26. Section 14-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

(a) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, for (1) the conduct of drivers' schools, including, but not limited to, requirements as to the inspection of the vehicles used by the drivers' schools in the conduct of their business, instructional standards and procedures, including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b) of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of said subsection (b), instruction concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator



of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d, the posting of rates charged for instruction, and the general form **[in which]**, **and when required, the method of transmission to the commissioner of records [shall be kept]** concerning persons under instruction and those who have completed their course of instruction, and (2) the establishment of requirements for a person to receive a license as an instructor in accordance with section 14-73. On and after October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall not issue a license that is limited to classroom instruction. Any person who was issued such limited license prior to October 1, 2010, may maintain and renew such license.

(b) In any regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section, a class or classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in person and distance learning.

Sec. 27. Subsection (d) of section 14-111g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

(d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section. As used in this section and in regulations adopted under this subsection, the terms "operator retraining class" and "classroom instruction" shall include retraining or instruction that is offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in person and distance learning.

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

(c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,1 to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Such regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or which will be registered in this state, and to all motor vehicles sold by a dealer licensed in this state as required in subsection (n) of this section, except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago; (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II school buses; (11) a



vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; (12) vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles; (13) electric bicycles, as defined in section 14-1; or (14) electric foot scooters, as defined in section 14-1. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate applicable federal environmental or transportation planning requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and compliance or waiver prior to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection finds that it is necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor vehicles four or less model years of age.

(k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to time modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor, exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee of twenty dollars against the owner of a motor vehicle that has not presented such motor vehicle for an emissions inspection within thirty days following the expiration date of the assigned inspection period, or that has not presented such motor vehicle for a reinspection within sixty days following a test failure, or both. The commissioner may waive such late fee when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned inspection period or during the sixty-day reinspection period was due to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been transferred, the new owner shall have such motor vehicle inspected within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle. [The commissioner may specify a longer period for all new owners to achieve compliance after a](#)



[transfer of ownership if circumstances require closure or limited operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles or emissions inspection stations.](#) After the expiration of such thirty-day period, [or the period the commissioner specifies,](#) the commissioner shall require the payment of the late fee specified in this subdivision. If the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be assessed.

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

(a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to a chemical analysis of such person's blood, breath or urine and, if such person is a minor, such person's parent or parents or guardian shall also be deemed to have given their consent. [As used in this section, "motor vehicle" includes a snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as those terms are defined in section 14-379.](#)

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

(a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,1 establishing a procedure for the safety training of school bus operators and operators of student transportation vehicles. Such regulations shall provide for minimum proficiency requirements for school bus operators. The safety training administered by the commissioner shall conform to the minimum requirements of number 17 of the National Highway Safety Standards. Such safety training shall include instruction relative to the location, contents and use of the first aid kit in the motor vehicle. [In any regulations adopted under this subsection, a class or classroom instruction may be offered in person in a congregate setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in person and distance learning.](#)

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

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

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



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

Sec. 33. Section 14-33 of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective October 1, 2021*).

Sec. 34. Sections 14-33a of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective October 1, 2021*).

Sec. 35. Section 14-163f of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective July 1, 2021*).
