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Motor Carrier Advisory Council

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Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Summary of Legislation

2019 Session

Changes related to motor carrier, public passenger and school transportation in DMV bill, **PA 19-119**

STATUTE	CHANGE
1 14-28	Amends the statute that authorizes a livery vehicle to get two sets of license plates, livery and passenger, that are interchangeable depending upon vehicle use. The language clarifies that in order to obtain a second set of plates, the vehicle must satisfy the criteria for registration as a passenger vehicle.
2 14-34a	Makes a change to CT law to make it consistent with an amendment to the International Registration Plan (IRP). The IRP change authorizes drivers to present an electronic version of a cab card. In addition to authorizing the carrier to present the cab card electronically, the proposal protects (1) the owner of the electronic device by prohibiting a review of other content on the device, and (2) the person inspecting the document from liability for damages to the electronic device on which it is stored.
3 14-44(b)	Clarifies that the physical qualification standards for persons seeking a state-issued passenger endorsement are the same as those in 49 CFR Part 391.41.
4 14-44(h)	Eliminates a requirement, enacted during the 2017 session, for DMV to ensure that carriers are reviewing the DMV's suspended and revoked driver report two times per month, as they are directed to do in section 14-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
5 14-276	Requires all carriers to register with the DMV to enhance DMV's oversight of carrier functions, and imposes a civil penalty for failure to do so.
6 14-276a	Eliminates the requirement for DMV to adopt regulations that specify the physical qualifications of school bus and student transportation vehicle operators, and requires all such operators to meet the physical qualification standards in the Federal Regulations, 49 CFR 391.41
7 14-296aa	Allows school bus operators to use electronic devices that act as two-way radios to communicate in real time with certain school, medical officials or first responders.
8 NEW	Requires DAS and DMV to study the current system to evaluate motor carriers who are seeking state and municipal contracts, and to make recommendations by January 1, 2020 to make the system more efficient.

Questions regarding any of these proposals may be directed to Sharon Geanuracos, (860) 263-5130, sharon.geanuracos@ct.gov.

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The University of Massachusetts Traffic Safety Research Program (UMassSafe), with support from the FMCSA, will be hosting a Commercial Vehicle Safety Summit to promote best practices for partnerships between law enforcement and the trucking industry. The Summit will feature demonstrations of innovative programming and technologies for reducing roadway crashes, while also providing a venue for the exchange of ideas and resources between safety stakeholders and industry, including opportunities for networking, all toward increasing commercial vehicle safety.

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- *Marijuana Decriminalization*
- *Autonomous Vehicles*
- *Driver Retention & Industry Shortages*
- *Emerging Safety Technology*

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- *CMV Driver Drug Use and Possession*
- *Non-Enforcement Site Visits*
- *Enforcement Interactions with Drivers/Companies*
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