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Motor Carrier Advisory Council

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Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Legislative Proposal 2021 Session

The DMV's legislative submission for 2021 is Senate Bill 261. DMV is proposing the following changes related to motor carrier, public passenger and school transportation:

Statute	Bill Sec.	Proposed Change
1	14-25c 7	(Technical) Technical change to prorate the fee for a student transportation vehicle registration to that of a combination registration rather than a passenger registration.
2	14-29 8	Amends the statute governing insurance for school buses, student transportation vehicles, taxis, livery vehicles, motor buses and service buses so it conforms to other state and federal law. It clarifies that any vehicle designed or used to carry eight passengers or more for compensation or any vehicle designed or used to carry fifteen or more passengers, not for compensation, must comply with the insurance requirements found in the FMCSRs, specifically 49 CFR §387.33t. It also raises the limits for vehicles not subject to FMCSRs based upon the number of passengers, which have not been raised since 1971. Livery insurance, which currently conforms to federal regulations, has not been changed.
3	14-44c 14	Adds a provision requiring DMV to check the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse prior to issuing, renewing or upgrading a CDL, beginning on January 6, 2023.
4	14-44e, 14-44i 15, 16	Authorizes DMV to issue a commercial learner's permit for one year. Currently, DMV can issue a permit for six months, with one six-month renewal. It also raises the fee proportionally to conform to the change but does not increase the fee.
5	14-44k 17	In conformance with federal regulations, this change adds the offense of trafficking in persons to those for which there is a lifetime disqualification of the CDL, with no possibility for reinstatement.
6	14-276a 30, 31	Authorizes distance learning for the safety training course for school bus and STV drivers.
7	14-163f 36	This section is being repealed because it relates to motor carrier review for state contracts, and that program has been overhauled. This section no longer applies to the process, and therefore, is obsolete.

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