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The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. BERGER-GIRVALO of the 111th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND CONCERNING
PENALTIES FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND VESSEL
WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR ANY
DRUG, PONTOON BOATS, TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE
MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES, VIDEO PRESENTATION UPON
LICENSE RENEWAL AND THE SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES COURSE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-15e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

3 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no
4 person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of electronically
5 filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or a
6 certificate of title for motor vehicles with the Department of Motor
7 Vehicles, unless such person, firm or corporation holds an electronic
8 issuance license issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

9 (2) A motor vehicle dealer licensed in accordance with section 14-52
10 and acting pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-12, subsection (b) of
11 section 14-61 or section 14-61a, a person, firm or corporation engaging
12 in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles [licensed] without
13 drivers in this state and acting pursuant to section 14-15 or a contractor
14 authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, may use the
15 department's electronic system for filing applications for the issuance of
16 a certificate of registration or certificate of title, as the case may be,
17 without obtaining an electronic issuance license. The commissioner
18 shall not issue an electronic issuance license to any such motor vehicle
19 dealer, person, firm or corporation or contractor.

20 (3) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person,
21 firm or corporation that files, on average, five or more applications for
22 the issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for
23 motor vehicles each month with the Department of Motor Vehicles to
24 file such applications electronically and obtain an electronic issuance
25 license. Any such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to file
26 an application for such issuance electronically upon the request of the
27 commissioner shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars to the commissioner
28 for each such application submitted.

29 (b) Each applicant for an electronic issuance license shall submit an
30 application containing such information as the [commissioner]
31 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require and pay a license fee in
32 the amount of two hundred fifty dollars. Each license may be renewed
33 biennially according to renewal schedules established by the
34 commissioner to effect staggered renewal of such licenses. If the
35 adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration of any license
36 more or less than two years from its issuance, the commissioner may
37 charge a prorated amount for such license fee. Not less than forty-five
38 days prior to the date of expiration of each such license, the
39 commissioner shall send or transmit to each licensee, in a manner
40 determined by the commissioner, an application for renewal. Any
41 licensee that has not filed the application for renewal accompanied by
42 the license fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to the expiration date

43 of such license shall no longer be permitted to use the department's
44 electronic system for filing applications for the issuance of a certificate
45 of registration or certificate of title pursuant to section 14-15d, as
46 amended by this act. An application for renewal filed with the
47 commissioner after the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late
48 fee of one hundred dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any
49 license under this section that has been expired for more than forty-five
50 days.

51 (c) Each applicant for, or holder of, an electronic issuance license shall
52 furnish surety bonds in the following amounts: (1) Twenty thousand
53 dollars conditioned upon the applicant or holder complying with the
54 provisions of any state or federal law or regulation relating to the
55 conduct of filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of
56 registration or certificate of title and provided as indemnity for any loss
57 sustained by any customer of such licensee by reason of the licensee's
58 failure to comply with such laws or regulations; (2) twenty thousand
59 dollars provided as security for any monetary loss suffered by the
60 department as a result of the loss, destruction or misuse of any number
61 plates assigned to such licensee by the department pursuant to
62 subsection (f) of this section; and (3) five thousand dollars provided as
63 security for any monetary loss suffered by the department due to such
64 licensee's failure to remit registration and title fees received pursuant to
65 section 14-15d, as amended by this act. The surety bond furnished
66 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be executed in the
67 name of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved
68 customer, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon
69 order of the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after a
70 hearing before the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of
71 chapter 54. The commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two
72 hundred dollars against any electronic issuance licensee for failing to
73 provide proof of bond renewal or replacement on or before the date of
74 the expiration of the existing bond.

75 (d) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after
76 notice and an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the provisions of

chapter 54, refuse to issue or renew a license to a person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of electronically filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or certificate of title for motor vehicles with the department (1) 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, a director, officer, partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who exercises substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has more than a twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or corporation, has been found liable in a civil action for, or has been convicted of, a violation of any provision of law (A) pertaining to the business of electronic filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or certificate of title, or (B) involving fraud, larceny, stalking, embezzlement, bribery or deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United States or any state, or (2) for any reason the commissioner reasonably deems necessary. Upon renewal of such license, a licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or conviction under penalty of false statement. Each applicant for the issuance of such license, or if the applicant is a firm or corporation, each [officer or major stockholder of such firm or corporation] director, officer, partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who exercises substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has more than a twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or corporation, shall be fingerprinted and shall submit to state and national criminal history records checks, conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

(e) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not issue or renew an electronic issuance license unless the commissioner determines (1) the issuance or renewal is likely to improve access to services offered by the department or manage the number of transactions conducted at the main office or branch office of the department and will not compromise the integrity and security of the department's electronic system, and (2) the applicant for such license is capable of ensuring the adequate control and proper use of number plates and other materials to be provided by the department pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

112 (f) (1) The [department] Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide
113 each electronic issuance licensee with an inventory of number plates and
114 other materials to be used solely for the registration of transactions
115 performed pursuant to the provisions of section 14-15d, as amended by
116 this act. Such licensee shall be responsible for all number plates assigned
117 to such licensee by the department.

118 (2) If a person, firm or corporation holds an electronic issuance license
119 that is no longer valid, or if an electronic issuance licensee is no longer
120 conducting its business, such person, firm or corporation or licensee
121 shall return to the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not
122 later than five business days after such license becoming invalid or the
123 termination of such business, (A) any number plates or other materials
124 supplied by the commissioner to enable such person, firm or
125 corporation or licensee to perform the registration of transactions
126 pursuant to section 14-15d, as amended by this act, and (B) any
127 applications for such transactions that were not acted upon or
128 completed by such person, firm or corporation or licensee when it was
129 conducting its business. A violation of any provision of this subdivision
130 shall be an infraction.

131 (g) No electronic issuance licensee shall (1) include the words
132 "Department of Motor Vehicles" or "DMV" or other indication of the
133 department in the name of the licensee's business, or (2) act in any
134 manner that misleads consumers to believe that such licensee represents
135 or is otherwise affiliated with the department.

136 (h) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this
137 section, the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after
138 notice and an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the provisions of
139 chapter 54, impose a civil penalty of not more than two thousand dollars
140 on any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this
141 section.

142 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-52a of the general statutes is
143 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
144 *1, 2026*):

145 (a) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after
146 notice and hearing, refuse to grant or renew a license to a person, firm
147 or corporation to engage in the business of selling or repairing motor
148 vehicles pursuant to the provisions of section 14-52 if the applicant for,
149 or holder of, such a license, or [an officer or major stockholder,] if the
150 applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, a director, officer, partner
151 or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who exercises
152 substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has more than a
153 twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or corporation, has
154 been found liable in a civil action for odometer fraud or operating a
155 dealer, repairer or motor vehicle recycler business without a license,
156 convicted of a violation of any provision of laws pertaining to the
157 business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer, including a motor vehicle
158 recycler, or convicted of any violation of any provision of laws involving
159 fraud, larceny or deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the
160 courts of the United States or any state. Upon renewal of such license, a
161 licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or
162 conviction under penalty of false statement. Each applicant for such a
163 license, or if the applicant is a firm or corporation, each director, officer,
164 partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who
165 exercises substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has
166 more than a twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or
167 corporation, shall be fingerprinted and submit to state and national
168 criminal history records checks, conducted in accordance with section
169 29-17a. The commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to
170 submit its application electronically.

171 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-36d of the general statutes is
172 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
173 *2025*):

174 (b) The commissioner may renew or produce a duplicate of any
175 motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity
176 card without personal appearance of the license or card holder if (1) the
177 commissioner has on file a photograph or digital image of the applicant
178 that meets the specifications and standards prescribed by the

179 commissioner and may be used on such license or identity card, (2) the
180 commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the identity of the applicant,
181 (3) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is a legal resident of
182 this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the applicant personally appeared
183 to renew such license or identity card within the time limitations
184 specified in [state or federal law] 6 CFR 37.25, as amended from time to
185 time, or a shorter period of time at the discretion of the commissioner,
186 and (5) the applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or
187 duplicate issuance of a license or identity card.

188 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 14-36j of the general statutes is
189 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
190 *1, 2026*):

191 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall amend the regulations
192 adopted pursuant to sections 14-36f and 14-78 concerning the content of
193 safe driving instruction courses offered at drivers' schools, high schools
194 and other secondary schools to require the eight hours of instruction
195 required by such regulations to include, for applicants to whom a
196 learner's permit or youth instruction permit is issued, two hours of
197 instruction concerning the statutory provisions, including penalties,
198 applicable to drivers who are less than eighteen years of age, the
199 dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive development of adolescents,
200 the responsibilities and liabilities of parents of teenage drivers, and
201 related topics deemed by the commissioner to be appropriate. Such
202 course may be offered in person in a congregate setting, through
203 distance learning or through a combination of both in-person in a
204 congregate setting and distance learning, provided such distance
205 learning is conducted in real-time by an instructor, requires camera use
206 by any applicant and has interactive components such as mandatory
207 interactions, participation or testing.

208 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 14-44c of the general statutes is
209 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
210 *1, 2025*):

211 (d) On and after November 18, 2024, the commissioner shall request

212 a driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in
213 accordance with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from time to time, for any
214 person who applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial
215 driver's license or a commercial learner's permit. The commissioner
216 shall use information obtained from the Drug and Alcohol
217 Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether such
218 person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not
219 disclose such information to any other person or entity not directly
220 involved in determining whether such person is qualified to operate a
221 commercial motor vehicle. If the commissioner receives notification
222 pursuant to 49 CFR 382.501(a), as amended from time to time, that such
223 person is prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle, the
224 commissioner shall not issue, renew or upgrade the commercial driver's
225 license or commercial learner's permit. If such person currently holds a
226 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit, the
227 commissioner shall, not later than sixty days after the date the
228 commissioner receives such notification, [:(1) Downgrade the
229 commercial driver's license to a Class D operator's license, or (2) cancel
230 the commercial learner's permit] disqualify such person from holding a
231 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit.
232 The commissioner may restore such person's commercial driver's
233 license or commercial learner's permit if (1) the Drug and Alcohol
234 Clearinghouse changes such person's status from prohibited to not
235 prohibited, and (2) such person fulfills applicable reinstatement
236 requirements and pays the restoration fee in accordance with the
237 provisions of section 14-50b. Any person who is denied a commercial
238 driver's license or a commercial learner's permit, or whose license or
239 permit is [downgraded or cancelled] disqualified pursuant to this
240 subsection, shall be granted an opportunity for a hearing in accordance
241 with the provisions of chapter 54.

242 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
243 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
244 *1, 2025*):

245 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a commercial driver's license or

246 a commercial learner's permit to any applicant who does not meet the
247 physical qualification standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended
248 from time to time. As required by 49 CFR 383.71(h), each applicant for a
249 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit shall provide
250 to the commissioner a copy of a medical examiner's certificate, prepared
251 by a medical examiner, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, indicating that such
252 applicant is medically certified to operate a commercial motor vehicle.
253 For each applicant who has submitted such medical certification and
254 who has also certified, in accordance with 49 CFR 383.71(b) and
255 subsection (c) of section 14-44c, that such applicant operates in
256 nonexcepted interstate commerce, the commissioner shall post a
257 medical certification status of "certified" on the Commercial Driver's
258 License Information System driver record for such applicant. The holder
259 of a commercial driver's license who has not been examined and
260 certified as qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle during the
261 preceding twenty-four months, or a shorter period as indicated by the
262 medical examiner submitting such certificate, shall be required to
263 submit a new medical certificate. The commissioner shall not issue a
264 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit to any
265 applicant or holder who fails to submit the medical certification
266 required by this section. If the holder of a commercial driver's license or
267 commercial learner's permit fails to submit a new medical examiner's
268 certificate before the expiration of twenty-four months or the period
269 specified by the medical examiner, whichever is shorter, the
270 commissioner shall, not later than sixty days after the date that such
271 holder's medical status becomes uncertified, [:(1) Downgrade the
272 commercial driver's license to a Class D operator's license; or (2) cancel
273 the commercial learner's permit] disqualify such person from holding a
274 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit.
275 The commissioner may restore such person's commercial driver's
276 license or commercial learner's permit if such person fulfills applicable
277 reinstatement requirements and pays the restoration fee in accordance
278 with the provisions of section 14-50b. Any applicant or holder who is
279 denied a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit,
280 or whose license or permit is disqualified, suspended, revoked or

281 cancelled pursuant to this subsection, shall be granted an opportunity
282 for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

283 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is
284 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
285 *2025*):

286 (a) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or repairer before engaging
287 in such business shall make a separate sworn application to the
288 commissioner for a license to engage in such business in each place of
289 business conducted by such dealer. The application shall include any
290 information that may be required by the commissioner on blanks to be
291 furnished by said commissioner. Each application shall be accompanied
292 by a fee of one hundred forty dollars for each place of business
293 conducted by the applicant, together with the fee for the type of license
294 for which the applicant is [making application] applying, and such fee
295 or fees shall not be subject to prorating and shall not be subject to refund.
296 No such license shall be transferable. When such licensee adds buildings
297 or [adjacent land to] land directly bordering or sharing a common
298 boundary with such licensee's licensed place of business, without any
299 intervening highway or private roadways, the commissioner may
300 require the licensee to furnish satisfactory evidence of compliance with
301 the provisions of section 14-54, or with other applicable provisions of
302 law, administered by the municipality wherein such business is located,
303 concerning building or zoning requirements. When a change of officers
304 of a corporation engaged in such business is made, a notice of the change
305 shall be sent to the commissioner within a period of fifteen days from
306 the date of the change. The commissioner may suspend the license of
307 any corporation, after notice and hearing, when the newly appointed or
308 elected officers cannot be considered as qualified to conduct the
309 business as provided in section 14-51, as amended by this act.

310 Sec. 8. Section 14-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

312 (a) The commissioner may suspend or revoke the license or licenses
313 of any licensee or impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand

314 dollars for each violation on any licensee or both, when, after notice and
315 hearing, the commissioner finds that the licensee;

316 (1) [has] Has violated any provision of any statute or regulation of
317 any state or any federal statute or regulation pertaining to its business
318 as a licensee or has failed to comply with the terms of a final decision
319 and order of any state department or federal agency concerning any
320 such provision; [or]

321 (2) [has] Has failed to maintain such records of transactions
322 concerning the purchase, sale or repair of motor vehicles or major
323 component parts, as required by such regulations as shall be adopted by
324 the commissioner, for a period of [two] three years after such purchase,
325 sale or repairs, provided the records shall include the vehicle
326 identification number and the name and address of the person from
327 whom each vehicle or part was purchased and to whom each vehicle or
328 part was sold, if a sale occurred; [or]

329 (3) [has] (A) Has failed to allow inspection of such records by the
330 commissioner or the commissioner's representative during normal
331 business hours, provided written notice stating the purpose of the
332 inspection is furnished to the licensee, or (B) has failed to allow
333 inspection of such records by any representative of the Division of State
334 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
335 Protection or any organized local police department, which inspection
336 may include examination of the premises to determine the accuracy of
337 such records; [or]

338 (4) [has] Has made a false statement as to the condition, prior
339 ownership or prior use of any motor vehicle sold, exchanged,
340 transferred, offered for sale or repaired if the licensee knew or should
341 have known that such statement was false; [or]

342 (5) [is] Is not qualified to conduct the licensed business, applying the
343 standards of section 14-51, as amended by this act, and the applicable
344 regulations; [or]

345 (6) [has] Has violated any provision of sections 42-221 to 42-226,
346 inclusive; [or]

347 (7) [has] Has failed to fully execute or provide the buyer with (A) an
348 order as described in section 14-62, (B) the properly assigned certificate
349 of title, or (C) a temporary transfer or new issue of registration; [or]

350 (8) [has] Has failed to deliver a motor vehicle free and clear of all liens,
351 unless written notification is given to the buyer stating such motor
352 vehicle shall be purchased subject to a lien; [or]

353 (9) [has] Has violated any provision of sections 14-65f to 14-65j,
354 inclusive, and section 14-65l; [or]

355 (10) [has] Has used registration number plates issued by the
356 commissioner, in violation of the provisions and standards set forth in
357 sections 14-59 and 14-60 and the applicable regulations; [or]

358 (11) [has] Has failed to secure or to account for or surrender to the
359 commissioner on demand official registration plates or any other official
360 materials in its custody; or

361 (12) [has] Has been convicted, or if the licensee is a firm or
362 corporation, an officer or major stockholder has been convicted, of a
363 violation of any provision of laws pertaining to the business of a motor
364 vehicle dealer or repairer, including a motor vehicle recycler, or of any
365 violation involving fraud, larceny or deprivation or misappropriation of
366 property, in the courts of the United States or of any state, or has failed
367 to make full disclosure of any such conviction.

368 (b) In addition to, or in lieu of, the imposition of any other penalties
369 authorized by this section, the commissioner may order any such
370 licensee to make restitution to any aggrieved customer.

371 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 14-67i of the general statutes is
372 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
373 *2025*):

374 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall establish, operate or maintain
375 a motor vehicle recycler's yard or motor vehicle recycler's business,
376 unless (1) a certificate of approval of the location to be used therefor has
377 been procured from the board or authority designated by local charter,
378 regulation or ordinance in the town, city or borough wherein such yard
379 or business is located or is proposed to be located, except that in any
380 town or city having a zoning commission, combined planning and
381 zoning commission and a board of appeals, such certificate shall be
382 obtained from the board of appeals, and (2) such person, firm or
383 corporation holds a motor vehicle recycler's license issued pursuant to
384 section 14-67l, as amended by this act.

385 Sec. 10. Section 14-67l of the general statutes is repealed and the
386 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

387 (a) Upon receiving [such] a certificate of approval pursuant to section
388 14-67i, as amended by this act, each applicant for an issuance of a motor
389 vehicle recycler's license shall (1) submit such certificate of approval to
390 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, (2) pay a fee of two hundred
391 eighty dollars to the commissioner for the examination of the location
392 or proposed location of each such motor vehicle recycler's yard or
393 business, (3) pay a license fee of seven hundred five dollars to the
394 commissioner for each motor vehicle recycler's yard or business, and (4)
395 submit a surety bond in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

396 (b) Any surety bond submitted pursuant to subsection (a) or (d) of
397 this section shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee
398 complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation
399 relating to the business of operating a motor vehicle recycler's yard and
400 provided as indemnity for any loss sustained by any aggrieved
401 customer by reason of any acts of the licensee constituting grounds for
402 suspension or revocation of the license or such licensee going out of
403 business. Each surety bond shall be executed in the name of the state of
404 Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but the penalty
405 of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the commissioner
406 after a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. The

407 commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two hundred dollars
408 against any licensee for failing to provide proof of bond renewal or
409 replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the existing bond.

410 (c) Except as provided in subsection [(e)] (f) of this section, upon
411 receipt of such certificate of approval, the payment of the required fees,
412 the submission of such surety bond and observance of regulations
413 required, the commissioner may issue a license, provided the
414 commissioner may refuse to grant a license to a person, firm or
415 corporation to engage in the business of operating a motor vehicle
416 recycler's yard if the applicant for such license or, [an officer or major
417 stockholder,] if the applicant is a firm or corporation, a director, officer,
418 partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who
419 exercises substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has
420 more than a twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or
421 corporation, has been convicted of a violation of any provision of laws
422 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer,
423 including a motor vehicle recycler, in the courts of the United States or
424 of this state or any state of the United States, in accordance with the
425 hearing requirements provided for in section 14-67p.

426 (d) Any license may be renewed on a biennial basis upon payment of
427 a fee of seven hundred dollars and submission of a surety bond in the
428 amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. Upon the expiration date of a
429 license, the licensee shall cease to conduct such licensee's business until
430 such time as the licensee's application for renewal, accompanied by such
431 renewal fee and surety bond, is approved by the commissioner. An
432 application for renewal filed with the commissioner after the date of
433 expiration shall be accompanied by a late fee of one hundred dollars.
434 The commissioner shall not renew any recycler's license under this
435 section that has been expired for more than forty-five days and the
436 holder of any such expired license may apply for a new license in
437 accordance with the provisions of this section.

438 (e) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle
439 owned by the licensee, apply to the commissioner for a general

distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the distinguishing number and mark assigned to such licensee and, thereupon, each motor vehicle owned by such licensee shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number and mark. No licensee may be issued more than three registrations under a general distinguishing number and mark in a year, unless the licensee applies for an additional registration to the commissioner, in such form and containing such information as the commissioner may require to substantiate such request. The commissioner may issue to each such licensee such additional registrations as the commissioner deems necessary. The licensee shall issue to each person driving such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly entrusted with the vehicle, which document shall be carried in the motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and contents of such document. For the registration of each motor vehicle under a general distinguishing number and mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee at the rate of seventy dollars per year. Such licensee shall furnish proof of financial responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner, as described in section 14-112. Such number plates may be used as provided for under section 14-67n.

[(e)] (f) Each applicant for a recycler's license shall be required to certify that, to the best of such applicant's knowledge and belief, all the property to be used for the operation of the yard and business is in compliance with the provisions of all applicable provisions of title 22a and all regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of said title. Upon receipt of such certification and completed application, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall notify the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. The notification shall include a statement of the location of the subject property and a legal description thereof. Within forty-five days of receipt of such notification, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall inform the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles if there is any reason to believe that the property that is proposed to be licensed is not in compliance with

475 the above referenced statutory and regulatory requirements. If the
476 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is informed that there is any such
477 reason to believe that the subject location is not in compliance with such
478 requirements, said commissioner may (1) refuse to issue the license, or
479 (2) issue the license subject to such conditions, including, but not limited
480 to, the remediation of the conditions causing the suspected violation or
481 violations, as are acceptable to the Commissioner of Energy and
482 Environmental Protection.

483 Sec. 11. Section 14-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
484 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

485 (a) (1) No person shall be employed by a drivers' school to give
486 instruction in driving a motor vehicle unless such person is licensed to
487 act as an instructor or master instructor by the [commissioner]
488 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

489 (2) The drivers' school employing an instructor's licensee or a master
490 instructor's licensee shall be responsible for ensuring any such licensee
491 is in compliance with the requirements of this part and any regulations
492 adopted under section 14-78.

493 (b) Application for an instructor's license or a master instructor's
494 license shall be in writing and shall contain such information as the
495 [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles requires. Each
496 applicant for an instructor's license or a master instructor's license, or
497 for any renewal thereof, shall be fingerprinted and shall furnish
498 evidence satisfactory to the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor
499 Vehicles that such applicant: (1) Is of good moral character considering
500 such person's state and national criminal history records checks
501 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and record, if any, on the
502 state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section
503 17a-101k. If any applicant for a license or the renewal of a license has a
504 criminal record or is listed on the state child abuse and neglect registry,
505 the commissioner shall make a determination of whether to issue or
506 renew an instructor's license or master instructor's license in accordance
507 with the standards and procedures set forth in section 14-44 and the

508 regulations adopted pursuant to said section; (2) has held a license to
509 drive a motor vehicle for the past five consecutive years and has a
510 driving record satisfactory to the commissioner, including no record of
511 a conviction or administrative license suspension for a drug or alcohol-
512 related offense during such five-year period; (3) has passed a physical
513 examination, administered not more than ninety days prior to the date
514 of application, by a physician, physician assistant or an advanced
515 practice registered nurse licensed to practice within the state and the
516 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse
517 certifies that the applicant is physically fit to operate a motor vehicle and
518 provide instruction in driving; (4) has received a high school diploma or
519 has an equivalent academic education; and (5) has completed an
520 instructor training course of forty-five clock hours given by a school or
521 agency approved by the commissioner, except that any such course
522 given by an institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of
523 the Connecticut State University System shall be approved by the
524 commissioner and the State Board of Education. During the period of
525 licensure, an instructor shall notify the commissioner, within forty-eight
526 hours, of an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor or felony, or an
527 arrest, conviction or administrative license suspension for a drug or
528 alcohol-related offense. Upon such notification, the commissioner may
529 suspend, revoke or withdraw the instructor's license or master
530 instructor's license pursuant to the provisions of section 14-79.

531 (c) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may deny
532 the application of any person for an instructor's license or a master
533 instructor's license if the commissioner determines that the applicant
534 has made a material false statement or concealed a material fact in
535 connection with such person's application for the instructor's license or
536 master instructor's license.

537 (d) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
538 conduct such written, oral and practical examinations, as the
539 commissioner deems necessary, to determine whether an applicant has
540 sufficient skill in the operation of motor vehicles to ensure their safe
541 operation, a satisfactory knowledge of the motor vehicle laws and the

542 ability to impart such skill and knowledge to others. If the applicant
543 successfully completes the examinations and meets all other
544 requirements of this section, the commissioner shall issue an instructor's
545 license or a master instructor's license, as the case may be, to such
546 applicant. The license shall be valid for use only in connection with a
547 drivers' school or schools licensed pursuant to section 14-69. If the
548 applicant fails the examination, such applicant may apply for
549 reexamination after five days. The license and the license renewal shall
550 be valid for two years.

551 (e) The licensee shall be reexamined periodically in accordance with
552 standards specified in regulations adopted under section 14-78.

553 (f) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may
554 establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of
555 chapter 54, standards and procedures for the training and licensing of
556 master instructors who are qualified to train driving instructors.

557 (g) The fee for an instructor's license, or for any renewal thereof, shall
558 be one hundred dollars. The fee for a master instructor's license, or for
559 any renewal thereof, shall be two hundred dollars. If the [commissioner]
560 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has not received a complete renewal
561 application and fee on or before the expiration date of an applicant's
562 license, such applicant shall be charged, in addition to the renewal fee,
563 a late fee in an amount equal to the fee for such applicant's license. The
564 commissioner shall not renew an instructor's license or a master
565 instructor's license that has expired for more than sixty days and the
566 holder of any such expired license may apply for a new license in
567 accordance with the provisions of this section.

568 (h) An instructor's licensee or a master instructor's licensee shall
569 prominently display or wear an identification badge issued by the
570 employing drivers' school at all times when providing classroom or
571 behind-the-wheel instruction. Such identification badge shall include
572 the licensee's name, photograph and license number, the expiration date
573 of such license and the name of the employing drivers' school. The
574 employing drivers' school shall be responsible for ensuring an

575 instructor's licensee and master instructor's licensee wears such
576 identification badge in accordance with the provisions of this
577 subsection.

578 (i) Any person who is not licensed in accordance with this section
579 shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor if such person: (1) Engages in
580 the business of providing, for compensation, instruction in driving a
581 motor vehicle; or (2) is employed by a drivers' school to give instruction
582 in driving a motor vehicle.

583 Sec. 12. Section 14-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
584 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

585 (a) As used in this subpart:

586 (1) "New car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation
587 engaged in the business of merchandising new motor vehicles under a
588 manufacturer's or importer's contract for each such make of vehicle who
589 may, incidental to such business, sell used motor vehicles and repair
590 motor vehicles. Such person shall be qualified to conduct such business
591 in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a, as amended by
592 this act.

593 (2) "Used car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation
594 engaged in the business of merchandising motor vehicles other than
595 new who may, incidental to such business, repair motor vehicles. [A
596 used car dealer] "Used car dealer" does not include any person, firm or
597 corporation engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles
598 that offers for sale or sells used motor vehicles incidental to its primary
599 business, if (A) such person, firm or corporation is licensed in
600 accordance with the provisions of section 14-15, and (B) the motor
601 vehicles that it offers for sale were formerly the subject of one or more
602 lease agreements to which it was a party and the actual or prospective
603 purchaser is the original lessee pursuant to a purchase option specified
604 in a lease agreement. Such person shall be qualified to conduct such
605 business in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a, as
606 amended by this act.

607 (3) "Repairer" includes any person, firm or corporation qualified to
608 conduct such business in accordance with the requirements of section
609 14-52a, as amended by this act, having a suitable facility and having
610 adequate equipment, engaged in repairing, overhauling, adjusting,
611 assembling or disassembling any motor vehicle or making minor repairs
612 to any motor vehicle, including repairs and replacement of cooling,
613 electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, brake adjustments, relining and
614 repairs, wheel alignment and balancing and repair and replacement of
615 shock absorbers. "Repairer" does not include a person engaged in
616 making repairs to tires, upholstering, glazing, general blacksmithing,
617 welding and machine work on motor vehicle parts when parts involving
618 such work are disassembled or reassembled by a licensed repairer.

619 (4) "Motor vehicle" does not include a low-speed vehicle.

620 (b) The lubricating of motor vehicles, adding or changing of oil or
621 other motor vehicle fluids, changing of tires and tubes, including the
622 balancing of wheels, or installing of batteries or light bulbs, windshield
623 wiper blades or drive belts shall not be construed as the repairing of
624 motor vehicles under the provisions of this subpart.

625 Sec. 13. Section 14-166 of the general statutes is repealed and the
626 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

627 (a) The acquisition of a certificate of title shall not be required and the
628 issuance of a certificate of title by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
629 shall not be required for the following: (1) A vehicle owned by the
630 United States, unless it is registered in this state; (2) a vehicle owned by
631 a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though incidentally
632 moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or
633 demonstration; or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for testing;
634 (3) a vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state and not required by
635 law to be registered in this state; (4) a vehicle regularly engaged in the
636 interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently
637 effective certificate of title has been issued in another state; (5) a vehicle
638 moved solely by animal power; (6) an implement of husbandry; (7)
639 special mobile equipment; (8) a self-propelled wheel chair or invalid

640 tricycle; (9) any trailer having a gross weight not in excess of three
641 thousand pounds; (10) any vehicle for which a temporary registration
642 has been issued pursuant to section 14-12 for the purpose of permitting
643 a nonresident owner who purchases a vehicle in Connecticut to
644 transport such vehicle to such owner's home state; (11) a motor vehicle
645 owned by the state or any town, city or borough within the state; and
646 (12) a motor vehicle registered temporarily for inspection purposes
647 pursuant to section 14-12.

648 (b) The acquisition of a certificate of title for any motor vehicle older
649 than twenty model years old shall not be required. The commissioner
650 shall issue a certificate of title for a motor vehicle older than twenty
651 model years old at the request of the owner and charge such owner any
652 fees required by section 14-192. Notwithstanding the provisions of
653 section 14-176, the commissioner shall not require a surety bond as a
654 condition of issuing a certificate of title for any motor vehicle older than
655 twenty model years old.

656 (c) Part III of this chapter does not apply to: (1) A vehicle moved
657 solely by animal power; (2) an implement of husbandry; (3) special
658 mobile equipment; (4) a self-propelled wheel chair or invalid tricycle;
659 and (5) any trailer having a gross weight not in excess of three thousand
660 pounds.

661 Sec. 14. Section 15-133 of the general statutes is repealed and the
662 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

663 (a) The rules prescribed by this section shall apply on all state and
664 federal waters.

665 (b) No person shall use a vessel in a manner that unreasonably or
666 unnecessarily interferes with free and proper navigation. Anchoring
667 under a bridge, in a narrow channel or in a congested water not
668 designated as an anchorage area is such interference, except in case of
669 emergency.

670 (c) No person shall alter, deface or remove any capacity information

671 label affixed to any vessel.

672 (d) No person shall operate a vessel: (1) While under the influence of
673 intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, or (2) while such person has an
674 elevated blood alcohol content. For the purposes of this section and
675 sections 15-140l and 15-140n, "elevated blood alcohol content" means:
676 (A) A ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is eight-
677 hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, or (B) if such
678 person is under twenty-one years of age, a ratio of alcohol in the blood
679 of such person that is two-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol,
680 by weight. For the purposes of this section and sections 15-132a, 15-140l,
681 15-140n, 15-140o and 15-140q, as amended by this act, "operate" means
682 that the vessel is underway or aground and not moored, anchored or
683 docked.

684 (e) In any prosecution for a violation of subdivision (1) of subsection
685 (d) of this section, evidence concerning the amount of alcohol in the
686 defendant's blood or urine at the time of the alleged offense, as shown
687 by a chemical analysis of the defendant's blood, breath or urine,
688 otherwise admissible under subsection (a) of section 15-140r, shall be
689 admissible only at the request of the defendant.

690 (f) No person shall operate a vessel or engage in any activity contrary
691 to the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

692 (g) No person shall moor a vessel to, obstruct, remove, damage or
693 destroy any navigation aid or any device used to mark a restricted area.

694 (h) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (d) of this
695 section shall:

696 (1) For conviction of a first violation, (A) be fined not less than five
697 hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, and (B) be (i)
698 imprisoned not more than six months, forty-eight consecutive hours of
699 which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, or (ii)
700 imprisoned not more than six months, with the execution of such
701 sentence of imprisonment suspended entirely and a period of probation

702 imposed requiring as a condition of such probation that such person
703 perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in section
704 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's safe boating certificate or
705 certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a
706 vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation suspended
707 for one year, and (ii) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license
708 or nonresident operating privilege suspended in accordance with the
709 provisions of subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of
710 section 14-227a, as amended by this act;

711 (2) [for] For conviction of a second violation not later than ten years
712 after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined not less than
713 one thousand dollars or more than four thousand dollars, (B) be
714 imprisoned not more than two years, one hundred twenty consecutive
715 days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and
716 sentenced to a period of probation requiring as a condition of such
717 probation that such person perform one hundred hours of community
718 service, as defined in section 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's safe
719 boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any,
720 or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for
721 operation suspended for three years or until the date of such person's
722 twenty-first birthday, whichever is longer, and (ii) have such person's
723 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege
724 suspended in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C)(i) of
725 subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 14-227a, as amended by this
726 act; and

727 (3) [for] For conviction of a third and subsequent violation not later
728 than ten years after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined
729 not less than two thousand dollars or more than eight thousand dollars,
730 (B) be imprisoned not more than three years, one year of which may not
731 be suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced to a period of
732 probation requiring as a condition of such probation that such person
733 perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in section
734 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's safe boating certificate or
735 certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a

736 vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation permanently
737 revoked upon such third offense, and (ii) have such person's motor
738 vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege
739 permanently revoked in accordance with the provisions of
740 subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-
741 227a, as amended by this act. For purposes of the imposition of penalties
742 under subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, a conviction under the
743 provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of this section or
744 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a shall constitute
745 a prior conviction of the same offense.

746 (i) The suspension of a safe boating certificate or certificate of
747 personal watercraft operation or right to operate a vessel that requires a
748 safe boating certificate for operation imposed under subsection (h) of
749 this section shall take effect immediately upon expiration of any period
750 in which an appeal of any conviction under subsection (d) of this section
751 may be taken, provided if an appeal is taken, the suspension shall be
752 stayed during the pendency of such appeal. If the suspension or
753 revocation takes effect, the defendant shall return, not later than the
754 second business day after the suspension or revocation takes effect, by
755 personal delivery or first class mail, the safe boating certificate or
756 certificate of personal watercraft operation issued to the defendant.

757 (j) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
758 section shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars. Any person
759 who violates the provisions of subsection (c) or (g) of this section shall
760 be fined not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five
761 hundred dollars. Any person who violates any of the provisions of
762 subsection (f) of this section shall have committed an infraction.

763 (k) (1) A record shall be kept by the Superior Court of any conviction
764 relating to the operation of a vessel. A summary of such record, with a
765 statement of the number of the operator's safe boating certificate or
766 certificate of personal watercraft operation shall, not later than five days
767 after such conviction, forfeiture or any other disposition or nolle, be
768 transmitted to the commissioner by such court. Each court shall report

769 each conviction under subsection (d) of this section to the
770 [commissioner. The commissioner] Commissioners of Energy and
771 Environmental Protection and Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of
772 Energy and Environmental Protection shall suspend the safe boating
773 certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation of the person
774 reported as convicted for the period of time required by subsection (h)
775 of this section. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the
776 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege, if
777 any, of the person reported as convicted in accordance with the
778 provisions of subsection (h) of this section and for the period of time
779 required by subsection (g) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act.

780 (2) The safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires
781 a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal
782 watercraft operation of a person found guilty under subsection (d) of
783 this section who is under eighteen years of age shall be suspended by
784 the [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
785 Protection for the period of time set forth in subsection (h) of this section,
786 or until such person attains the age of eighteen years, whichever period
787 is longer.

788 Sec. 15. Subsections (g) and (h) of section 14-227a of the general
789 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
790 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

791 (g) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
792 section shall:

793 (1) For conviction of a first violation, (A) be fined not less than five
794 hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, and (B) be (i)
795 imprisoned not more than six months, forty-eight consecutive hours of
796 which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, or (ii)
797 imprisoned not more than six months, with the execution of such
798 sentence of imprisonment suspended entirely and a period of probation
799 imposed requiring as a condition of such probation that such person
800 perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in section
801 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license

802 or nonresident operating privilege suspended for forty-five days and, as
803 a condition for the restoration of such license, be required to install an
804 ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or operated by
805 such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited for the one-year
806 period following such restoration from operating a motor vehicle unless
807 such motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition
808 interlock device, as defined in section 14-227j, and (ii) have such person's
809 safe boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if
810 any, or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate
811 for operation, suspended for the period of time specified in
812 subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 15-
813 133, as amended by this act;

814 (2) [for] For conviction of a second violation within ten years after a
815 prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined not less than one
816 thousand dollars or more than four thousand dollars, (B) be imprisoned
817 not more than two years, one hundred twenty consecutive days of
818 which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced
819 to a period of probation requiring as a condition of such probation that
820 such person: (i) Perform one hundred hours of community service, as
821 defined in section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an assessment through the
822 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch of the degree of
823 such person's alcohol or drug abuse, and (iii) undergo a treatment
824 program if so ordered, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle
825 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege suspended for
826 forty-five days and, as a condition for the restoration of such license, be
827 required to install an ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle
828 owned or operated by such person and, upon such restoration, be
829 prohibited for the three-year period following such restoration from
830 operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a
831 functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as defined in section 14-
832 227j, except that for the first year of such three-year period, such
833 person's operation of a motor vehicle shall be limited to such person's
834 transportation to or from work or school, an alcohol or drug abuse
835 treatment program, an ignition interlock device service center or an
836 appointment with a probation officer, and (ii) have such person's safe

837 boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any,
838 or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for
839 operation, suspended for the period of time specified in subparagraph
840 (C)(i) of subdivision (2) of subsection (h) of section 15-133, as amended
841 by this act; and

842 (3) [for] For conviction of a third and subsequent violation within ten
843 years after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined not less
844 than two thousand dollars or more than eight thousand dollars, (B) be
845 imprisoned not more than three years, one year of which may not be
846 suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced to a period of
847 probation requiring as a condition of such probation that such person:
848 (i) Perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in
849 section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an assessment through the Court Support
850 Services Division of the Judicial Branch of the degree of such person's
851 alcohol or drug abuse, and (iii) undergo a treatment program if so
852 ordered, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license
853 or nonresident operating privilege permanently revoked upon such
854 third offense, except that if such person's revocation is reversed or
855 reduced pursuant to subsection (i) of section 14-111, such person shall
856 be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle
857 is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as
858 defined in section 14-227j, for the time period prescribed in subdivision
859 (2) of subsection (i) of section 14-111, and (ii) have such person's safe
860 boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any,
861 or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for
862 operation, permanently revoked in accordance with the provisions of
863 subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (3) of subsection (h) of section 15-
864 133, as amended by this act. For purposes of the imposition of penalties
865 for a second or third and subsequent offense pursuant to this subsection,
866 a conviction under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section in
867 effect on October 1, 1981, or as amended thereafter, a conviction under
868 the provisions of [either] subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this
869 section, a conviction under the provisions of section 14-227m, as
870 amended by this act, a conviction under the provisions of subdivision
871 (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, as amended by this act, a

872 conviction under the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection
873 (d) of section 15-133, as amended by this act, a conviction under the
874 provisions of section 15-140l or 15-140n, a conviction under the
875 provisions of section 53a-56b or 53a-60d or a conviction in any other
876 state of any offense the essential elements of which are determined by
877 the court to be substantially the same as subdivision (1) or (2) of
878 subsection (a) of this section, section 14-227m, as amended by this act,
879 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, as amended
880 by this act, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of section 15-133, as
881 amended by this act, or section 15-140l or 15-140n, 53a-56b or 53a-60d,
882 shall constitute a prior conviction for the same offense.

883 (h) (1) Each court shall report each conviction under subsection (a) of
884 this section to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with
885 the provisions of section 14-141, [The commissioner] and to the
886 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. The
887 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the motor vehicle
888 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of the person
889 reported as convicted for the period of time required by subsection (g)
890 of this section. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
891 Protection shall suspend the safe boating certificate or certificate of
892 personal watercraft operations, if any, or right to operate a vessel that
893 requires a safe boating certificate for operation of the person reported as
894 convicted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
895 section for the period of time required pursuant to subsection (h) of
896 section 15-133, as amended by this act. The [commissioner]
897 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall determine the period of time
898 required by subsection (g) of this section for suspension of the motor
899 vehicle's license or nonresident operating privilege based on the number
900 of convictions such person has had within the specified time period
901 according to such person's driving history record, notwithstanding the
902 sentence imposed by the court for such conviction. (2) The motor vehicle
903 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person found
904 guilty under subsection (a) of this section who, at the time of the offense,
905 was operating a motor vehicle in accordance with a special operator's
906 permit issued pursuant to section 14-37a shall be suspended by the

907 commissioner for twice the period of time set forth in subsection (g) of
908 this section. (3) If an appeal of any conviction under subsection (a) of
909 this section is taken, the suspension of the motor vehicle operator's
910 license or nonresident operating privilege by the commissioner, in
911 accordance with this subsection, shall be stayed during the pendency of
912 such appeal.

913 Sec. 16. Subsection (i) of section 15-140q of the general statutes is
914 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
915 *1, 2025*):

916 (i) The commissioner shall suspend the operator's safe boating
917 certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate
918 for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation of a person
919 who does not contact the department to schedule a hearing under
920 subsection (e) of this section, who fails to appear at such hearing, or
921 against whom, after a hearing, the commissioner holds pursuant to
922 subsection (g) of this section. Such suspension shall be as of the effective
923 date contained in the suspension notice or the date the commissioner
924 renders a decision, whichever is later, for a period of:

925 (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
926 ninety days if such person submitted to a test and the results of such test
927 indicated that at the time of the alleged offense that such person had an
928 elevated blood alcohol content, or such person was found to have been
929 operating a vessel under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug,
930 or both, based on a report filed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section,
931 or (B) one hundred twenty days if such person submitted to a test and
932 the results of such test indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of
933 such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol,
934 by weight, or (C) six months if such person refused to submit to such
935 test;

936 (2) [if] If such person has previously had such person's safe boating
937 certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate
938 for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation suspended
939 under this section, (A) except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this

940 subdivision, nine months if such person submitted to a test and the
941 results of such test indicated that at the time of the alleged offense that
942 such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, or such person was
943 found to have been operating a vessel under the influence of
944 intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, based on a report filed pursuant
945 to subsection (d) of this section, (B) ten months if such person submitted
946 to a test and the results of such test indicated that the ratio of alcohol in
947 the blood of such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or
948 more of alcohol, by weight, and (C) one year if such person refused to
949 submit to such test; and

950 (3) [if] If such person has two or more times previously had such
951 person's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a
952 safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft
953 operation suspended under this section, (A) except as provided in
954 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, two years if such person
955 submitted to a test and the results of such test indicated that at the time
956 of the alleged offense that such person had an elevated blood alcohol
957 content, or such person was found to have been operating a vessel under
958 the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, based on a
959 report filed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, (B) two and one-
960 half years if such person submitted to a test and the results of such test
961 indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was
962 sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, and
963 (C) three years if such person refused to submit to such test. For
964 purposes of the suspension of the safe boating certificate, right to
965 operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation or
966 certificate of personal watercraft operation of a person under
967 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, the suspension under subsection
968 (i) or (j) of section 14-227b, as amended by this act, of the motor vehicle
969 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege, if any, of such
970 person shall constitute a previous suspension under this section.
971 Whenever the commissioner suspends the safe boating certificate, right
972 to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation
973 or certificate of personal watercraft operation of a person under this
974 subsection, the commissioner shall mail or electronically transmit a copy

975 of the suspension notice, together with personal identifying information
976 for such person, to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who shall
977 suspend the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating
978 privilege, if any, of such person as specified in subsection (i) of section
979 14-227b, as amended by this act.

980 Sec. 17. Subsection (i) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is
981 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
982 *1, 2025*):

983 (i) (1) The commissioner shall suspend the operator's license or
984 operating privilege of a person who did not contact the department to
985 schedule a hearing, who failed to appear at a hearing, or against whom
986 a decision was issued, after a hearing, pursuant to subsection (h) of this
987 section, as of the effective date contained in the suspension notice, for a
988 period of forty-five days. As a condition for the restoration of such
989 operator's license or operating privilege, such person shall be required
990 to install an ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or
991 operated by such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited from
992 operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a
993 functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as defined in section 14-
994 227j, for the longer of either (A) the period prescribed in subdivision (2)
995 of this subsection for the present arrest and suspension, or (B) the period
996 prescribed in subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-
997 227a, as amended by this act, or subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection
998 (c) of section 14-227m, as amended by this act, or subdivision (1) or (2)
999 of subsection (c) of section 14-227n, as amended by this act, for the
1000 present arrest and conviction, if any.

1001 (2) (A) A person twenty-one years of age or older at the time of the
1002 arrest who submitted to a test and the results of such test indicated that
1003 such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, or was found to have
1004 been operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating
1005 liquor or any drug, or both based on a report filed pursuant to
1006 subsection (d) of this section, shall install and maintain an ignition
1007 interlock device for the following periods: (i) For a first suspension

1008 under this section, six months; (ii) for a second suspension under this
1009 section, one year; and (iii) for a third or subsequent suspension under
1010 this section, two years; (B) a person under twenty-one years of age at the
1011 time of the arrest who submitted to a test and the results of such test
1012 indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, or was
1013 found to have been operating a motor vehicle under the influence of
1014 intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both based on a report filed pursuant
1015 to subsection (d) of this section, shall install and maintain an ignition
1016 interlock device for the following periods: (i) For a first suspension
1017 under this section, one year; (ii) for a second suspension under this
1018 section, two years; and (iii) for a third or subsequent suspension under
1019 this section, three years; and (C) a person, regardless of age, who refused
1020 to submit to a test or nontestimonial portion of a drug influence
1021 evaluation shall install and maintain an ignition interlock device for the
1022 following periods: (i) For a first suspension under this section, one year;
1023 (ii) for a second suspension under this section, two years; and (iii) for a
1024 third or subsequent suspension, under this section, three years. For
1025 purposes of the suspension of the motor vehicle operator's license or
1026 nonresident operating privilege of a person under subparagraph (A)(ii)
1027 or (A)(iii) of this subsection, subparagraph (B)(ii) or (B)(iii) of this section
1028 or subparagraph (C)(ii) or (C)(iii) of this section, the suspension under
1029 subsection (i) of section 15-140q, as amended by this act, of the safe
1030 boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating
1031 certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if
1032 any, of such person shall constitute a previous suspension of such
1033 person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege under this
1034 subsection. Whenever the commissioner suspends the motor vehicle
1035 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person under
1036 this subsection, the commissioner shall mail or electronically transmit a
1037 copy of the suspension notice, together with personal identifying
1038 information for such person, to the Commissioner of Energy and
1039 Environmental Protection who shall suspend the safe boating certificate,
1040 right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for
1041 operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, of such
1042 person as specified in subsection (i) of section 15-140q, as amended by

1043 this act.

1044 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
1045 subsection, a person whose motor vehicle operator's license or operating
1046 privilege has been permanently revoked upon a third offense pursuant
1047 to subsection (g) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act, or
1048 subsection (c) of section 14-227m, as amended by this act, shall be subject
1049 to the penalties prescribed in subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section
1050 14-111.

1051 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 15-140e of the general statutes is
1052 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1053 *1, 2025*):

1054 (a) No resident of the state, person owning real property in the state
1055 or person owning a vessel in the state shall operate on the waters of the
1056 state a vessel which is required to be registered or numbered pursuant
1057 to this chapter unless such person has a valid vessel operator license
1058 issued by the United States Coast Guard or has obtained a safe boating
1059 certificate issued by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
1060 Protection. No owner of a vessel shall knowingly authorize or permit a
1061 person who is less than sixteen years of age who is required by this
1062 section to obtain a safe boating certificate issued by the Commissioner
1063 of Energy and Environmental Protection to operate such vessel on the
1064 waters of the state without a safe boating certificate, unless such person
1065 is under the direct onboard supervision of a person who is at least
1066 eighteen years of age who has been issued a safe boating certificate and
1067 who has held such certificate for at least two years. The Commissioner
1068 of Energy and Environmental Protection shall not issue a safe boating
1069 certificate or temporary safe boating certificate to any person whose
1070 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is
1071 suspended or revoked, or is subject to any pending action by the
1072 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that may result in a suspension or
1073 revocation, due to a violation of section 14-227a, as amended by this act,
1074 14-227g, 14-227m, as amended by this act, or 14-227n, as amended by
1075 this act. A safe boating certificate may be suspended or revoked,

1076 pursuant to section 15-132a, 15-133, as amended by this act, 15-140l or
1077 15-140n, and shall be valid for the life of the person to whom it is issued
1078 unless otherwise suspended or revoked. The provisions of this section
1079 shall not apply to any person who, between one hour before sunrise and
1080 one hour after sunset, operates a vessel propelled exclusively by an
1081 electric motor that is rated at one hundred six pounds of thrust or less
1082 on the inland waters of this state upon which motor powered vessels
1083 exceeding ten horsepower are prohibited.

1084 Sec. 19. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general
1085 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1086 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1087 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) the
1088 applicant signs and submits to the commissioner, in such manner as the
1089 commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made subject to
1090 penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-157b, [and]
1091 (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age
1092 or older and is a suitable person to receive the license, and (C) the
1093 applicant's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires
1094 a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal
1095 watercraft operation, if any, is not suspended or revoked, or is not
1096 subject to any pending action by the Commissioner of Energy and
1097 Environmental Protection that may result in a suspension or revocation,
1098 due to a violation of subsection (d) of section 15-133, as amended by this
1099 act, or section 15-140l or 15-140n.

1100 Sec. 20. Section 14-227m of the general statutes is repealed and the
1101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1102 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in which a child under
1103 eighteen years of age is a passenger while such person (1) is under the
1104 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both, or (2) has an
1105 elevated blood alcohol content. For the purposes of this section,
1106 "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of
1107 such person that is eight-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol,
1108 by weight, except that if such person is operating a commercial motor

1109 vehicle, "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the
1110 blood of such person that is four-hundredths of one per cent or more of
1111 alcohol, by weight, and if such person is under twenty-one years of age,
1112 "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of
1113 such person that is two-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol
1114 by weight; and "motor vehicle" includes a snowmobile and all-terrain
1115 vehicle, as those terms are defined in section 14-379.

1116 (b) The provisions of subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k) and
1117 (l) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act, adapted accordingly, shall
1118 be applicable to a violation of subsection (a) of this section.

1119 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
1120 section shall:

1121 (1) For conviction of a first violation, (A) be fined not less than five
1122 hundred dollars or more than two thousand dollars, (B) be imprisoned
1123 not more than one year, thirty consecutive days of which may not be
1124 suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced to a period of
1125 probation requiring as a condition of such probation that such person:
1126 (i) Perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in
1127 section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an assessment through the Court Support
1128 Services Division of the Judicial Branch of the degree of such person's
1129 alcohol or drug abuse, (iii) undergo a treatment program, including
1130 chemical screening, if so ordered, (iv) submit to an interview and
1131 evaluation by the Department of Children and Families to assess any
1132 ongoing risk posed to any child who was a passenger in the motor
1133 vehicle at the time of the violation, and (v) cooperate with any
1134 programming, treatment, directives or plan if so ordered by the
1135 Department of Children and Families, and (C) (i) have such person's
1136 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege
1137 suspended for forty-five days and, as a condition for the restoration of
1138 such license, be required to install an ignition interlock device on each
1139 motor vehicle owned or operated by such person and, upon such
1140 restoration, be prohibited for the one-year period following such
1141 restoration from operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is

1142 equipped with a functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as
1143 defined in section 14-227j, and (ii) have such person's safe boating
1144 certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right
1145 to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation
1146 suspended for the period of time specified in subparagraph (C)(i) of
1147 subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 15-133, as amended by this
1148 act;

1149 (2) [for] For conviction of a second violation of this section not later
1150 than ten years after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined
1151 not less than one thousand dollars or more than four thousand dollars,
1152 (B) be imprisoned not more than three years, one hundred eighty
1153 consecutive days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any
1154 manner and sentenced to a period of probation requiring as a condition
1155 of such probation that such person: (i) Perform one hundred hours of
1156 community service, as defined in section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an
1157 assessment through the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
1158 Branch of the degree of such person's alcohol or drug abuse, (iii)
1159 undergo a treatment program, including chemical screening, if so
1160 ordered, (iv) submit to an interview and evaluation by the Department
1161 of Children and Families to assess any ongoing risk posed to any child
1162 who was a passenger in the motor vehicle at the time of the violation,
1163 and (v) cooperate with any programming, treatment, directives or plan
1164 if so ordered by the Department of Children and Families, and (C) (i)
1165 have such person's motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident
1166 operating privilege suspended for forty-five days and, as a condition for
1167 the restoration of such license, be required to install an ignition interlock
1168 device on each motor vehicle owned or operated by such person and,
1169 upon such restoration, be prohibited for the three-year period following
1170 such restoration from operating a motor vehicle unless such motor
1171 vehicle is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition interlock
1172 device, as defined in section 14-227j, except that for the first year of such
1173 three-year period, such person's operation of a motor vehicle shall be
1174 limited to such person's transportation to or from work or school, an
1175 alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, an ignition interlock device
1176 service center, a treatment program ordered by the Department of

1177 Children and Families or an appointment with a probation officer or
1178 Department of Children and Families caseworker, and (ii) have such
1179 person's safe boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft
1180 operation, if any, or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating
1181 certificate for operation suspended for the period of time specified in
1182 subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (2) of subsection (h) of section 15-
1183 133, as amended by this act; and

1184 (3) [for] For a third or subsequent conviction of a violation of this
1185 section not later than ten years after a prior conviction for the same
1186 offense, (A) be fined not less than two thousand dollars or more than
1187 eight thousand dollars, (B) be imprisoned not more than five years, two
1188 years of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and
1189 sentenced to a period of probation requiring as a condition of such
1190 probation that such person: (i) Perform one hundred hours of
1191 community service, as defined in section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an
1192 assessment through the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
1193 Branch of the degree of such person's alcohol or drug abuse, (iii)
1194 undergo a treatment program, including chemical screening, if so
1195 ordered, (iv) submit to an interview and evaluation by the Department
1196 of Children and Families to assess any ongoing risk posed to any child
1197 who was a passenger in the motor vehicle at the time of the offense, and
1198 (v) cooperate with any programming, treatment, directives or plan if so
1199 ordered by the Department of Children and Families, and (C) (i) have
1200 such person's motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating
1201 privilege permanently revoked upon such third offense, except that if
1202 such person's revocation is reversed or reduced pursuant to subsection
1203 (i) of section 14-111, such person shall be prohibited from operating a
1204 motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning,
1205 approved ignition interlock device, as defined in section 14-227j, for the
1206 time period prescribed in subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section 14-
1207 111, and (ii) have such person's safe boating certificate or certificate of
1208 personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a vessel that
1209 requires a safe boating certificate for operation permanently revoked in
1210 accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (3)
1211 of subsection (h) of section 15-133, as amended by this act. For purposes

1212 of the imposition of penalties for a second or third and subsequent
1213 offense pursuant to this subsection, a conviction under the provisions of
1214 subsection (a) of this section, subsection (a) of section 14-227a,
1215 subsection (a) of section 14-227g, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a)
1216 of section 14-227n, as amended by this act, subdivision (1) or (2) of
1217 subsection (d) of section 15-133, as amended by this act, section 15-140l
1218 or 15-140n, subsection (a) of section 53a-56b or subsection (a) of section
1219 53a-60d or a conviction in any other state of any offense, the essential
1220 elements of which are determined by the court to be substantially the
1221 same as the elements of the aforementioned provisions, shall constitute
1222 a prior conviction for the same offense.

1223 Sec. 21. Section 14-227n of the general statutes is repealed and the
1224 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1225 (a) (1) No person shall operate a school bus, student transportation
1226 vehicle or other motor vehicle specially designated for carrying children
1227 while such person (A) is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or
1228 any drug or both, or (B) has an elevated blood alcohol content.

1229 (2) No person shall operate a school bus, student transportation
1230 vehicle or other motor vehicle specially designated for carrying children
1231 in which a child under eighteen years of age is a passenger while such
1232 person (A) is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or
1233 both, or (B) has an elevated blood alcohol content.

1234 (3) For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle specially
1235 designated for carrying children" means any motor vehicle, except for a
1236 registered school bus or student transportation vehicle as defined in
1237 section 14-212, that is designated or used by a person, firm or
1238 corporation for the transportation of children to or from any program or
1239 activity organized primarily for persons under the age of eighteen years,
1240 with or without charge to the individual being transported, but does not
1241 include a passenger motor vehicle normally used for personal, family or
1242 household purposes that is operated by a person without a public
1243 passenger endorsement; and "elevated blood alcohol content" means a
1244 ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is eight-hundredths of

1245 one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, except that if such person is
1246 operating a commercial motor vehicle, "elevated blood alcohol content"
1247 means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is four-
1248 hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, and if such
1249 person is under twenty-one years of age, "elevated blood alcohol
1250 content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is two-
1251 hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight.

1252 (b) The provisions of subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k) and
1253 (l) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act, adapted accordingly, shall
1254 be applicable to violations of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a)
1255 of this section.

1256 (c) (1) Any person who violates subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
1257 this section shall: (A) Be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, (B)
1258 be imprisoned not less than one year or more than ten years, thirty
1259 consecutive days of which shall not be suspended or reduced in any
1260 manner, and sentenced to a period of probation requiring as a condition
1261 of such probation that such person (i) perform one hundred hours of
1262 community service, as defined in section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an
1263 assessment through the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
1264 Branch of the degree of such person's alcohol or drug abuse, and (iii)
1265 undergo a treatment program, including chemical screening, if so
1266 ordered, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license
1267 or nonresident operating privilege suspended for forty-five days and, as
1268 a condition for the restoration of such license, be required to install an
1269 ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or operated by
1270 such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited for a three-year
1271 period following such restoration from operating a motor vehicle unless
1272 such motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition
1273 interlock device, as defined in section 14-227j, except that for the first
1274 year of such three-year period, such person's operation of a motor
1275 vehicle shall be limited to such person's transportation to or from work
1276 or school, an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, an ignition
1277 interlock device service center or an appointment with a probation
1278 officer, and (ii) have such person's safe boating certificate or certificate

1279 of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a vessel that
1280 requires a safe boating certificate for operation suspended for the period
1281 of time specified in subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (1) of subsection
1282 (h) of section 15-133, as amended by this act.

1283 (2) Any person who violates subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
1284 section shall: (A) Be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, (B) be
1285 imprisoned not less than one year or more than ten years, one hundred
1286 twenty consecutive days of which may not be suspended or reduced in
1287 any manner, and sentenced to a period of probation requiring as a
1288 condition of such probation that such person (i) perform one hundred
1289 hours of community service, as defined in section 14-227e, (ii) submit to
1290 an assessment through the Court Support Services Division of the
1291 Judicial Branch of the degree of such person's alcohol or drug abuse, and
1292 (iii) undergo a treatment program, including chemical screening, if so
1293 ordered, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license
1294 or nonresident operating privilege suspended for forty-five days and, as
1295 a condition for the restoration of such license, be required to install an
1296 ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or operated by
1297 such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited for a three-year
1298 period following such restoration from operating a motor vehicle unless
1299 such motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition
1300 interlock device, as defined in section 14-227j, except that for the first
1301 year of such three-year period, such person's operation of a motor
1302 vehicle shall be limited to such person's transportation to or from work
1303 or school, an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, an ignition
1304 interlock device service center or an appointment with a probation
1305 officer, and (ii) have such person's safe boating certificate or certificate
1306 of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a vessel that
1307 requires a safe boating certificate for operation suspended for the period
1308 of time specified in subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (1) of subsection
1309 (h) of section 15-133, as amended by this act.

1310 Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
1311 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1312 *2025*):

1313 (b) (1) The owner shall pay a fee to the Commissioner of Motor
 1314 Vehicles for deposit with the State Treasurer for each vessel so
 1315 numbered or registered in accordance with the following schedule and
 1316 subdivisions of this subsection:

T1	Overall Length			Overall Length		
T2	at least	less than	fee	at least	less than	fee
T3	(feet)	(feet)		(feet)	(feet)	
T4		12	\$ 7.50	40	41	\$270.00
T5	12	13	11.25	41	42	292.50
T6	13	14	15.00	42	43	315.00
T7	14	15	18.75	43	44	322.50
T8	15	16	22.50	44	45	330.00
T9	16	17	30.00	45	46	337.50
T10	17	18	37.50	46	47	345.00
T11	18	19	45.00	47	48	352.50
T12	19	20	52.50	48	49	360.00
T13	20	21	60.00	49	50	367.50
T14	21	22	67.50	50	51	375.00
T15	22	23	75.00	51	52	382.50
T16	23	24	82.50	52	53	390.00
T17	24	25	90.00	53	54	397.50
T18	25	26	97.50	54	55	405.00
T19	26	27	105.00	55	56	412.50
T20	27	28	112.50	56	57	420.00
T21	28	29	120.00	57	58	427.50
T22	29	30	127.50	58	59	435.00
T23	30	31	135.00	59	60	442.50
T24	31	32	142.50	60	61	450.00
T25	32	33	150.00	61	62	457.50
T26	33	34	157.50	62	63	465.00
T27	34	35	165.00	63	64	472.50
T28	35	36	172.50	64	65	480.00
T29	36	37	180.00	65 and over		525.00
T30	37	38	202.50			

T31	38	39	225.00
T32	39	40	247.50

1317 (2) For purposes of [this] the schedule provided in subdivision (1) of this
 1318 subsection, "overall length" is the horizontal distance between the
 1319 foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the stern, excluding
 1320 bowsprits, bumpkins, rudders, outboard motor brackets and similar
 1321 fittings or attachments. [(2)] (3) The fee payable under this subsection
 1322 with respect to any vessel used primarily for purposes of commercial
 1323 fishing shall not exceed twenty-five dollars, provided in the tax year of
 1324 the owner of such vessel ending immediately preceding the date of
 1325 registration, not less than fifty per cent of the adjusted gross income of
 1326 such owner as determined for purposes of the federal income tax is
 1327 derived from commercial fishing, subject to proof satisfactory to the
 1328 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. [(3)] (4) The fee payable under this
 1329 subsection with respect to any vessel constructed primarily of wood, the
 1330 construction of which is completed not less than fifteen years prior to
 1331 the date such fee is paid, shall be in an amount equal to fifty per cent of
 1332 the fee otherwise payable, or if such construction is completed not less
 1333 than twenty-five years prior to the date such fee is paid, such fee shall
 1334 be in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the fee otherwise
 1335 payable. [(4)] (5) Fees payable under this subsection shall not be
 1336 required with respect to (A) any vessel owned by a flotilla of the United
 1337 States Coast Guard Auxiliary or owned by a nonprofit corporation
 1338 acting on behalf of such a flotilla, provided no more than two vessels
 1339 from any such flotilla or nonprofit corporation shall be granted such an
 1340 exemption, and (B) any vessel built by students in an educational
 1341 institution and used for the purposes of such institution, including such
 1342 research as may require the use of such vessel. [(5)] The fee payable
 1343 under this subsection with respect to any pontoon boat, exclusive of any
 1344 houseboat, shall be forty dollars.] (6) The fee payable under this
 1345 subsection with respect to any canoe with a motor or any vessel owned
 1346 by a nonprofit organization shall be seven dollars and fifty cents. (7) The
 1347 fee payable under this subsection with respect to any vessel less than
 1348 fifteen feet in length equipped with a motor the horsepower of which is

1349 less than fifteen, shall be seven dollars and fifty cents. (8) The owner of
1350 any vessel used actively, as required under this subdivision, in
1351 operational activities of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary shall
1352 not be required to pay the applicable fee in accordance with the schedule
1353 in this subsection, provided (A) if the applicable fee under the schedule
1354 for such vessel is greater than one hundred eighty dollars, the owner
1355 shall be required to pay the amount of fee in excess of one hundred
1356 eighty dollars, and (B) the owner shall not be entitled to exemption from
1357 the applicable fee as allowed in this subdivision for any vessel
1358 registration year unless the application for registration of such vessel
1359 includes a statement, certified by an officer of the United States Coast
1360 Guard, that in the preceding year such vessel was used actively in not
1361 less than three separate operational activities of the United States Coast
1362 Guard Auxiliary. (9) Beginning May 4, 2011, all revenue received by the
1363 state in fees for the numbering and registration of vessels under this
1364 section shall be deposited with the Treasurer who shall deposit such
1365 revenue in the General Fund.

1366 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 14-15d of the general statutes is
1367 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1368 *2025*):

1369 (a) Each electronic issuance licensee, licensed pursuant to section 14-
1370 15e, as amended by this act, shall, not later than ten days after the
1371 electronic issuance of a certificate of registration or certificate of title,
1372 submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles an application together
1373 with all necessary documents required to obtain a certificate of
1374 registration or certificate [or] of title for the vehicle with the Department
1375 of Motor Vehicles. If such licensee fails to provide the department with
1376 such necessary documents, the department shall not process the
1377 application and shall inform such licensee of the failure to submit a
1378 completed application.

1379 Sec. 24. Section 14-15f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1380 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1381 On and after January 1, 2025, each person, firm or corporation that

1382 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles permitted or required prior to
1383 October 1, 2024, to file applications for the issuance of a certificate of
1384 registration or a certificate of title electronically with the Department of
1385 Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 14-15d of the general statutes,
1386 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, [2024] 2023, or any regulation
1387 adopted thereunder, shall no longer be permitted to use the
1388 department's electronic system for filing applications for the issuance of
1389 a certificate of registration or a certificate of title unless such person, firm
1390 or corporation holds an electronic issuance license issued pursuant to
1391 section 14-15e, as amended by this act.

1392 Sec. 25. Section 14-44p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1394 On and after October 1, 2024, each commercial driver's instruction
1395 permit issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles prior to October
1396 1, 2024, that is otherwise valid, shall remain valid, according to its terms,
1397 and shall authorize each license holder to drive a commercial motor
1398 vehicle when accompanied in such vehicle by the holder of a
1399 commercial driver's license in accordance with the provisions of section
1400 14-44e of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes, [revision of 1958,
1401 revised to January 1, 2024,] until the expiration of the commercial
1402 driver's instruction permit.

1403 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 14-253c of the general statutes is
1404 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1405 *2025*):

1406 (b) The advisory council shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of
1407 Motor Vehicles or the commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of
1408 Aging and Disability Services or the commissioner's designee, (3) two
1409 members appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who are
1410 licensed physicians, physician assistants or advanced practice registered
1411 nurses who certify applications for removable windshield placards
1412 while in the course of employment, (4) one member appointed by the
1413 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services who represents an
1414 organization that advocates on behalf of persons with physical

1415 disabilities, (5) one appointed by the House chairperson of the joint
1416 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1417 matters relating to transportation, (6) one appointed by the Senate
1418 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1419 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who uses
1420 accessible parking or advocates on behalf of such users, (7) one
1421 appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing
1422 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1423 relating to transportation, who uses accessible parking or advocates on
1424 behalf of such users, (8) one appointed by the Senate ranking member
1425 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1426 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a sworn
1427 member of a municipal police department, and (9) [and] such other
1428 members as the advisory council may prescribe. All initial
1429 appointments to the advisory council shall be made not later than
1430 September 1, 2023. Each member appointed pursuant to subdivisions (3)
1431 to (9), inclusive, of this subsection shall serve for a term of two years and
1432 may serve until such member's successor is appointed. Any vacancy
1433 shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Commissioner of Motor
1434 Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of
1435 the advisory council. The advisory council shall meet at such times as it
1436 deems necessary and may establish rules governing its internal
1437 procedures.

1438 Sec. 27. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 14-279c of the
1439 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1440 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1441 (2) In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle
1442 registered in the state, the municipality, or its designated agent, shall
1443 send a copy of a citation to the owner of the motor vehicle observed in
1444 the alleged violation not later than thirty days after the date of the
1445 alleged violation. In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor
1446 vehicle registered in another jurisdiction, the municipality, or its
1447 designated agent, shall send a copy of a citation to the address of the
1448 owner that is in the records of the official in the other jurisdiction issuing

1449 such registration not later than sixty days after the alleged violation.

1450 Sec. 28. Subsection (g) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
1451 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1452 *2025*):

1453 (g) The commissioner shall develop, and thereafter revise as needed,
1454 a video presentation concerning current state laws that impact
1455 motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and ways to practice safe driving
1456 behaviors and reduce transportation-related fatalities and severe
1457 injuries. In developing such video presentation, the commissioner may
1458 use materials and one or more video presentations developed by a
1459 governmental entity, independent contractor or any other party. Upon
1460 every [other] renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license, the
1461 commissioner shall require the licensee to watch such video
1462 presentation prior to issuing such license.

1463 Sec. 29. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the
1464 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1465 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1466 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
1467 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
1468 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements
1469 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) submit to the
1470 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a
1471 certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school,
1472 a technical education and career school or a private secondary school of
1473 a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided
1474 in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed
1475 drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training
1476 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each
1477 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful
1478 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-
1479 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit
1480 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) submit to the commissioner, in
1481 such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the

1482 successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to
1483 safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature
1484 and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and
1485 drugs, including cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, and their
1486 impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with
1487 the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or
1488 drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, the
1489 penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations and a
1490 video presentation specific to the impact of cannabis on the operator of
1491 a motor vehicle and how the ingestion of cannabis can cause impairment
1492 of motor function, reaction time, perception and peripheral vision; and
1493 (C) pass an examination which may include a comprehensive test as to
1494 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
1495 road in addition to the test required under subsection (c) of this section
1496 and shall include an on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the
1497 commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor
1498 vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age
1499 shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred
1500 eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under
1501 subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall
1502 have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred
1503 twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training and
1504 instruction by the driver training unit for persons with disabilities in
1505 accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such
1506 permit for the period of time required by said unit. The commissioner
1507 shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at drivers'
1508 schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Subject to such
1509 standards and requirements as the commissioner may impose, the
1510 commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good
1511 standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, or
1512 secondary school driver education program authorized pursuant to the
1513 provisions of section 14-36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to
1514 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
1515 road, required pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part
1516 of the safe driving practices course required pursuant to subparagraph

1517 (B) of this subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath,
 1518 the results of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction
 1519 required by this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition
 1520 to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course
 1521 required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not exceed
 1522 [one hundred fifty] two hundred dollars. Any applicant sixteen or
 1523 seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another state, completed
 1524 the course required in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not
 1525 complete the safe driving practices course required in subparagraph (B)
 1526 of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving practices course. The
 1527 commissioner may waive any requirement in this subdivision, except
 1528 for [that in] the requirements of subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in
 1529 the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a
 1530 valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state,
 1531 provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received
 1532 training and instruction of a similar nature.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	14-15e
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	14-52a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-36d(b)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	14-36j(a)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-44c(d)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-44e(b)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-58(a)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-64
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-67i(a)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-67l
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-73
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-51
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-166
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	15-133
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-227a(g) and (h)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	15-140q(i)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-227b(i)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	15-140e(a)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-36(e)(1)

Sec. 20	October 1, 2025	14-227m
Sec. 21	October 1, 2025	14-227n
Sec. 22	July 1, 2025	15-144(b)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2025	14-15d(a)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2025	14-15f
Sec. 25	July 1, 2025	14-44p
Sec. 26	July 1, 2025	14-253c(b)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2025	14-279c(d)(2)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2025	14-41(g)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2025	14-36(d)(1)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 13(b), "section 14-146" was changed to "section 14-176" for accuracy; in Section 14(h)(1), "subparagraph (C)(ii)" was changed to "subparagraph (C)(i)" for accuracy; in Section 14(k), "in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of this section and" was inserted before "for the period of time" for clarity; in Section 15(h)(1), "in accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this section and" was inserted before "for the period of time" for clarity; and in Section 29, "practices" was inserted before "course" for consistency.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Gain	Approximately 40,000 to 50,000	Approximately 40,000 to 50,000
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	84,624	84,624
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	28,344	28,344

Note: GF=General Fund; TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipal Police Departments	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

Sections 1 and 2 potentially expand the number of people subject to

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

state criminal history records checks, resulting in a potential revenue gain to the General Fund,² the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP),³ and municipal police departments,⁴ beginning in FY 26.

Section 10 imposes a fee of \$100 for late motor vehicle recycler's license renewal applications, resulting in minimal revenue gain to the STF from fees.

Section 22 replaces the \$40 pontoon boat registration fee with the existing length-based registration fee that applies to other boats. Precise lengths of registered pontoon boats are unknown; however, based on Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) registration data and approximate length data from Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), this section is expected to result in a revenue gain of approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually to the General Fund. Pontoon boat registration fees are collected by DMV but deposited to a DEEP account within the General Fund.

Reciprocal License Suspensions

Sections 14 through 21 impose reciprocal penalties for impaired driving and boating. Specifically, these sections require DMV and DEEP to notify each other of administrative actions on impaired driving and boating, for the courts to notify both agencies of criminal convictions, and to prohibit DMV or DEEP from issuing a driver's license or boating certificate to anyone whose license or certificate is suspended for an impaired driving or boating incident.

² DESPP conducts state criminal history records checks for a fee of \$75. The revenue that is collected from this fee is deposited into the General Fund.

³ DESPP conducts fingerprinting for a fee of \$15 fee per person paid to the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account, non-lapsing account used for IT support and maintenance for the fingerprinting systems.

⁴ Municipal police departments may also conduct the required fingerprinting for state criminal history records checks and typically charge a fee of \$10 to \$15.

These requirements result in an additional annual cost to DEEP of approximately \$112,968. The agency would require one additional full time Conservation Enforcement Officer to address reciprocal boating license suspensions under the bill. Annual costs include \$69,624 in salary, \$15,000 in other expenses and corresponding fringe benefits of \$28,344. For context, in FY 24 DMV suspended approximately 4,000 licenses for impaired driving administratively and approximately 2,500 through a court conviction, which DEEP would need to consider.

For DMV, it is expected that the agency could accommodate this requirement within existing operations. DEEP typically suspends fewer than 10 certificates per year for impaired boating.

Additionally, these reciprocal penalties take into consideration what counts as a prior conviction for driving and boating under the influence, which results in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines.⁵ On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300⁶ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600⁷ each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

The remaining sections of the bill are technical, conforming, or otherwise not expected to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

⁵ In FY 24, there were 8,666 charges and \$717,264 in associated revenue collected under these statutes. There are currently about 200 people incarcerated for driving under the influence. No individuals are currently incarcerated under the boating under the influence statutes.

⁶ Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g., food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

⁷ Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of state criminal history checks conducted, the number of violations, or as otherwise described.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7160**

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND VESSEL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR ANY DRUG, PONTOON BOATS, TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES, VIDEO PRESENTATION UPON LICENSE RENEWAL AND THE SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES COURSE.

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Explicitly prohibits DMV from issuing an electronic issuance license to dealers, repairers, motor vehicle leasing or rental companies, or department contractors

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Increases the maximum fee for the eight-hour safe driving course from \$150 to \$200 and requires any course provided through distance learning to require participants to use a camera

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Requires DMV to disqualify someone from holding a CDL or CLP for being out of compliance with medical certificate or drug and alcohol

requirements; explicitly allows DMV to restore the CDL or CLP if the person fulfills applicable reinstatement procedures and pays the license restoration fee

§§ 7, 8 & 12 — DEALERS AND REPAIRERS

Modifies the standard for determining when a dealer or repairer can expand an existing licensed location on adjacent property without getting another license; increases the dealer and repairer record retention period; and exempts businesses who sell only low-speed vehicles (LSVs) from the dealer and repairer licensure requirements

§§ 9 & 10 — MOTOR VEHICLE RECYCLERS

Requires motor vehicle recyclers to stop operating if their license expires, imposes a late fee for late renewal applications, and prohibits DMV from renewing a license that has been expired for more than 45 days

§§ 11 & 23-27 — TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES

Makes several technical and conforming changes to the motor vehicle statutes

§ 13 — TITLING OLDER VEHICLES

Prohibits DMV from requiring a surety bond as a condition of issuing a title to vehicles older than 20 model years old

§§ 14-21 — RECIPROCAL SUSPENSION PENALTIES FOR DRIVING AND BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Imposes reciprocal credential suspension penalties for convictions of driving under the influence (DUI) and boating under the influence (BUI) and related administrative per se violations

§ 22 — PONTOON BOAT REGISTRATION FEE

Eliminates the \$40 flat registration fee that currently applies to pontoon boats and instead applies the existing length-based registration fee that applies to other kinds of boats

§ 28 — VIDEO ON TRAFFIC SAFETY LAWS AT LICENSE RENEWAL

Increases the frequency with which driver's license holders must watch a traffic safety video to every renewal, rather than every other renewal

SUMMARY

This bill makes various changes to laws pertaining to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), DMV-licensed businesses, driver's license

renewal, commercial driver's licenses (CDLs), boat registration, and penalties for impaired driving and boating, as described in the section-by-section analysis below.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various, see below.

§§ 1, 2, & 10 — BUSINESS ENTITY APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN FOR BUSINESS LICENSES

More specifically defines which individuals' civil and criminal history must be considered in licensing decisions when an applicant for certain DMV-issued business licenses (i.e. electronic issuance, dealer, repairer, and motor vehicle recycler) is a business entity

By law, an applicant for a car dealer, repairer, motor vehicle recycler, or electronic issuance license may be denied a new or renewal license based on being convicted of, or found civilly liable for, certain crimes or violations. If the license applicant is a business entity, the license may be denied based on the history of certain individuals who own or control the business.

The bill more specifically defines which individuals' civil and criminal history must be considered in licensing decisions. Under current law, it applies to officers and major stockholders. The bill instead applies these provisions to directors, officers, partners, owners, or other individuals who exercise substantial control over the business entity applying for the license or who have more than a 25% ownership interest in it.

For dealer, repairer, and electronic issuance applicants, the bill extends current law's requirement that these individuals be fingerprinted and undergo a background check. (In practice, DMV also requires motor vehicle recycler license applicants to be fingerprinted and undergo a background check.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026, except that the provisions applicable to motor vehicle recyclers are effective July 1, 2025.

§ 1 — ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE LICENSES

Explicitly prohibits DMV from issuing an electronic issuance license to dealers, repairers, motor vehicle leasing or rental companies, or department contractors

Existing law prohibits anyone from engaging in the business of electronically filing registration or title applications without an electronic issuance license issued by DMV.

The bill prohibits DMV from issuing an electronic issuance license to licensed car dealers, repairers, leasing and rental companies, and contractors authorized to handle DMV transactions. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, allows these entities to use the department's electronic system to register vehicles or issue titles without getting an electronic issuance license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

§ 3 — DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL WITHOUT PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Makes minor changes to the law permitting renewal of a driver's license without the holder's personal appearance

Existing law allows the DMV commissioner to renew someone's driver's license without his or her personal appearance under several specified conditions. Under current law, one condition is that the person must have personally appeared to renew his or her license within the time limitations set in state or federal law. The bill changes this requirement to refer specifically to the timeframe established in the federal Real ID regulations (i.e. within 16 years). It also explicitly allows the commissioner to require appearance within a shorter period of time, at his discretion.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

§§ 4 & 29 — EIGHT-HOUR SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Increases the maximum fee for the eight-hour safe driving course from \$150 to \$200 and requires any course provided through distance learning to require participants to use a camera

By law, youth and adult instruction permit holders must take an eight-hour course on safe driving practices before getting their driver's license. Under existing law, this course can be offered in-person in a

group setting, through distance learning, or a hybrid of both, and any course provided fully or partially through distance learning must be taught in real time by a live instructor and have interactive components. The bill additionally requires that participants in any distance learning component be required to use a camera.

The bill also increases, from \$150 to \$200, the maximum fee that driving schools and high schools may charge for the eight-hour course.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025, for the fee increase and January 1, 2026, for the camera requirement.

§§ 5 & 6 — COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE DISQUALIFICATION

Requires DMV to disqualify someone from holding a CDL or CLP for being out of compliance with medical certificate or drug and alcohol requirements; explicitly allows DMV to restore the CDL or CLP if the person fulfills applicable reinstatement procedures and pays the license restoration fee

Under federal motor carrier regulations and state law, commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders are required to complete certain drug and alcohol testing and get a medical certificate every 24 months (or a shorter period, if directed by the medical examiner) indicating their fitness to drive.

Current law requires DMV to downgrade a CDL to a Class D driver's license or cancel a CLP within 60 days after (1) receiving notification through the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (see *Background – Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse*) that a CDL or CLP holder is prohibited from operating a commercial vehicle or (2) the holder's medical certificate expires. The bill instead requires DMV to disqualify the person from holding a CDL or CLP. It also explicitly allows DMV to restore the CDL or CLP if the (1) person fulfills applicable reinstatement procedures and pays the license restoration fee and (2) clearinghouse changes the person's status from prohibited to not prohibited (for those disqualified due to clearinghouse notifications).

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, affected CDL and CLP holders have the right to a hearing with DMV under the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

Background — Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

The Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse is an online database maintained by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that gives employers and government agencies access to information about CDL and CLP holders' drug and alcohol program violations (e.g., positive drug or alcohol test results and test refusals).

§§ 7, 8 & 12 — DEALERS AND REPAIRERS

Modifies the standard for determining when a dealer or repairer can expand an existing licensed location on adjacent property without getting another license; increases the dealer and repairer record retention period; and exempts businesses who sell only low-speed vehicles (LSVs) from the dealer and repairer licensure requirements

Licensees Adding Adjacent Land

Existing law generally requires car dealers and repairers to get a separate license from DMV for each place of business they operate, but it makes an exception to this requirement for dealers and repairers that expand a licensed location by adding buildings or certain land.

Under current law, this exception applies when a dealer or repairer adds adjacent land to its place of business. Under the bill, this exemption instead applies only when a dealer adds land directly bordering or sharing a common boundary with the licensed location without any intervening highway or private roadway. Existing law allows the DMV commissioner to require licensees that add buildings or land to their business to show evidence that they comply with municipal zoning requirements, among other things.

Records Retention

By law, dealers and repairers must retain records of purchase, sale, and repair transactions pertaining to motor vehicles or major component parts. The bill extends the law's required retention period from two to three years after the transaction. Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, DMV may suspend or revoke a dealer or repairer's license or impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for failing to comply with this requirement.

Low-Speed Vehicles

The bill exempts LSVs from the definition of “motor vehicle” for the purpose of the car dealer and repairer licensing statutes. In doing so, it exempts businesses that sell or repair only LSVs from the dealer licensure requirement.

PA 24-20 (§§ 33-35) made LSVs “motor vehicles” under the state motor vehicle laws. Among other things, this imposed existing law’s car dealer licensing requirements on businesses selling LSVs.

Under state law and federal regulations, an LSV is a four-wheeled motor vehicle that has a (1) speed attainable in one mile of more than 20 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 25 mph on a paved, level surface and (2) gross vehicle weight rating less than 3,000 pounds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

§§ 9 & 10 — MOTOR VEHICLE RECYCLERS

Requires motor vehicle recyclers to stop operating if their license expires, imposes a late fee for late renewal applications, and prohibits DMV from renewing a license that has been expired for more than 45 days

By law, motor vehicle recyclers must biennially renew their license. If a recycler’s license expires before its renewal is approved by DMV, the bill specifies that a recycler must stop operating until DMV receives its renewal application, fee, and surety bond and approves its renewal application.

The bill imposes a \$100 late fee on renewal applications that are submitted after the license’s expiration date. It also prohibits DMV from renewing a recycler’s license that has been expired for more than 45 days but allows a recycler whose license can no longer be renewed to apply for a new license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

§§ 11 & 23-27 — TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES

Makes several technical and conforming changes to the motor vehicle statutes

The bill makes several technical and conforming changes to the motor

vehicle statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025, except § 11, which is effective October 1, 2025.

§ 13 — TITLING OLDER VEHICLES

Prohibits DMV from requiring a surety bond as a condition of issuing a title to vehicles older than 20 model years old

By law, a certificate of title is not required for motor vehicles older than 20 model years old. But the law requires DMV to issue a title to these vehicles at an owner's request.

The bill prohibits DMV from requiring a surety bond as a condition of issuing a title to vehicles older than 20 model years old. DMV regulations currently require owners of vehicles to apply for a title for a vehicle manufactured prior to 1981 to either (1) surrender a valid out-of-state title certificate or (2) post a surety bond in an amount equal to twice the vehicle's value, as determined by DMV (Conn. Agencies Regs., § 14-166-1(b)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

§§ 14-21 — RECIPROCAL SUSPENSION PENALTIES FOR DRIVING AND BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Imposes reciprocal credential suspension penalties for convictions of driving under the influence (DUI) and boating under the influence (BUI) and related administrative per se violations

The bill imposes reciprocal driver's license, boating certificate, and personal watercraft certificate suspension penalties for convictions of driving under the influence (DUI) and boating under the influence (BUI) and related administrative per se violations.

Under the administrative per se laws, drivers or boaters may have their credentials suspended for the following reasons, separately from the criminal process: (1) having a blood alcohol content (BAC) in excess of the applicable per se limit (generally, 0.08%); (2) being found, based on a police officer's investigation, to have been driving or boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and (3) refusing a chemical test (e.g., a

breath test) or the nontestimonial portion of a drug influence evaluation (or DIE, which is an evaluation conducted by a specially trained police officer to determine a person's impairment from using drugs).

Penalties

The table below shows the penalties that apply under the bill for each offense. Generally, the bill applies the credential suspension penalties for one offense to the equivalent offense in the other law (e.g., a second DUI offense also subjects a person to the certificate suspension that applies for a second BUI offense). For driver's license suspensions, a required period of ignition interlock device (IID) use applies as a condition of license restoration, regardless of whether the offense triggering the suspension was committed in a motor vehicle or a boat.

Under the bill, offenders are subject to a suspension penalty for all three credentials, regardless of whether they currently hold them. If an offender does not have one of the credentials, the suspension applies to a person's operating privilege or right to operate a vessel (effectively, this means the person cannot get the credential for the length of the suspension).

Table: Certificate and License Suspension Penalties Under the Bill

Offense (§)		Driver's License	Boating or Personal Watercraft Certificate
BUI (§ 14), DUI (§ 15), or DUI with a child passenger (§ 20)	First	45 day suspension, plus one year IID use	One year suspension
	Second	45 day suspension plus three years IID use, with operation in the first year limited to certain travel (e.g., to work or school)	Three year suspension (or until age 21, whichever is longer)
	Third and subsequent	Permanent revocation*	Permanent revocation
Administrative Per Se for BUI (§ 16) or DUI (§ 17)	First	Age 21 and over: 45 days, plus 6 months IID use Under age 21: 45 days, plus 1 year IID use <u>Test/DIE Refusal</u> : 45 days,	<u>General</u> : 90 days <u>BAC of 0.16 or more</u> : 120 days <u>Test/DIE Refusal</u> : 6 months

Offense (§)		Driver's License	Boating or Personal Watercraft Certificate
		plus 1 year IID use	
	Second	<u>Age 21 and over:</u> 45 days, plus 1 year IID use <u>Under age 21:</u> 45 days, plus 2 year IID use <u>Test/DIE Refusal:</u> 45 days, plus 2 year IID use	<u>General:</u> 9 months <u>BAC of 0.16 or more:</u> 10 months <u>Test Refusal/DIE:</u> 1 year
	Third and subsequent	<u>Age 21 and over:</u> 45 days, plus 2 years IID use <u>Under age 21:</u> 45 days, plus 3 years IID use <u>Test/DIE Refusal:</u> 45 days, plus 3 years IID use	<u>General:</u> 2 years <u>BAC of 0.16 or more:</u> 2 years, 6 months <u>Test/DIE Refusal:</u> 3 years
DUI in a school bus or other vehicle designated for carrying children (§ 21)	All	45 day suspension plus three years IID use, with operation in the first year limited to certain travel (e.g., to work or school)	One year suspension

*The offender is eligible for reinstatement after two years. If reinstated, he or she must drive with an IID unless the DMV commissioner lifts this requirement after 15 years.

The bill also deems equivalent boating and driving offenses as prior convictions under the bill, as shown in the table below.

Table: Offenses Considered Prior Convictions, Current Law vs. Bill

Offense (§)	Considered a Prior Conviction of the Offense Under Current Law	Considered a Prior Conviction of the Offense Under the Bill
BUI (§ 14)	BUI	BUI and DUI
DUI (§ 15)	DUI, DUI with a child passenger, DUI in a school bus or other vehicle designated for carrying children, 2 nd degree manslaughter with a motor vehicle, 2 nd degree assault with a motor vehicle, or an offense committed in another state that is equivalent to any of these offenses	DUI, DUI with a child passenger, DUI in a school bus or other vehicle designated for carrying children, 2 nd degree manslaughter with a motor vehicle, 2 nd degree assault with a motor vehicle, BUI, reckless operation of a vessel while under the influence, or an offense committed in another state that is equivalent to any of these offenses
Administrative	BUI administrative per se	BUI and DUI administrative per se

Per Se, BUI (§ 16)		
Administrative Per Se, DUI (§ 17)	DUI administrative per se	BUI and DUI administrative per se
DUI with a child passenger (§ 20)	DUI, DUI under age 21, DUI with a child passenger, DUI in a school bus or other vehicle designated for carrying children, 2 nd degree manslaughter with a motor vehicle, 2 nd degree assault with a motor vehicle, or an offense committed in another state that is equivalent to any of these offenses	DUI, DUI under age 21, DUI with a child passenger, DUI in a school bus or other vehicle designated for carrying children, 2 nd degree manslaughter with a motor vehicle, 2 nd degree assault with a motor vehicle, BUI, reckless operation of a vessel while under the influence, or an offense committed in another state that is equivalent to any of these offenses

Administration

Under the bill, the court must report each DUI and BUI conviction to DMV and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and the commissioners must suspend the offender's driver's license and boating or personal watercraft as the bill requires.

The bill also requires the DMV and DEEP commissioners to notify each other when they suspend a person's driver's license or certificate, and the commissioner receiving the notice must suspend the applicable credential.

Credential Issuance (§§ 18 & 19)

The bill prohibits DMV from issuing a driver's license to anyone whose boating or personal watercraft certificate is suspended or revoked or subject to pending action by DEEP that may result in suspension or revocation due to DUI or reckless operation of a vessel. It also prohibits DEEP from issuing a boating certificate to anyone whose driver's license is suspended or revoked, or subject to pending action at DMV that may result in suspension or revocation due to DUI, DUI under age 21, DUI with a child passenger, or DUI in a school bus or other vehicle designated for carrying children. (The bill does not require DMV or DEEP to notify the other about a pending action within their jurisdiction.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

§ 22 — PONTOON BOAT REGISTRATION FEE

Eliminates the \$40 flat registration fee that currently applies to pontoon boats and instead applies the existing length-based registration fee that applies to other kinds of boats

By law, all boats must be registered with DMV, and the registration must be renewed annually. The annual registration fee for most boats is based on the boat's length and ranges from \$7.50 for boats under 12 feet to \$525 for boats 65 feet or over. However, under current law, pontoon boats (other than houseboats) must pay a flat registration fee of \$40.

The bill eliminates this flat fee, instead subjecting pontoon boats to the length-based fee. The table below lists the length-based boat registration fee for boats up to 35 feet long. (Most registered pontoon boats fall within the 16 to 26 foot range.)

Table: Annual Registration Fee for Boats Under 35 Feet Long

Overall Length		Fee (\$)	Overall Length		Fee (\$)
At Least	Less Than		At Least	Less Than	
—	12	7.50	23	24	82.50
12	13	11.25	24	25	90.00
13	14	15.00	25	26	97.50
14	15	18.75	26	27	105.00
15	16	22.50	27	28	112.50
16	17	30.00	28	29	120.00
17	18	37.50	29	30	127.50
18	19	45.00	30	31	135.00
19	20	52.50	31	32	142.50
20	21	60.00	32	33	150.00
21	22	67.50	33	34	157.50
22	23	75.00	34	35	165.00

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

§ 28 — VIDEO ON TRAFFIC SAFETY LAWS AT LICENSE RENEWAL

Increases the frequency with which driver's license holders must watch a traffic safety video to every renewal, rather than every other renewal

By law, the DMV commissioner must develop and revise a video about state laws impacting drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, as well

as ways to drive safely and reduce transportation-related fatalities and severe injuries. Current law requires the commissioner to require people to watch the video every other renewal. The bill instead requires that driver's license holders watch the video each time they renew their license. (Generally, a driver's license must be renewed every eight years.)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 2 (03/19/2025)