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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION WORKER SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Connecticut Special Service Road 495
2 from Miller Avenue southerly to the southbound Connecticut Route 15
3 access ramp in the city of Meriden shall be designated the "Andrew
4 DiDomenico Memorial Highway".

5 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Bridge No. 01241 carrying Jude Lane
6 over Interstate Route 84 eastbound and westbound in the town of
7 Southington shall be designated the "State Trooper First Class Aaron M.
8 Pelletier Memorial Bridge".

9 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this
10 section:

11 (1) "Highway work zone" and "highway worker" have the same
12 meanings as provided in section 14-212d of the general statutes, as
13 amended by this act;

14 (2) "Emergency vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in section

15 14-283 of the general statutes;

16 (3) "Drivers' school" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-
17 68 of the general statutes; and

18 (4) "Moving violation" and "suspension violation" have the same
19 meanings as provided in section 14-111g of the general statutes.

20 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall require the attendance
21 and successful completion of a highway work zone and roadside vehicle
22 awareness program by (1) any applicant for a motor vehicle operator's
23 license or instruction permit issued under section 14-36 of the general
24 statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) any motor vehicle operator who
25 has been convicted of a violation of section 14-283b of the general
26 statutes, as amended by this act, or 14-212d of the general statutes, as
27 amended by this act.

28 (c) The highway work zone and roadside vehicle safety awareness
29 program shall be taught by a designee of the Commissioner of Motor
30 Vehicles or by an instructor approved by the commissioner. Such
31 program, at a minimum, shall (1) review principles of safe motor vehicle
32 operation, (2) highlight the dangers of highway work zones, (3)
33 emphasize risks associated with unsafe driving in a highway work zone,
34 (4) include testimonials from highway workers and the families of
35 highway workers, (5) emphasize the dangers posed by vehicles that are
36 located on the shoulder of a highway, (6) review proper interactions
37 with emergency vehicles, and (7) conclude with a test in a written or
38 electronic format.

39 (d) Such program shall be offered by the Department of Motor
40 Vehicles, or by any other organization certified by the commissioner to
41 conduct such program in person in a congregate setting, through
42 distance learning or through a combination of both in-person and
43 distance learning, provided such distance learning has interactive
44 components such as mandatory interactions, participation or testing.
45 Any drivers' school that means the licensure requirement of part IV of

46 chapter 246 of the general statutes shall be eligible to seek certification
47 to offer the highway work zone and roadside vehicle safety awareness
48 program. The commissioner shall determine the number of program
49 providers necessary to serve the needs of the public.

50 (e) (1) Each organization or drivers' school seeking certification or
51 recertification to conduct such program shall submit an application to
52 the department in such form as the commissioner shall require and an
53 application fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Each such applicant shall:

54 (A) Be registered to do business in this state and continuously
55 maintain good standing with the office of the Secretary of the State;

56 (B) File and continuously maintain a surety bond in the amount of
57 fifty thousand dollars. Such bond shall be conditioned upon compliance
58 with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation concerning
59 the conduct of a highway work zone and roadside vehicle safety
60 awareness program and provided as indemnity for any loss or expense
61 sustained by either the state or any person by reason of any acts or
62 omissions of the program provider. Such bond shall be executed in the
63 name of the State of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved party,
64 but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of
65 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after a hearing held before the
66 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
67 general statutes;

68 (C) Have a permanent place of business in this state where all records
69 pertaining to such program shall be maintained and accessible to the
70 commissioner during normal business hours;

71 (D) Submit for approval by the commissioner a detailed curriculum
72 and lesson plan, including any changes to such curriculum and lesson
73 plan, which shall be used in each program; and

74 (E) Electronically transmit information concerning enrollment and
75 program completion to the commissioner at such times and in such form

76 as the commissioner shall prescribe.

77 (2) Prior to the certification of an applicant, the commissioner shall
78 investigate the applicant's character, driving history and criminal
79 history. If the applicant is a business entity, such investigation shall
80 include the principals and officers of such entity. The applicant shall
81 submit to the commissioner any information pertaining to current or
82 past criminal or civil actions. The certification of a program provider by
83 the commissioner shall not be transferable and shall be valid for a two-
84 year period. Recertification of a provider shall be at the discretion of the
85 commissioner and in such form and manner determined by the
86 commissioner.

87 (f) Any person who is required to attend a highway work zone and
88 roadside vehicle safety program because such person has been
89 convicted of a violation of section 14-283b of the general statutes, as
90 amended by this act, or 14-212d of the general statutes, as amended by
91 this act, shall (1) attend and successfully complete such program in
92 person in a congregate setting, and (2) shall have such requirement and
93 the completion date of such requirement posted on such person's
94 driving history record maintained by the commissioner. The date of
95 program completion shall remain on such person's driving history
96 record until such person has attained thirty-six consecutive months
97 without any additional moving violations, suspension violations or
98 violation of section 14-283b of the general statutes, as amended by this
99 act, being posted to such person's driving history record. Until the
100 completion of such thirty-six consecutive months, the Commissioner of
101 Motor Vehicles shall suspend such person's operator's license or
102 operating privilege for: (A) Thirty days upon a first conviction for any
103 specified moving violation, suspension violation or violation of section
104 14-283b of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (B) sixty days
105 upon a second conviction for any specified moving violation,
106 suspension violation or violation of section 14-283b of the general
107 statutes, as amended by this act; and (C) ninety days for a third or
108 subsequent conviction of a specified moving violation, suspension

109 violation or violation of section 14-283b of the general statutes, as
110 amended by this act.

111 (g) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
112 chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the provisions of this
113 section.

114 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
115 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
116 *1, 2025*):

117 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any
118 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant
119 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements
120 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) submit to the
121 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a
122 certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school,
123 a technical education and career school or a private secondary school of
124 a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided
125 in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed
126 drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training
127 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each
128 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful
129 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-
130 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit
131 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) submit to the commissioner, in
132 such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the
133 successful completion of (i) a course of not less than eight hours relative
134 to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the
135 nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol
136 and drugs, including cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, and their
137 impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with
138 the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or
139 drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, the
140 penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations and a

141 video presentation specific to the impact of cannabis on the operator of
142 a motor vehicle and how the ingestion of cannabis can cause impairment
143 of motor function, reaction time, perception and peripheral vision, and
144 (ii) for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit is issued on or
145 after October 1, 2025, the highway work zone and roadside vehicle
146 safety awareness program described in section 3 of this act; and (C) pass
147 an examination which may include a comprehensive test as to
148 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
149 road in addition to the test required under subsection (c) of this section
150 and shall include an on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the
151 commissioner. At the time of application and examination for a motor
152 vehicle operator's license, an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age
153 shall have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred
154 eighty days, except that an applicant who presents a certificate under
155 subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall
156 have held a youth instruction permit for not less than one hundred
157 twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training and
158 instruction by the driver training unit for persons with disabilities in
159 accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such
160 permit for the period of time required by said unit. The commissioner
161 shall approve the content of the safe driving [instruction] practices
162 course at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools.
163 Subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may
164 impose, the commissioner may authorize any drivers' school, licensed
165 in good standing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69, or
166 secondary school driver education program authorized pursuant to the
167 provisions of section 14-36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to
168 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
169 road, required pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part
170 of the safe driving practices course required pursuant to subparagraph
171 (B) of this subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath,
172 the results of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction
173 required by this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition
174 to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course

175 required under subparagraph (B)(ii) or subparagraph (B)(iii) of this
176 subdivision shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. Any applicant
177 sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another state,
178 completed the course required in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
179 but did not complete the safe driving practices course required in
180 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving
181 practices course. The commissioner may waive any requirement in this
182 subdivision, except for [that in] the requirements of subparagraph (C)
183 of this subdivision, in the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years
184 of age who holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any
185 other state, provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has
186 received training and instruction of a similar nature.

187 (2) The commissioner may accept as evidence of sufficient training
188 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection home
189 training as evidenced by a written statement submitted to the
190 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs. Such
191 statement shall be signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or
192 by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an applicant,
193 and state that the applicant has obtained a youth instruction permit and
194 has successfully completed a driving course taught by the person
195 signing the statement, that the signer has had an operator's license for
196 at least four years preceding the date of the statement, and that the
197 signer has not had such license suspended by the commissioner for at
198 least four years preceding the date of the statement. If the applicant has
199 no spouse, parent, grandparent, foster parent or guardian so qualified
200 and available to give the instruction, such statement may be signed by
201 the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or
202 marriage, provided the person signing the statement is qualified.

203 (3) The knowledge test for a class D motor vehicle operator's license
204 required under this section shall be administered (A) in electronic and
205 audio format and any other format the commissioner deems
206 appropriate, and (B) at the option of the applicant, in English, Spanish
207 or any language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's

208 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States Census
 209 Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. The knowledge test
 210 shall also be administered in a written or electronic format in at least
 211 twenty-six other languages that the commissioner, in consultation with
 212 representatives of organizations that advocate on behalf of or assist
 213 immigrants, refugees or other persons who are English language
 214 learners, determines are responsive to the linguistic needs of the
 215 emerging immigrant and refugee populations in the state. Each
 216 knowledge test offered in such other languages shall be reviewed by a
 217 person who is fluent in the language of such knowledge test and may
 218 also be administered in an audio format as the commissioner deems
 219 appropriate. The commissioner shall require any applicant under this
 220 section to have sufficient understanding of English for the interpretation
 221 of traffic control signs.

222 (4) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 223 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of this subsection
 224 concerning the requirements for behind-the-wheel, on-the-road
 225 instruction, the content of safe driving [instruction] practices course at
 226 drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools, and the
 227 administration and certification of required testing.

228 Sec. 5. Section 14-37b of the general statutes is repealed and the
 229 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

230 Any applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license who has not
 231 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and who
 232 does not hold a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any
 233 other state, by any territory or possession of the United States, or by any
 234 foreign country with which the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has an
 235 agreement for reciprocal recognition of driver training requirements,
 236 shall be subject to the requirements of subdivision (3) of subsection (e)
 237 of section 14-36 and shall be required to present to the Commissioner of
 238 Motor Vehicles a certificate of the successful completion of (1) a course
 239 of not less than eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including

240 a minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological and
241 physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the
242 operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation
243 of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the
244 operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for
245 alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations, and (2) on and after
246 October 1, 2025, the highway work zone and roadside vehicle safety
247 awareness program described in section 3 of this act. The commissioner
248 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
249 establishing standards for commercial drivers' schools that are licensed
250 in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 to offer and conduct
251 the course of instruction required by this section.

252 Sec. 6. Section 14-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the
253 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

254 (a) (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public
255 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal
256 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter
257 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads
258 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any
259 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance
260 with the provisions of section 14-218a or section 14-307a or upon any
261 school property recklessly, having regard to the width, traffic and use
262 of such highway, road, school property or parking area, the intersection
263 of streets and the weather conditions.

264 (2) The operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or
265 parking area for ten cars or more at such a rate of speed as to endanger
266 the life of any person other than the operator of such motor vehicle, or
267 the operation, downgrade, upon any highway, of any motor vehicle
268 with a commercial registration with the clutch or gears disengaged, or
269 the operation knowingly of a motor vehicle with defective mechanism,
270 shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this section.

271 (3) The operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or
272 parking area for ten cars or more at a rate of speed greater than eighty-
273 five miles per hour shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this
274 section.

275 (4) The operation of a motor vehicle upon a limited access highway
276 while engaged in any activity prohibited by section 14-296aa, as
277 amended by this act, shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this
278 section.

279 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section (1) for the
280 first offense, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more
281 than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or
282 be both fined and imprisoned, [for the first offense] except any person
283 who violates any provision of this section while operating a motor
284 vehicle within a highway work zone, as defined in section 14-212d, as
285 amended by this act, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars
286 or imprisoned more than three months or be both fined and imprisoned,
287 and (2) for each subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than six
288 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined
289 and imprisoned.

290 Sec. 7. Section 14-296aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
291 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

292 (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
293 following meanings:

294 (1) "Mobile telephone" means a cellular, analog, wireless or digital
295 telephone capable of sending or receiving telephone communications
296 without an access line for service.

297 (2) "Using" or "use" means holding a hand-held mobile telephone to,
298 or in the immediate proximity of, the user's ear.

299 (3) "Hand-held mobile telephone" means a mobile telephone with

300 which a user engages in a call using at least one hand.

301 (4) "Hands-free accessory" means an attachment, add-on, built-in
302 feature, or addition to a mobile telephone, whether or not permanently
303 installed in a motor vehicle, that, when used, allows the vehicle operator
304 to maintain both hands on the steering wheel.

305 (5) "Hands-free mobile telephone" means a hand-held mobile
306 telephone that has an internal feature or function, or that is equipped
307 with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of
308 such hand-held mobile telephone, by which a user engages in a call
309 without the use of either hand, whether or not the use of either hand is
310 necessary to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.

311 (6) "Engage in a call" means talking into or listening on a hand-held
312 mobile telephone, but does not include holding a hand-held mobile
313 telephone to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.

314 (7) "Immediate proximity" means the distance that permits the
315 operator of a hand-held mobile telephone to hear telecommunications
316 transmitted over such hand-held mobile telephone, but does not require
317 physical contact with such operator's ear.

318 (8) "Mobile electronic device" means any hand-held or other portable
319 electronic equipment capable of providing data communication
320 between two or more persons, including a text messaging device, a
321 paging device, a personal digital assistant, a laptop computer,
322 equipment that is capable of playing a video game or a digital video
323 disk, or equipment on which digital photographs are taken or
324 transmitted, or any combination thereof, but does not include any audio
325 equipment or any equipment installed in a motor vehicle for the
326 purpose of providing navigation, emergency assistance to the operator
327 of such motor vehicle or video entertainment to the passengers in the
328 rear seats of such motor vehicle.

329 (9) "Operating a motor vehicle" means operating a motor vehicle on

330 any highway, [as defined in section 14-1,] including being temporarily
331 stationary due to traffic, road conditions or a traffic control sign or
332 signal, but not including being parked on the side or shoulder of any
333 highway where such vehicle is safely able to remain stationary.

334 (10) "Highway", "commercial motor vehicle" and "authorized
335 emergency vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-
336 1.

337 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and
338 subsections (c) and (d) of this section, no person shall operate a motor
339 vehicle upon a highway [, as defined in section 14-1,] while using a
340 hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call or while using a mobile
341 electronic device. An operator of a motor vehicle who types, sends or
342 reads a text message with a hand-held mobile telephone or mobile
343 electronic device while operating a motor vehicle shall be in violation of
344 this section, except that if such operator is driving a commercial motor
345 vehicle, [as defined in section 14-1,] such operator shall be charged with
346 a violation of subsection (e) of this section.

347 (2) An operator of a motor vehicle who holds a hand-held mobile
348 telephone to, or in the immediate proximity of, his or her ear while
349 operating a motor vehicle is presumed to be engaging in a call within
350 the meaning of this section. The presumption established by this
351 subdivision is rebuttable by evidence tending to show that the operator
352 was not engaged in a call.

353 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as
354 authorizing the seizure or forfeiture of a hand-held mobile telephone or
355 a mobile electronic device, unless otherwise provided by law.

356 (4) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to: (A) The use
357 of a hand-held mobile telephone for the sole purpose of communicating
358 with any of the following regarding an emergency situation: An
359 emergency response operator; a hospital, physician's office or health
360 clinic; an ambulance company; a fire department; or a police

361 department, or (B) any of the following persons while in the
362 performance of their official duties and within the scope of their
363 employment: A peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of section
364 53a-3, a firefighter or an operator of an ambulance or authorized
365 emergency vehicle [, as defined in section 14-1,] or a member of the
366 armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 27-103, while
367 operating a military vehicle, or (C) the use of a hand-held radio by a
368 person with an amateur radio station license issued by the Federal
369 Communications Commission in emergency situations for emergency
370 purposes only, or (D) the use of a hands-free mobile telephone.

371 (c) No person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other
372 electronic device, including those with hands-free accessories, or a
373 mobile electronic device, while operating a school bus that is carrying
374 passengers, except that this subsection shall not apply when such
375 person: (1) Places an emergency call to school officials; (2) uses a hand-
376 held mobile telephone as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
377 (4) of subsection (b) of this section; (3) uses a hand-held mobile
378 telephone or mobile electronic device in a manner similar to a two-way
379 radio to allow real-time communication with a school official, an
380 emergency response operator, a hospital, physician's office or health
381 clinic, an ambulance company, a fire department or a police department;
382 or (4) uses a mobile electronic device with a video display, provided
383 such device (A) is used as a global positioning system or to provide
384 navigation, (B) is securely attached inside the school bus near such
385 person, and (C) has been approved for such use by the Department of
386 Motor Vehicles.

387 (d) No person under eighteen years of age shall use any hand-held
388 mobile telephone, including one with a hands-free accessory, or a
389 mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle on a public
390 highway, except as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (4) of
391 subsection (b) of this section.

392 (e) No person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other

393 electronic device or type, read or send text or a text message with or
394 from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a
395 commercial motor vehicle, [as defined in section 14-1,] except for the
396 purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an
397 emergency situation: An emergency response operator; a hospital;
398 physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company; a fire
399 department or a police department.

400 (f) Except as provided in subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this
401 section, no person shall engage in any activity not related to the actual
402 operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that interferes with the safe
403 operation of such vehicle on any highway. [as defined in section 14-1.]

404 (g) Any law enforcement officer who issues a summons for a
405 violation of this section shall record on such summons the specific
406 nature of any distracted driving behavior observed by such officer.

407 (h) Any person who violates this section shall be fined two hundred
408 dollars for a first violation, three hundred seventy-five dollars for a
409 second violation and six hundred twenty-five dollars for a third or
410 subsequent violation.

411 (i) An operator of a motor vehicle who commits a moving violation,
412 as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-111g, while engaged in any
413 activity prohibited by this section shall be fined in accordance with
414 subsection (h) of this section, in addition to any penalty or fine imposed
415 for the moving violation.

416 (j) The state shall remit to a municipality twenty-five per cent of the
417 fine amount received for a violation of this section with respect to each
418 summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk of the Superior Court
419 or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior
420 Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on or before
421 the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each year, certify
422 to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this
423 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or

424 official.

425 (k) A record of any violation of this section shall appear on the
426 driving history record or motor vehicle record, as defined in section 14-
427 10, of any person who commits such violation, and the record of such
428 violation shall be available to any motor vehicle insurer in accordance
429 with the provisions of section 14-10.

430 (l) No person shall be subject to the prosecution for a violation of the
431 provisions of this section and subsection (a) of section 14-222, as
432 amended by this act, because of the same offense.

433 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 14-283b of the general statutes is
434 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
435 *1, 2025*):

436 (d) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of
437 this section shall have committed an infraction, except that if such
438 violation results in the injury of the operator or any occupant of an
439 emergency vehicle, such person shall be fined not more than [two
440 thousand five hundred] ten thousand dollars and, if such violation
441 results in the death of the operator or any occupant of an emergency
442 vehicle, such person shall be fined not more than [ten] twenty thousand
443 dollars.

444 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this
445 section shall have committed an infraction.

446 Sec. 9. Subsection (f) of section 14-212d of the general statutes is
447 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
448 *1, 2025*):

449 (f) Upon conviction or a plea of guilty for committing the offense of
450 aggravated endangerment of a highway worker, a person shall be
451 subject to a fine of (1) not more than [five] ten thousand dollars if such
452 offense results in serious physical injury to a highway worker, or (2)

453 [ten] twenty thousand dollars if such offense results in the death of a
454 highway worker, in addition to any other penalty authorized by law.

455 Sec. 10. Section 14-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the
456 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

457 (a) There shall be within the Department of Transportation the Office
458 of the State Traffic Administration, which shall constitute a successor to
459 the State Traffic Commission, in accordance with the provisions of
460 sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.

461 (b) For the purpose of standardization and uniformity, said office
462 shall adopt [and cause to be printed for publication] regulations in
463 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 establishing a uniform
464 system of traffic control signals, devices, signs and markings consistent
465 with the provisions of this chapter for use upon the public highways.
466 The Commissioner of Transportation shall make known to the General
467 Assembly the availability of such regulations and any requesting
468 member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage media of such
469 regulations by said commissioner. Taking into consideration the public
470 safety and convenience with respect to the width and character of the
471 highways and roads affected, the density of traffic thereon and the
472 character of such traffic, said office shall also adopt regulations, in
473 cooperation and agreement with local traffic authorities and in
474 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the use of state
475 highways and roads on state-owned properties, and the operation of
476 vehicles, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, bicycles, as
477 defined in section 14-286, electric bicycles and electric foot scooters
478 thereon. A list of limited-access highways shall be published with such
479 regulations and said list shall be revised and published once each year.
480 The Commissioner of Transportation shall make known to the General
481 Assembly the availability of such regulations and list and any
482 requesting member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage
483 media of such regulations and list by the commissioner. A list of limited-
484 access highways opened to traffic by the Commissioner of

485 Transportation in the interim period between publications shall be
486 maintained in the Office of the State Traffic Administration and such
487 regulations shall apply to the use of such listed highways.

488 (c) Said office shall also [make] adopt regulations, in cooperation and
489 agreement with local traffic authorities, respecting the use by through
490 truck traffic of streets and highways within the limits of, and under the
491 jurisdiction of, any city, town or borough of this state for the protection
492 and safety of the public. If said office determines that the prohibition of
493 through truck traffic on any street or highway is necessary because of
494 an immediate and imminent threat to the public health and safety and
495 the local traffic authority is precluded for any reason from acting on
496 such prohibition, the office, if it is not otherwise precluded from so
497 acting, may impose such prohibition.

498 (d) (1) Said office may place and maintain traffic control signals,
499 signs, markings and other safety devices, which it deems to be in the
500 interests of public safety, upon such highways as come within the
501 jurisdiction of said office as set forth in section 14-297.

502 (2) On and after October 1, 2025, said office shall require each
503 installation and reinstallation of an edge line on a limited access
504 highway to be six inches wide and in accordance with the Federal
505 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
506 for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time.

507 (e) The traffic authority of any city, town or borough may place and
508 maintain traffic control signals, signs, markings and other safety devices
509 upon the highways under its jurisdiction, and all such signals, devices,
510 signs and markings shall conform to the regulations established by said
511 office in accordance with this chapter, and such traffic authority shall,
512 with respect to traffic control signals, conform to the provisions of
513 section 14-299.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-36(d)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-37b
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-222
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-296aa
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-283b(d)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-212d(f)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-298

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) designate a portion of a highway in honor of Andrew DiDomenico and a bridge in honor of State Trooper First Class Aaron M. Pelletier, (2) establish a work zone and roadside vehicle safety awareness program, (3) make distracted driving on a limited access highway a reckless driving violation, (4) increase the penalties for endangering a highway worker and violating the "move over" law, and (5) require the installation of six-inch-wide edge lines on limited access highways.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]