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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, NOTICE OF CASUAL CAR SALES, REGISTRATION FEES FOR PONTOON BOATS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.

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 Section 14-15e of the general statutes is repealed and the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*):

(a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no
person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of electronically
filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or a
certificate of title for motor vehicles with the Department of Motor
Vehicles, unless such person, firm or corporation holds an electronic
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

in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles licensed and acting pursuant to section 14-15 or a contractor authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, may use the department's electronic system for filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or certificate of title, as the case may be, without obtaining an electronic issuance license.

18 (3) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any person, 19 firm or corporation that files, on average, five or more applications for 20 the issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for 21 motor vehicles each month with the Department of Motor Vehicles to 22 file such applications electronically and obtain an electronic issuance 23 license. Any such person, firm or corporation that fails or refuses to file 24 an application for such issuance electronically upon the request of the 25 commissioner shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars to the commissioner 26 for each such application submitted.

27 (b) Each applicant for an electronic issuance license shall submit an 28 application containing such information as the commissioner may 29 require and pay a license fee in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars. 30 Each license may be renewed biennially according to renewal schedules 31 established by the commissioner to effect staggered renewal of such 32 licenses. If the adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration 33 of any license more or less than two years from its issuance, the 34 commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such license fee. Not 35 less than forty-five days prior to the date of expiration of each such 36 license, the commissioner shall send or transmit to each licensee, in a 37 manner determined by the commissioner, an application for renewal. 38 Any licensee that has not filed the application for renewal accompanied 39 by the license fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to the expiration 40 date of such license shall no longer be permitted to use the department's 41 electronic system for filing applications for the issuance of a certificate 42 of registration or certificate of title pursuant to section 14-15d, as 43 amended by this act. An application for renewal filed with the 44 commissioner after the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late

45 fee of one hundred dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any46 license under this section that has been expired for more than forty-five47 days.

48 (c) Each applicant for, or holder of, an electronic issuance license shall 49 furnish surety bonds in the following amounts: (1) Twenty thousand 50 dollars conditioned upon the applicant or holder complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation relating to the 51 52 conduct of filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of 53 registration or certificate of title and provided as indemnity for any loss 54 sustained by any customer of such licensee by reason of the licensee's 55 failure to comply with such laws or regulations; (2) twenty thousand 56 dollars provided as security for any monetary loss suffered by the 57 department as a result of the loss, destruction or misuse of any number 58 plates assigned to such licensee by the department pursuant to 59 subsection (f) of this section; and (3) five thousand dollars provided as 60 security for any monetary loss suffered by the department due to such 61 licensee's failure to remit registration and title fees received pursuant to section 14-15d, as amended by this act. The surety bond furnished 62 63 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be executed in the 64 name of the state of Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved 65 customer, but the penalty of the bond shall not be invoked except upon 66 order of the commissioner after a hearing before the commissioner in 67 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. The commissioner shall 68 assess an administrative fee of two hundred dollars against any 69 electronic issuance licensee for failing to provide proof of bond renewal 70 or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the existing 71 bond.

(d) The commissioner may, after 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 78 stockholder,] if the applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, a 79 director, officer, partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who exercises substantial control over the firm or 80 corporation or who has more than a twenty-five per cent ownership 81 82 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) 83 84 pertaining to the business of electronic filing applications for the 85 issuance of a certificate of registration or certificate of title, or (B) 86 involving fraud, larceny, stalking, embezzlement, bribery or deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of the United 87 88 States or any state, or (2) for any reason the commissioner reasonably 89 deems necessary. Upon renewal of such license, a licensee shall make 90 full disclosure of any such civil judgment or conviction under penalty 91 of false statement. Each applicant for the issuance of such license, or if 92 the applicant is a firm or corporation, each [officer or major stockholder 93 of such firm or corporation,] director, officer, partner or owner of the 94 firm or corporation or other individual who exercises substantial control 95 over the firm or corporation or who has more than a twenty-five per 96 cent ownership interest in the firm or corporation, shall be fingerprinted 97 and shall submit to state and national criminal history records checks, 98 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

99 (e) The commissioner shall not issue or renew an electronic issuance 100 license unless the commissioner determines (1) the issuance or renewal 101 is likely to improve access to services offered by the department or 102 manage the number of transactions conducted at the main office or 103 branch office of the department and will not compromise the integrity 104 and security of the department's electronic system, and (2) the applicant 105 for such license is capable of ensuring the adequate control and proper 106 use of number plates and other materials to be provided by the 107 department pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

- (f) (1) The department shall provide each electronic issuance licensee
 with an inventory of number plates and other materials to be used solely
- 110 for the registration of transactions performed pursuant to the provisions

of section 14-15d, as amended by this act. Such licensee shall be
responsible for all number plates assigned to such licensee by the
department.

114 (2) If a person, firm or corporation holds an electronic issuance license 115 that is no longer valid, or if an electronic issuance licensee is no longer 116 conducting its business, such person, firm or corporation or licensee 117 shall return to the commissioner, not later than five business days after 118 such license becoming invalid or the termination of such business, (A) 119 any number plates or other materials supplied by the commissioner to 120 enable such person, firm or corporation or licensee to perform the 121 registration of transactions pursuant to section 14-15d, as amended by 122 this act, and (B) any applications for such transactions that were not 123 acted upon or completed by such person, firm or corporation or licensee 124 when it was conducting its business. A violation of any provision of this 125 subdivision shall be an infraction.

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

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

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

(a) The [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Motor Vehicles</u> may, after
notice and hearing, refuse to grant or renew a license to a person, firm
or corporation to engage in the business of selling or repairing motor

142 vehicles pursuant to the provisions of section 14-52 if the applicant for, 143 or holder of, such a license, or [an officer or major stockholder,] if the 144 applicant or licensee is a firm or corporation, a director, officer, partner 145 or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who exercises 146 substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has more than a 147 twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or corporation has 148 been found liable in a civil action for odometer fraud or operating a 149 dealer, repairer or motor vehicle recycler business without a license, 150 convicted of a violation of any provision of laws pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer, including a motor vehicle 151 152 recycler, or convicted of any violation of any provision of laws involving 153 fraud, larceny or deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the 154 courts of the United States or any state. Upon renewal of such license, a 155 licensee shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or 156 conviction under penalty of false statement. Each applicant for such a 157 license or if the applicant is a firm or corporation, each director, officer, 158 partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who 159 exercises substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has 160 more than a twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or 161 corporation shall be fingerprinted and submit to state and national 162 criminal history records checks, conducted in accordance with section 163 29-17a. The commissioner may require a person, firm or corporation to 164 submit its application electronically.

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

(b) The commissioner may renew or produce a duplicate of any motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity card without personal appearance of the license or card holder if (1) the commissioner has on file a photograph or digital image of the applicant that meets the specifications and standards prescribed by the commissioner and may be used on such license or identity card, (2) the commissioner has satisfactory evidence of the identity of the applicant, (3) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is a legal resident of
this state, (4) in the case of a renewal, the applicant personally appeared
to renew such license or identity card within the time limitations
specified in [state or federal law] <u>6 CFR 37.25</u>, as amended from time to
time, or a shorter period of time at the discretion of the commissioner,
and (5) the applicant meets all other requirements for the renewal or
duplicate issuance of a license or identity card.

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

185 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall amend the regulations 186 adopted pursuant to sections 14-36f and 14-78 concerning the content of 187 safe driving instruction courses offered at drivers' schools, high schools 188 and other secondary schools to require the eight hours of instruction 189 required by such regulations to include, for applicants to whom a 190 learner's permit or youth instruction permit is issued, two hours of 191 instruction concerning the statutory provisions, including penalties, 192 applicable to drivers who are less than eighteen years of age, the 193 dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive development of adolescents, 194 the responsibilities and liabilities of parents of teenage drivers, and 195 related topics deemed by the commissioner to be appropriate. Such 196 course [may] shall be offered in person in a congregate setting. [, 197 through distance learning or through a combination of both in-person 198 in a congregate setting and distance learning, provided such distance 199 learning is conducted in real-time by an instructor and has interactive 200 components such as mandatory interactions, participation or testing.]

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

204 (d) On and after November 18, 2024, the commissioner shall request205 a driver's record from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, in

206 accordance with 49 CFR 382.725, as amended from time to time, for any 207 person who applies for, renews, transfers or upgrades a commercial 208 driver's license or a commercial learner's permit. The commissioner 209 shall use information obtained from the Drug and Alcohol 210 Clearinghouse solely for the purpose of determining whether such 211 person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and shall not 212 disclose such information to any other person or entity not directly 213 involved in determining whether such person is qualified to operate a 214 commercial motor vehicle. If the commissioner receives notification 215 pursuant to 49 CFR 382.501(a), as amended from time to time, that such 216 person is prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle, the 217 commissioner shall not issue, renew or upgrade the commercial driver's 218 license or commercial learner's permit. If such person currently holds a 219 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit, the 220 commissioner shall, not later than sixty days after the date the 221 commissioner receives such notification₂ [: (1) Downgrade the 222 commercial driver's license to a Class D operator's license, or (2) cancel 223 the commercial learner's permit] disqualify such person from holding a 224 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit. 225 The commissioner may restore such person's commercial driver's 226 license or commercial learner's permit if (1) the Drug and Alcohol 227 Clearinghouse changes such person's status from prohibited to not 228 prohibited, and (2) such person fulfills applicable reinstatement 229 requirements and pays the restoration fee in accordance with the 230 provisions of section 14-50b. Any person who is denied a commercial 231 driver's license or a commercial learner's permit, or whose license or 232 permit is [downgraded or cancelled] disqualified pursuant to this 233 subsection, shall be granted an opportunity for a hearing in accordance 234 with the provisions of chapter 54.

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

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

239 a commercial learner's permit to any applicant who does not meet the 240 physical gualification standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended 241 from time to time. As required by 49 CFR 383.71(h), each applicant for a 242 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit shall provide 243 to the commissioner a copy of a medical examiner's certificate, prepared 244 by a medical examiner, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, indicating that such 245 applicant is medically certified to operate a commercial motor vehicle. 246 For each applicant who has submitted such medical certification and 247 who has also certified, in accordance with 49 CFR 383.71(b) and 248 subsection (c) of section 14-44c, that such applicant operates in 249 nonexcepted interstate commerce, the commissioner shall post a 250 medical certification status of "certified" on the Commercial Driver's 251 License Information System driver record for such applicant. The holder 252 of a commercial driver's license who has not been examined and 253 certified as qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle during the 254 preceding twenty-four months, or a shorter period as indicated by the 255 medical examiner submitting such certificate, shall be required to 256 submit a new medical certificate. The commissioner shall not issue a 257 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit to any 258 applicant or holder who fails to submit the medical certification 259 required by this section. If the holder of a commercial driver's license or 260 commercial learner's permit fails to submit a new medical examiner's 261 certificate before the expiration of twenty-four months or the period 262 specified by the medical examiner, whichever is shorter, the 263 commissioner shall, not later than sixty days after the date that such 264 holder's medical status becomes uncertified, [: (1) Downgrade the 265 commercial driver's license to a Class D operator's license; or (2) cancel 266 the commercial learner's permit] disqualify such person from holding a 267 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit. 268 The commissioner may restore such person's commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit if such person fulfills applicable 269 270 reinstatement requirements and pays the restoration fee in accordance 271 with the provisions of section 14-50b. Any applicant or holder who is 272 denied a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit,

or whose license or permit is disqualified, suspended, revoked or
cancelled pursuant to this subsection, shall be granted an opportunity
for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

276 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is 277 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 278 2025):

279 (a) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or repairer before engaging 280 in such business shall make a separate sworn application to the 281 commissioner for a license to engage in such business in each place of 282 business conducted by such dealer. The application shall include any 283 information that may be required by the commissioner on blanks to be 284 furnished by said commissioner. Each application shall be accompanied 285 by a fee of one hundred forty dollars for each place of business 286 conducted by the applicant, together with the fee for the type of license 287 for which the applicant is [making application] applying, and such fee 288 or fees shall not be subject to prorating and shall not be subject to refund. 289 No such license shall be transferable. When such licensee adds buildings 290 [or adjacent land to] directly bordering or sharing a common boundary 291 with such licensee's licensed place of business, without any intervening 292 highway or private roadways, the commissioner may require the 293 licensee to furnish satisfactory evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 14-54, or with other applicable provisions of law, 294 295 administered by the municipality wherein such business is located, 296 concerning building or zoning requirements. When a change of officers 297 of a corporation engaged in such business is made, a notice of the change 298 shall be sent to the commissioner within a period of fifteen days from 299 the date of the change. The commissioner may suspend the license of 300 any corporation, after notice and hearing, when the newly appointed or 301 elected officers cannot be considered as qualified to conduct the 302 business as provided in section 14-51, as amended by this act.

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

305 The commissioner may suspend or revoke the license or licenses of 306 any licensee or impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand 307 dollars for each violation on any licensee or both, when, after notice and 308 hearing, the commissioner finds that the licensee (1) has violated any 309 provision of any statute or regulation of any state or any federal statute 310 or regulation pertaining to its business as a licensee or has failed to 311 comply with the terms of a final decision and order of any state 312 department or federal agency concerning any such provision; [or] (2) 313 has failed to maintain such records of transactions concerning the 314 purchase, sale or repair of motor vehicles or major component parts, as 315 required by such regulations as shall be adopted by the commissioner, 316 for a period of [two] three years after such purchase, sale or repairs, provided the records shall include the vehicle identification number and 317 318 the name and address of the person from whom each vehicle or part was 319 purchased and to whom each vehicle or part was sold, if a sale occurred; 320 [or] (3) has failed to allow inspection of such records by the 321 commissioner or the commissioner's representative during normal 322 business hours, provided written notice stating the purpose of the 323 inspection is furnished to the licensee, or has failed to allow inspection 324 of such records by any representative of the Division of State Police 325 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or 326 any organized local police department, which inspection may include 327 examination of the premises to determine the accuracy of such records; 328 [or] (4) has made a false statement as to the condition, prior ownership 329 or prior use of any motor vehicle sold, exchanged, transferred, offered 330 for sale or repaired if the licensee knew or should have known that such 331 statement was false; [or] (5) is not qualified to conduct the licensed 332 business, applying the standards of section 14-51, as amended by this 333 act, and the applicable regulations; [or] (6) has violated any provision of 334 sections 42-221 to 42-226, inclusive; [or] (7) has failed to fully execute or 335 provide the buyer with (A) an order as described in section 14-62, (B) 336 the properly assigned certificate of title, or (C) a temporary transfer or new issue of registration; [or] (8) has failed to deliver a motor vehicle 337 338 free and clear of all liens, unless written notification is given to the buyer

339 stating such motor vehicle shall be purchased subject to a lien; [or] (9) 340 has violated any provision of sections 14-65f to 14-65j, inclusive, and 341 section 14-65l; [or] (10) has used registration number plates issued by 342 the commissioner, in violation of the provisions and standards set forth 343 in sections 14-59 and 14-60 and the applicable regulations; [or] (11) has 344 failed to secure or to account for or surrender to the commissioner on 345 demand official registration plates or any other official materials in its 346 custody; or (12) has been convicted, or if the licensee is a firm or 347 corporation, an officer or major stockholder has been convicted, of a 348 violation of any provision of laws pertaining to the business of a motor 349 vehicle dealer or repairer, including a motor vehicle recycler, or of any 350 violation involving fraud, larceny or deprivation or misappropriation of 351 property, in the courts of the United States or of any state, or has failed 352 to make full disclosure of any such conviction. In addition to, or in lieu 353 of, the imposition of any other penalties authorized by this section, the 354 commissioner may order any such licensee to make restitution to any 355 aggrieved customer.

Sec. 9. Section 14-66b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

358 Each owner of a wrecker registered pursuant to subsection (c) of 359 section 14-66 shall keep and maintain a record stating the following 360 information: (1) The registration number of each motor vehicle towed or 361 transported and the registration number of each wrecker used to tow or 362 transport such motor vehicle; (2) the date and time the tow commenced 363 and was completed; (3) the location from which the disabled motor 364 vehicle was towed and the destination of such tow; (4) the mileage of 365 the wrecker at the commencement and completion of the tow; (5) the 366 charge for tow service and any other charges incurred for services 367 related to such tow; (6) the name and address of the person requesting 368 tow service; and (7) any other information the commissioner deems 369 necessary, specified in regulations adopted in accordance with the 370 provisions of chapter 54. Such records shall be retained at the place of 371 business of the wrecker service for a period of [two] three years and shall

372 be available for inspection during regular business hours by any law 373 enforcement officer or inspector designated by the Commissioner of 374 Motor Vehicles. Each owner of a wrecker shall also keep and maintain 375 copies of any written contracts with owners or lessees of property 376 authorizing the towing or removal of motor vehicles from the property 377 of such owner or lessee, or with lending institutions repossessing any 378 motor vehicles, as provided in section 14-145, and such contracts shall 379 be available for inspection by motor vehicle owners, agents of the 380 owners, or lending institutions, upon request. The Commissioner of 381 Motor Vehicles may permit any licensed motor vehicle dealer or 382 repairer who operates a wrecker service to maintain, in an electronic 383 format prescribed by the commissioner, all records, documents and 384 forms required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such records, 385 documents and forms shall be produced in written format, upon request 386 by the department, during the licensee's business hours on the same day 387 of such request. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. 388

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

391 (a) Upon receiving such certificate of approval pursuant to section 14-392 67i, each applicant for an issuance of a motor vehicle recycler's license 393 shall (1) submit such certificate of approval to the Commissioner of 394 Motor Vehicles, (2) pay a fee of two hundred eighty dollars to the 395 commissioner for the examination of the location or proposed location 396 of each such motor vehicle recycler's yard or business, (3) pay a license 397 fee of seven hundred five dollars to the commissioner for each motor 398 vehicle recycler's vard or business, and (4) submit a surety bond in the 399 amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

(b) Any surety bond submitted pursuant to subsection (a) or (d) of
this section shall be conditioned upon the applicant or licensee
complying with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation
relating to the business of operating a motor vehicle recycler's yard and

404 provided as indemnity for any loss sustained by any aggrieved customer by reason of any acts of the licensee constituting grounds for 405 406 suspension or revocation of the license or such licensee going out of 407 business. Each surety bond shall be executed in the name of the state of 408 Connecticut for the benefit of any aggrieved customer, but the penalty 409 of the bond shall not be invoked except upon order of the commissioner 410 after a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. The 411 commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of two hundred dollars 412 against any licensee for failing to provide proof of bond renewal or 413 replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the existing bond.

414 (c) Except as provided in subsection [(e)] (f) of this section, upon 415 receipt of such certificate of approval, the payment of the required fees, 416 the submission of such surety bond and observance of regulations 417 required, the commissioner may issue a license, provided the 418 commissioner may refuse to grant a license to a person, firm or 419 corporation to engage in the business of operating a motor vehicle 420 recycler's yard if the applicant for such license or, [an officer or major 421 stockholder,] if the applicant is a firm or corporation, a director, officer, 422 partner or owner of the firm or corporation or other individual who 423 exercises substantial control over the firm or corporation or who has 424 more than a twenty-five per cent ownership interest in the firm or 425 corporation, has been convicted of a violation of any provision of laws 426 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer, 427 including a motor vehicle recycler, in the courts of the United States or 428 of this state or any state of the United States, in accordance with the 429 hearing requirements provided for in section 14-67p.

(d) Any license may be renewed on a biennial basis upon payment of
a fee of seven hundred dollars and submission of a surety bond in the
amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. <u>A licensee that does not file the</u>
application for renewal, accompanied by such fee and surety bond,
prior to the date of expiration of such license, shall cease to engage in
such licensee's business. An application for renewal filed with the
commissioner after the date of expiration shall be accompanied by a late

437 <u>fee of one hundred dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any</u>

- 438 <u>recycler's license under this section that has been expired for more than</u>
- 439 <u>forty-five days and the holder of any such expired license may apply for</u>
- 440 <u>a new license in accordance with the provisions of this section.</u>

441 (e) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle 442 owned by the licensee, apply to the commissioner for a general distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to 443 444 the applicant a certificate of registration containing the distinguishing 445 number and mark assigned to such licensee and, thereupon, each motor 446 vehicle owned by such licensee shall be regarded as registered under 447 such general distinguishing number and mark. No licensee may be 448 issued more than three registrations under a general distinguishing 449 number and mark in a year, unless the licensee applies for an additional 450 registration to the commissioner, in such form and containing such 451 information as the commissioner may require to substantiate such 452 request. The commissioner may issue to each such licensee such 453 additional registrations as the commissioner deems necessary. The 454 licensee shall issue to each person driving such motor vehicle a 455 document indicating that such person is validly entrusted with the 456 vehicle, which document shall be carried in the motor vehicle. The 457 commissioner shall determine the form and contents of such document. 458 For the registration of each motor vehicle under a general distinguishing 459 number and mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee at the rate of 460 seventy dollars per year. Such licensee shall furnish proof of financial 461 responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner, as described in section 462 14-112. Such number plates may be used as provided for under section 463 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 470 receipt of such certification and completed application, the 471 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall notify the Commissioner of 472 Energy and Environmental Protection. The notification shall include a 473 statement of the location of the subject property and a legal description 474 thereof. Within forty-five days of receipt of such notification, the 475 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall inform the 476 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles if there is any reason to believe that 477 the property that is proposed to be licensed is not in compliance with 478 the above referenced statutory and regulatory requirements. If the 479 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is informed that there is any such 480 reason to believe that the subject location is not in compliance with such 481 requirements, said commissioner may (1) refuse to issue the license, or 482 (2) issue the license subject to such conditions, including, but not limited 483 to, the remediation of the conditions causing the suspected violation or 484 violations, as are acceptable to the Commissioner of Energy and 485 **Environmental Protection.**

486 Sec. 11. Section 14-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the 487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

488 (a) As used in this subpart:

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

(2) "Used car dealer" includes any person, firm or corporation
engaged in the business of merchandising motor vehicles other than
new who may, incidental to such business, repair motor vehicles. [A
used car dealer] <u>"Used car dealer"</u> does not include any person, firm or
corporation engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles

501 that offers for sale or sells used motor vehicles incidental to its primary 502 business, if (A) such person, firm or corporation is licensed in 503 accordance with the provisions of section 14-15, and (B) the motor 504 vehicles that it offers for sale were formerly the subject of one or more 505 lease agreements to which it was a party and the actual or prospective 506 purchaser is the original lessee pursuant to a purchase option specified 507 in a lease agreement. Such person shall be qualified to conduct such 508 business in accordance with the requirements of section 14-52a, as 509 amended by this act.

510 (3) "Repairer" includes any person, firm or corporation qualified to 511 conduct such business in accordance with the requirements of section 512 14-52a, as amended by this act, having a suitable facility and having 513 adequate equipment, engaged in repairing, overhauling, adjusting, 514 assembling or disassembling any motor vehicle or making minor repairs 515 to any motor vehicle, including repairs and replacement of cooling, 516 electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, brake adjustments, relining and 517 repairs, wheel alignment and balancing and repair and replacement of 518 shock absorbers. "Repairer" does not include a person engaged in 519 making repairs to tires, upholstering, glazing, general blacksmithing, 520 welding and machine work on motor vehicle parts when parts involving 521 such work are disassembled or reassembled by a licensed repairer.

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

523 (b) The lubricating of motor vehicles, adding or changing of oil or 524 other motor vehicle fluids, changing of tires and tubes, including the 525 balancing of wheels, or installing of batteries or light bulbs, windshield 526 wiper blades or drive belts shall not be construed as the repairing of 527 motor vehicles under the provisions of this subpart.

528 Sec. 12. Section 14-166 of the general statutes is repealed and the 529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) The acquisition of a certificate of title shall not be required and theissuance of a certificate of title by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles

532 shall not be required for the following: (1) A vehicle owned by the 533 United States, unless it is registered in this state; (2) a vehicle owned by 534 a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though incidentally 535 moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or 536 demonstration; or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for testing; 537 (3) a vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state and not required by 538 law to be registered in this state; (4) a vehicle regularly engaged in the 539 interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently 540 effective certificate of title has been issued in another state; (5) a vehicle 541 moved solely by animal power; (6) an implement of husbandry; (7) 542 special mobile equipment; (8) a self-propelled wheel chair or invalid 543 tricycle; (9) any trailer having a gross weight not in excess of three 544 thousand pounds; (10) any vehicle for which a temporary registration 545 has been issued pursuant to section 14-12 for the purpose of permitting 546 a nonresident owner who purchases a vehicle in Connecticut to 547 transport such vehicle to such owner's home state; (11) a motor vehicle 548 owned by the state or any town, city or borough within the state; and 549 (12) a motor vehicle registered temporarily for inspection purposes 550 pursuant to section 14-12.

[(b) The acquisition of a certificate of title for any motor vehicle older than twenty model years old shall not be required. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of title for a motor vehicle older than twenty model years old at the request of the owner and charge such owner any fees required by section 14-192.]

556 [(c)] (b) Part III of this chapter does not apply to: (1) A vehicle moved 557 solely by animal power; (2) an implement of husbandry; (3) special 558 mobile equipment; (4) a self-propelled wheel chair or invalid tricycle; 559 <u>and</u> (5) any trailer having a gross weight not in excess of three thousand 560 pounds.

561 Sec. 13. Section 15-133 of the general statutes is repealed and the 562 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*): (a) The rules prescribed by this section shall apply on all state andfederal waters.

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

570 (c) No person shall alter, deface or remove any capacity information571 label affixed to any vessel.

572 (d) No person shall operate a vessel: (1) While under the influence of 573 intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, or (2) while such person has an 574 elevated blood alcohol content. For the purposes of this section and 575 sections 15-140l and 15-140n, "elevated blood alcohol content" means: 576 (A) A ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is eight-577 hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, or (B) if such 578 person is under twenty-one years of age, a ratio of alcohol in the blood 579 of such person that is two-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, 580 by weight. For the purposes of this section and sections 15-132a, 15-140l, 581 15-140n, 15-140o and 15-140q, as amended by this act, "operate" means 582 that the vessel is underway or aground and not moored, anchored or 583 docked.

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

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

592 (g) No person shall moor a vessel to, obstruct, remove, damage or

593 destroy any navigation aid or any device used to mark a restricted area.

(h) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (d) of thissection shall:

596 (1) For conviction of a first violation, (A) be fined not less than five 597 hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, and (B) be (i) 598 imprisoned not more than six months, forty-eight consecutive hours of 599 which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, or (ii) 600 imprisoned not more than six months, with the execution of such 601 sentence of imprisonment suspended entirely and a period of probation 602 imposed requiring as a condition of such probation that such person 603 perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in section 604 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's safe boating certificate or 605 certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a 606 vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation suspended 607 for one year, and (ii) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license 608 or nonresident operating privilege suspended in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C)(ii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of 609 section 14-227a, as amended by this act; 610

611 (2) [for] For conviction of a second violation not later than ten years 612 after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined not less than 613 one thousand dollars or more than four thousand dollars, (B) be 614 imprisoned not more than two years, one hundred twenty consecutive 615 days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and 616 sentenced to a period of probation requiring as a condition of such 617 probation that such person perform one hundred hours of community 618 service, as defined in section 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's safe 619 boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, 620 or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for 621 operation suspended for three years or until the date of such person's 622 twenty-first birthday, whichever is longer, and (ii) have such person's 623 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege 624 suspended in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C)(ii) of 625 <u>subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 14-227a, as amended by this</u>
626 <u>act</u>; and

627 (3) [for] For conviction of a third and subsequent violation not later 628 than ten years after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined 629 not less than two thousand dollars or more than eight thousand dollars, 630 (B) be imprisoned not more than three years, one year of which may not 631 be suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced to a period of 632 probation requiring as a condition of such probation that such person 633 perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in section 634 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's safe boating certificate or 635 certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, or right to operate a 636 vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation permanently 637 revoked upon such third offense, and (ii) have such person's motor 638 vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege 639 permanently revoked in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C)(ii) of subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-640 641 227a, as amended by this act. For purposes of the imposition of penalties under subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, a conviction under the 642 643 provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of this section or 644 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227a shall constitute 645 a prior conviction of the same offense.

(i) The suspension of a safe boating certificate or certificate of 646 647 personal watercraft operation or right to operate a vessel that requires a 648 safe boating certificate for operation imposed under subsection (h) of 649 this section shall take effect immediately upon expiration of any period 650 in which an appeal of any conviction under subsection (d) of this section 651 may be taken, provided if an appeal is taken, the suspension shall be 652 stayed during the pendency of such appeal. If the suspension or 653 revocation takes effect, the defendant shall return, not later than the 654 second business day after the suspension or revocation takes effect, by 655 personal delivery or first class mail, the safe boating certificate or 656 certificate of personal watercraft operation issued to the defendant.

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

663 (k) (1) A record shall be kept by the Superior Court of any conviction 664 relating to the operation of a vessel. A summary of such record, with a 665 statement of the number of the operator's safe boating certificate or 666 certificate of personal watercraft operation shall, not later than five days 667 after such conviction, forfeiture or any other disposition or nolle, be 668 transmitted to the commissioner by such court. Each court shall report 669 each conviction under subsection (d) of this section to the 670 [commissioner. The commissioner] Commissioners of Energy and 671 Environmental Protection and Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of 672 Energy and Environmental Protection shall suspend the safe boating 673 certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation of the person 674 reported as convicted for the period of time required by subsection (h) 675 of this section. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the 676 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege, if 677 any, of the person reported as convicted for the period of time required 678 by subsection (g) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act.

679 (2) The safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires 680 a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal 681 watercraft operation of a person found guilty under subsection (d) of 682 this section who is under eighteen years of age shall be suspended by 683 the [commissioner] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 684 Protection for the period of time set forth in subsection (h) of this section, 685 or until such person attains the age of eighteen years, whichever period 686 is longer.

687 Sec. 14. Subsections (g) and (h) of section 14-227a of the general 688 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 689 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(g) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of thissection shall:

692 (1) For conviction of a first violation, (A) be fined not less than five 693 hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, and (B) be (i) 694 imprisoned not more than six months, forty-eight consecutive hours of 695 which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, or (ii) 696 imprisoned not more than six months, with the execution of such 697 sentence of imprisonment suspended entirely and a period of probation 698 imposed requiring as a condition of such probation that such person 699 perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in section 700 14-227e, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license 701 or nonresident operating privilege suspended for forty-five days and, as 702 a condition for the restoration of such license, be required to install an 703 ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or operated by 704 such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited for the one-year 705 period following such restoration from operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition 706 707 interlock device, as defined in section 14-227j, and (ii) have such person's 708 safe boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if 709 any, or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate 710 for operation suspended for the period of time specified in 711 subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 15-712 133, as amended by this act;

713 (2) [for] For conviction of a second violation within ten years after a 714 prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined not less than one 715 thousand dollars or more than four thousand dollars, (B) be imprisoned 716 not more than two years, one hundred twenty consecutive days of 717 which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced 718 to a period of probation requiring as a condition of such probation that 719 such person: (i) Perform one hundred hours of community service, as 720 defined in section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an assessment through the

721 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch of the degree of 722 such person's alcohol or drug abuse, and (iii) undergo a treatment 723 program if so ordered, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle 724 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege suspended for 725 forty-five days and, as a condition for the restoration of such license, be 726 required to install an ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle 727 owned or operated by such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited for the three-year period following such restoration from 728 729 operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a 730 functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as defined in section 14-731 227j, except that for the first year of such three-year period, such 732 person's operation of a motor vehicle shall be limited to such person's 733 transportation to or from work or school, an alcohol or drug abuse 734 treatment program, an ignition interlock device service center or an 735 appointment with a probation officer, and (ii) have such person's safe 736 boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, 737 or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for 738 operation suspended for the period of time specified in subparagraph 739 (C)(i) of subdivision (2) of subsection (h) of section 15-133, as amended 740 by this act; and

741 (3) [for] For conviction of a third and subsequent violation within ten 742 years after a prior conviction for the same offense, (A) be fined not less 743 than two thousand dollars or more than eight thousand dollars, (B) be imprisoned not more than three years, one year of which may not be 744 745 suspended or reduced in any manner, and sentenced to a period of 746 probation requiring as a condition of such probation that such person: 747 (i) Perform one hundred hours of community service, as defined in 748 section 14-227e, (ii) submit to an assessment through the Court Support 749 Services Division of the Judicial Branch of the degree of such person's 750 alcohol or drug abuse, and (iii) undergo a treatment program if so 751 ordered, and (C) (i) have such person's motor vehicle operator's license 752 or nonresident operating privilege permanently revoked upon such 753 third offense, except that if such person's revocation is reversed or

754 reduced pursuant to subsection (i) of section 14-111, such person shall 755 be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle 756 is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as 757 defined in section 14-227j, for the time period prescribed in subdivision 758 (2) of subsection (i) of section 14-111, and (ii) have such person's safe 759 boating certificate or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, 760 or right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for 761 operation permanently revoked in accordance with the provisions of 762 subparagraph (C)(i) of subdivision (3) of subsection (h) of section 15-763 133, as amended by this act. For purposes of the imposition of penalties 764 for a second or third and subsequent offense pursuant to this subsection, 765 a conviction under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section in 766 effect on October 1, 1981, or as amended thereafter, a conviction under 767 the provisions of [either] subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this 768 section, a conviction under the provisions of section 14-227m, a 769 conviction under the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 770 (a) of section 14-227n, a conviction under the provisions of subdivision 771 (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of section 15-133, as amended by this act, a 772 conviction under the provision of section 15-140l or 15-140n, a 773 conviction under the provisions of section 53a-56b or 53a-60d or a 774 conviction in any other state of any offense the essential elements of 775 which are determined by the court to be substantially the same as 776 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, section 14-227m, 777 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, subdivision (1) 778 or (2) of subsection (d) of section 15-133, as amended by this act, section 779 15-140l or 15-140n or section 53a-56b or 53a-60d, shall constitute a prior 780 conviction for the same offense.

(h) (1) Each court shall report each conviction under subsection (a) of
this section to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with
the provisions of section 14-141, [. The commissioner] and to the
Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. The
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the motor vehicle
operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of the person

787 reported as convicted for the period of time required by subsection (g) of this section. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 788 Protection shall suspend the safe boating certificate or certificate of 789 790 personal watercraft operations, if any, or right to operate a vessel that 791 requires a safe boating certificate for operation of the person reported as 792 convicted for the period of time required pursuant to subsection (h) of 793 section 15-133, as amended by this act. The [commissioner] 794 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall determine the period of time 795 required by subsection (g) of this section for suspension of the motor 796 vehicle's license or nonresident operating privilege based on the number 797 of convictions such person has had within the specified time period 798 according to such person's driving history record, notwithstanding the 799 sentence imposed by the court for such conviction. (2) The motor vehicle 800 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person found 801 guilty under subsection (a) of this section who, at the time of the offense, 802 was operating a motor vehicle in accordance with a special operator's 803 permit issued pursuant to section 14-37a shall be suspended by the 804 commissioner for twice the period of time set forth in subsection (g) of 805 this section. (3) If an appeal of any conviction under subsection (a) of 806 this section is taken, the suspension of the motor vehicle operator's 807 license or nonresident operating privilege by the commissioner, in 808 accordance with this subsection, shall be stayed during the pendency of 809 such appeal.

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

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

822 (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, 823 ninety days if such person submitted to a test and the results of such test 824 indicated that at the time of the alleged offense that such person had an 825 elevated blood alcohol content, or such person was found to have been 826 operating a vessel under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, 827 or both, based on a report filed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, 828 or (B) one hundred twenty days if such person submitted to a test and 829 the results of such test indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of 830 such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, 831 by weight, or (C) six months if such person refused to submit to such 832 test;

833 (2) [if] If such person has previously had such person's safe boating 834 certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate 835 for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation suspended 836 under this section, (A) except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this 837 subdivision, nine months if such person submitted to a test and the 838 results of such test indicated that at the time of the alleged offense that 839 such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, or such person was 840 found to have been operating a vessel under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, based on a report filed pursuant 841 842 to subsection (d) of this section, (B) ten months if such person submitted 843 to a test and the results of such test indicated that the ratio of alcohol in 844 the blood of such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or 845 more of alcohol, by weight, and (C) one year if such person refused to 846 submit to such test; and

(3) [if] <u>If</u> such person has two or more times previously had such
person's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a
safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft
operation suspended under this section, (A) except as provided in
subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, two years if such person

852 submitted to a test and the results of such test indicated that at the time 853 of the alleged offense that such person had an elevated blood alcohol 854 content, or such person was found to have been operating a vessel under 855 the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, based on a 856 report filed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, (B) two and one-857 half years if such person submitted to a test and the results of such test 858 indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was 859 sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, and 860 (C) three years if such person refused to submit to such test. For 861 purposes of the suspension of the safe boating certificate, right to 862 operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation of a person under 863 864 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, the suspension under subsection 865 (i) or (j) of section 14-227b, as amended by this act, of the motor vehicle 866 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege, if any, of such person shall constitute a previous suspension under this section. 867 Whenever the commissioner suspends the safe boating certificate, right 868 to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation 869 870 or certificate of personal watercraft operation of a person under this 871 subsection, the commissioner shall mail or electronically transmit a copy 872 of the suspension notice, together with personal identifying information 873 for such person, to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles who shall 874 suspend the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege, if any, of such person as specified in subsection (i) of section 875 876 14-227b, as amended by this act.

Sec. 16. Subsection (i) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(i) (1) The commissioner shall suspend the operator's license or
operating privilege of a person who did not contact the department to
schedule a hearing, who failed to appear at a hearing, or against whom
a decision was issued, after a hearing, pursuant to subsection (h) of this
section, as of the effective date contained in the suspension notice, for a

885 period of forty-five days. As a condition for the restoration of such 886 operator's license or operating privilege, such person shall be required 887 to install an ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or 888 operated by such person and, upon such restoration, be prohibited from 889 operating a motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a 890 functioning, approved ignition interlock device, as defined in section 14-891 227j, for the longer of either (A) the period prescribed in subdivision (2) of this subsection for the present arrest and suspension, or (B) the period 892 893 prescribed in subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-894 227a, as amended by this act, or subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection 895 (c) of section 14-227m or subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of section 896 14-227n for the present arrest and conviction, if any.

897 (2) (A) A person twenty-one years of age or older at the time of the 898 arrest who submitted to a test and the results of such test indicated that 899 such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, or was found to have 900 been operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating 901 liquor or any drug, or both based on a report filed pursuant to 902 subsection (d) of this section, shall install and maintain an ignition 903 interlock device for the following periods: (i) For a first suspension 904 under this section, six months; (ii) for a second suspension under this 905 section, one year; and (iii) for a third or subsequent suspension under 906 this section, two years; (B) a person under twenty-one years of age at the 907 time of the arrest who submitted to a test and the results of such test 908 indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, or was 909 found to have been operating a motor vehicle under the influence of 910 intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both based on a report filed pursuant 911 to subsection (d) of this section, shall install and maintain an ignition 912 interlock device for the following periods: (i) For a first suspension 913 under this section, one year; (ii) for a second suspension under this 914 section, two years; and (iii) for a third or subsequent suspension under 915 this section, three years; and (C) a person, regardless of age, who refused 916 to submit to a test or nontestimonial portion of a drug influence 917 evaluation shall install and maintain an ignition interlock device for the

918 following periods: (i) For a first suspension under this section, one year; 919 (ii) for a second suspension under this section, two years; and (iii) for a 920 third or subsequent suspension, under this section, three years. For 921 purposes of the suspension of the motor vehicle operator's license or 922 nonresident operating privilege of a person under subparagraph (A)(ii) 923 or (A)(iii) of this subsection, subparagraph (B)(ii) or (B)(iii) of this section 924 or subparagraph (C)(ii) or (C)(iii) of this section, the suspension under 925 subsection (i) of section 15-140q, as amended by this act, of the safe 926 boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating 927 certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if 928 any, of such person shall constitute a previous suspension of such 929 person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege under this 930 subsection. Whenever the commissioner suspends the motor vehicle 931 operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person under 932 this subsection, the commissioner shall mail or electronically transmit a 933 copy of the suspension notice, together with personal identifying 934 information for such person, to the Commissioner of Energy and 935 Environmental Protection who shall suspend the safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for 936 937 operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation, if any, of such 938 person as specified in subsection (i) of section 15-140q, as amended by 939 this act.

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

Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 15-140e of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

949 (a) No resident of the state, person owning real property in the state

950 or person owning a vessel in the state shall operate on the waters of the 951 state a vessel which is required to be registered or numbered pursuant 952 to this chapter unless such person has a valid vessel operator license 953 issued by the United States Coast Guard or has obtained a safe boating 954 certificate issued by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 955 Protection. No owner of a vessel shall knowingly authorize or permit a 956 person who is less than sixteen years of age who is required by this section to obtain a safe boating certificate issued by the Commissioner 957 958 of Energy and Environmental Protection to operate such vessel on the 959 waters of the state without a safe boating certificate, unless such person 960 is under the direct onboard supervision of a person who is at least 961 eighteen years of age who has been issued a safe boating certificate and 962 who has held such certificate for at least two years. The Commissioner 963 of Energy and Environmental Protection shall not issue a safe boating 964 certificate or temporary safe boating certificate to any person whose 965 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is 966 suspended or revoked, or is subject to any pending action by the 967 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that may result in a suspension or 968 revocation, due to a violation of section 14-227a, as amended by this act, 969 14-227g, 14-227m or 14-227n. A safe boating certificate may be 970 suspended or revoked, pursuant to section 15-132a, 15-133, as amended 971 by this act, 15-140l or 15-140n, and shall be valid for the life of the person 972 to whom it is issued unless otherwise suspended or revoked. The 973 provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who, between 974 one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, operates a vessel 975 propelled exclusively by an electric motor that is rated at one hundred 976 six pounds of thrust or less on the inland waters of this state upon which 977 motor powered vessels exceeding ten horsepower are prohibited.

978 Sec. 18. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general
979 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
980 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A) theapplicant signs and submits to the commissioner, in such manner as the

983 commissioner directs, an application under oath, or made subject to 984 penalties for false statement in accordance with section 53a-157b, [and] 985 (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age 986 or older and is a suitable person to receive the license, and (C) the 987 applicant's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires 988 a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal 989 watercraft operation, if any, is not suspended or revoked, or is not 990 subject to any pending action by the Commissioner of Energy and 991 Environmental Protection that may result in a suspension or revocation, 992 due to a violation of subsection (d) of section 15-133, as amended by this 993 act, or section 15-140l or 15-140n.

994 Sec. 19. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) Any person who is not a 995 used car dealer, as defined in section 14-51 of the general statutes, as 996 amended by this act, and sells a motor vehicle to another person shall 997 provide notice of such sale to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in 998 such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, not later than 999 ten days following the date of such sale. Any such notice shall include, 1000 but need not be limited to, the bill of sale or other record that to the 1001 satisfaction of the commissioner identifies the seller and purchaser and 1002 the name, contact information and signature of the seller and purchaser.

(b) Failure to give the notice required by this section shall be aninfraction.

Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2025):

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

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Overall Length

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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
Τ7	14	15	18.75	43	44	322.50
T8	15	16	22.50	44	45	330.00
Т9	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			

1012 (2) For purposes of [this] the schedule provided in subdivision (1) of

1013 this subsection, "overall length" is the horizontal distance between the 1014 foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the stern, excluding 1015 bowsprits, bumpkins, rudders, outboard motor brackets and similar 1016 fittings or attachments. [(2)] (3) The fee payable under this subsection 1017 with respect to any vessel used primarily for purposes of commercial 1018 fishing shall not exceed twenty-five dollars, provided in the tax year of 1019 the owner of such vessel ending immediately preceding the date of 1020 registration, not less than fifty per cent of the adjusted gross income of 1021 such owner as determined for purposes of the federal income tax is 1022 derived from commercial fishing, subject to proof satisfactory to the 1023 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. [(3)] (4) The fee payable under this 1024 subsection with respect to any vessel constructed primarily of wood, the 1025 construction of which is completed not less than fifteen years prior to 1026 the date such fee is paid, shall be in an amount equal to fifty per cent of 1027 the fee otherwise payable, or if such construction is completed not less 1028 than twenty-five years prior to the date such fee is paid, such fee shall 1029 be in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the fee otherwise 1030 payable. [(4)] (5) Fees payable under this subsection shall not be 1031 required with respect to (A) any vessel owned by a flotilla of the United 1032 States Coast Guard Auxiliary or owned by a nonprofit corporation 1033 acting on behalf of such a flotilla, provided no more than two vessels 1034 from any such flotilla or nonprofit corporation shall be granted such an 1035 exemption, and (B) any vessel built by students in an educational institution and used for the purposes of such institution, including such 1036 1037 research as may require the use of such vessel. [(5) The fee payable 1038 under this subsection with respect to any pontoon boat, exclusive of any 1039 houseboat, shall be forty dollars.] (6) The fee payable under this 1040 subsection with respect to any canoe with a motor or any vessel owned 1041 by a nonprofit organization shall be seven dollars and fifty cents. (7) The 1042 fee payable under this subsection with respect to any vessel less than 1043 fifteen feet in length equipped with a motor the horsepower of which is 1044 less than fifteen, shall be seven dollars and fifty cents. (8) The owner of 1045 any vessel used actively, as required under this subdivision, in 1046 operational activities of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary shall 1047 not be required to pay the applicable fee in accordance with the schedule 1048 in this subsection, provided (A) if the applicable fee under the schedule 1049 for such vessel is greater than one hundred eighty dollars, the owner 1050 shall be required to pay the amount of fee in excess of one hundred 1051 eighty dollars, and (B) the owner shall not be entitled to exemption from 1052 the applicable fee as allowed in this subdivision for any vessel 1053 registration year unless the application for registration of such vessel 1054 includes a statement, certified by an officer of the United States Coast 1055 Guard, that in the preceding year such vessel was used actively in not 1056 less than three separate operational activities of the United States Coast 1057 Guard Auxiliary. (9) Beginning May 4, 2011, all revenue received by the 1058 state in fees for the numbering and registration of vessels under this 1059 section shall be deposited with the Treasurer who shall deposit such 1060 revenue in the General Fund.

Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 14-15d of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2025):

1064 (a) Each electronic issuance licensee, licensed pursuant to section 14-1065 15e, as amended by this act, shall, not later than ten days after the electronic issuance of a certificate of registration or certificate of title, 1066 1067 submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles an application together 1068 with all necessary documents required to obtain a certificate of 1069 registration or certificate [or] of title for the vehicle with the Department 1070 of Motor Vehicles. If such licensee fails to provide the department with 1071 such necessary documents, the department shall not process the 1072 application and shall inform such licensee of the failure to submit a 1073 completed application.

1074 Sec. 22. Section 14-15f of the general statutes is repealed and the 1075 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1076 On and after January 1, 2025, each person, firm or corporation that 1077 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles permitted or required prior to 1078 October 1, 2024, to file applications for the issuance of a certificate of 1079 registration or a certificate of title electronically with the Department of 1080 Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 14-15d, as amended by this act, of 1081 the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, [2024] 2023, 1082 or any regulation adopted thereunder, shall no longer be permitted to 1083 use the department's electronic system for filing applications for the 1084 issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate of title unless such 1085 person, firm or corporation holds an electronic issuance license issued 1086 pursuant to section 14-15e, as amended by this act.

1087 Sec. 23. Section 14-44p of the general statutes is repealed and the 1088 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1089 On and after October 1, 2024, each commercial driver's instruction 1090 permit issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles prior to October 1091 1, 2024, that is otherwise valid, shall remain valid, according to its terms, 1092 and shall authorize each license holder to drive a commercial motor 1093 vehicle when accompanied in such vehicle by the holder of a 1094 commercial driver's license in accordance with the provisions of section 1095 14-44e of the <u>2024 supplement to the general statutes</u>, [revision of 1958, 1096 revised to January 1, 2024,] until the expiration of the commercial 1097 driver's instruction permit.

Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 14-253c of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2025):

1101 (b) The advisory council shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of 1102 Motor Vehicles or the commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of 1103 Aging and Disability Services or the commissioner's designee, (3) two 1104 members appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who are 1105 licensed physicians, physician assistants or advanced practice registered 1106 nurses who certify applications for removable windshield placards 1107 while in the course of employment, (4) one member appointed by the 1108 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services who represents an

1109 organization that advocates on behalf of persons with physical 1110 disabilities, (5) one appointed by the House chairperson of the joint 1111 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of 1112 matters relating to transportation, (6) one appointed by the Senate 1113 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly 1114 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who uses 1115 accessible parking or advocates on behalf of such users, (7) one 1116 appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing 1117 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 1118 relating to transportation, who uses accessible parking or advocates on 1119 behalf of such users, (8) one appointed by the Senate ranking member 1120 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having 1121 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, who is a sworn 1122 member of a municipal police department, and (9) [and] such other 1123 members as the advisory council may prescribe. All initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made not later than 1124 1125 September 1, 2023. Each member appointed pursuant to subdivisions (3) 1126 to (9), inclusive, of this subsection shall serve for a term of two years and 1127 may serve until such member's successor is appointed. Any vacancy 1128 shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Commissioner of Motor 1129 Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of 1130 the advisory council. The advisory council shall meet at such times as it 1131 deems necessary and may establish rules governing its internal 1132 procedures.

1133 Sec. 25. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 14-279c of the 1134 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 1135 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(2) In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle registered in the state, the municipality, or its designated agent, shall send a copy of a citation to the owner of the motor vehicle observed in the alleged violation not later <u>than</u> thirty days after the date of the alleged violation. In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction, the municipality, or its

- designated agent, shall send a copy of a citation to the address of the 1142
- owner that is in the records of the official in the other jurisdiction issuing 1143

such registration not later than sixty days after the alleged violation. 1144

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following					
sections:					
Section 1	January 1, 2026	14-15e			
Sec. 2	January 1, 2026	14-52a(a)			
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	14-36d(b)			
Sec. 4	January 1, 2026	14-36j(a)			
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	14-44c(d)			
Sec. 6	October 1, 2025	14-44e(b)			
Sec. 7	July 1, 2025	14-58(a)			
Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	14-64			
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	14-66b			
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	14-67 <i>l</i>			
Sec. 11	July 1, 2025	14-51			
Sec. 12	July 1, 2025	14-166			
Sec. 13	October 1, 2025	15-133			
Sec. 14	October 1, 2025	14-227a(g) and (h)			
Sec. 15	October 1, 2025	15-140q(i)			
Sec. 16	October 1, 2025	14-227b(i)			
Sec. 17	October 1, 2025	15-140e(a)			
Sec. 18	October 1, 2025	14-36(e)(1)			
Sec. 19	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 20	July 1, 2025	15-144(b)			
Sec. 21	July 1, 2025	14-15d(a)			
Sec. 22	July 1, 2025	14-15f			
Sec. 23	July 1, 2025	14-44p			
Sec. 24	July 1, 2025	14-253c(b)			
Sec. 25	July 1, 2025	14-279c(d)(2)			

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) implement the recommendations of the Department of Motor Vehicles, (2) revise the penalties for operating a motor vehicle and vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, (3) require notice of casual car sales to the department, (4) charge a registration fee for a pontoon boat based on its overall length, and (5) make technical revisions to the motor vehicle statutes.

[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.]