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***AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHWAY, PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) The traffic authority may designate, by appropriate official traffic  
4 control devices, as defined in section 14-297, or markers, or by lines  
5 upon the surface of the highway, such crosswalks and intersections as,  
6 in its opinion, constitute a danger to pedestrians crossing the highway  
7 including, but not limited to, specially marked crosswalks in the vicinity  
8 of schools, which crosswalks shall have distinctive markings, in  
9 accordance with the regulations of the Office of the State Traffic  
10 Administration, to denote use of such crosswalks by school children;  
11 and may maintain suitable signs located at intervals along highways,  
12 particularly where there are no sidewalks, directing pedestrians to walk  
13 facing vehicular traffic.

14 (b) At any intersection where special pedestrian-control signals  
15 bearing the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" or the image of a walking

16 person symbolizing "Walk" or an upraised hand symbolizing "Don't  
17 Walk" are placed, pedestrians may cross the highway only as indicated  
18 by the signal. At any intersection where traffic is controlled by other  
19 traffic control signals or by police officers, pedestrians shall not cross the  
20 highway against a red or "Stop" signal and shall not cross at any place  
21 not a marked or unmarked crosswalk. A pedestrian started or starting  
22 across the highway or on any such crosswalk shall have the right-of-  
23 way over all vehicles, including those making turns, until such  
24 pedestrian has reached the opposite curb or safety zone.

25 (c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-300c, at any  
26 crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any  
27 unmarked crosswalk, provided such crosswalks are not controlled by  
28 police officers or traffic control signals, each operator of a vehicle shall  
29 grant the right-of-way, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so  
30 grant the right-of-way, to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within  
31 such crosswalk. For the purposes of this subsection, a pedestrian is  
32 "crossing the roadway within such crosswalk" when the pedestrian (1)  
33 is within any portion of the crosswalk, (2) steps to the curb at the  
34 entrance to the crosswalk and indicates his or her intent to cross the  
35 roadway by raising his or her hand and arm toward oncoming traffic,  
36 or (3) indicates his or her intent to cross the roadway by moving any  
37 part of his or her body or an extension thereof, including, but not limited  
38 to, a wheelchair, cane, walking stick, crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle,  
39 stroller, carriage, cart or leashed or harnessed dog, into the crosswalk at  
40 the entrance to the crosswalk. No operator of a vehicle approaching  
41 from the rear shall overtake and pass any vehicle, the operator of which  
42 has stopped at any crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of  
43 this section or any unmarked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross  
44 the roadway. The operator of any vehicle crossing a sidewalk shall yield  
45 the right-of-way to each pedestrian and all other traffic upon such  
46 sidewalk.

47 (d) The operator of a motor vehicle who approaches or comes into the  
48 immediate vicinity of a pedestrian who is blind, as defined in subsection

49 (a) of section 1-1f, carrying a white cane or a white cane tipped with red,  
50 or a pedestrian being guided by a service animal, shall reduce speed or  
51 stop, if necessary, to yield the right-of-way to such pedestrian. No  
52 person, except one who is blind, shall carry or use on any street or  
53 highway, or in any other public place, a cane or walking stick which is  
54 white in color or white, tipped with red. For the purposes of this  
55 subsection, "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in  
56 section 22-345.

57 (e) Any crosswalk designated by a traffic authority on or after  
58 October 1, 2010, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be  
59 required by such authority to have markings, signage, or any control  
60 signals deemed necessary by such authority to provide sufficient time  
61 for the safe crossing of pedestrians.

62 (f) The operator of any motor vehicle who violates this section shall  
63 be fined not more than [five hundred] seven hundred fifty dollars.

64 (g) In any civil action arising under subsection (c) or (d) of this section  
65 or sections 14-300b to 14-300d, inclusive, the doctrine of negligence per  
66 se shall not apply.

67 Sec. 2. Section 14-230a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
68 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

69 (a) On any divided limited access highway [which] that provides  
70 more than two lanes for traffic proceeding in the same direction, no  
71 operator of any motor vehicle with a commercial registration, motor  
72 bus, vehicle with trailer or school bus shall drive in the extreme left lane  
73 where the Office of the State Traffic Administration so designates,  
74 except (1) on the direction of a police officer, or [except] (2) when access  
75 to or egress from such highway is provided on the left, in which latter  
76 case such operator shall drive in such left lane only for such period as is  
77 reasonably necessary to enter or leave such highway safely.

78 (b) On any divided limited access highway that provides more than

79 two lanes for traffic proceeding in the same direction, no operator of a  
80 motor vehicle, other than a motor vehicle subject to the provisions of  
81 subsection (a) of this section, shall drive in the extreme left lane, except  
82 (1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle, (2) on the direction of  
83 a police officer, (3) when access to or egress from such highway is  
84 provided on the left, in which latter case such operator shall drive in  
85 such left lane only for such period as is reasonably necessary to enter or  
86 leave such highway safely, (4) if such motor vehicle is an emergency  
87 vehicle operating pursuant to section 14-283, (5) if the operator is  
88 engaged in the maintenance, repair or construction of such highway, or  
89 (6) when traffic congestion makes driving in the extreme left lane  
90 necessary.

91 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have  
92 committed an infraction and shall be fined eighty-eight dollars.

93 Sec. 3. Section 14-289g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
94 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

95 (a) No person under [eighteen] twenty-one years of age may (1)  
96 operate a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in section 14-1,  
97 or (2) be a passenger on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, unless such  
98 operator or passenger is wearing protective headgear [of a type which]  
99 that conforms to the minimum specifications established in 49 CFR  
100 571.218, as amended from time to time. Any person who violates this  
101 section shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not less  
102 than ninety dollars.

103 (b) As used in this section, the term "motorcycle" [shall] does not  
104 include "autocycle".

105 Sec. 4. Section 14-296aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

107 (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
108 following meanings:

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

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

114 (3) "Hand-held mobile telephone" means a mobile telephone with  
115 which a user engages in a call using at least one hand.

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

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

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

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

133 (8) "Mobile electronic device" means any hand-held or other portable  
134 electronic equipment capable of providing data communication  
135 between two or more persons, including a text messaging device, a  
136 paging device, a personal digital assistant, a laptop computer,  
137 equipment that is capable of playing a video game or a digital video

138 disk, an installed screen or other means of displaying a video that is  
139 visible to the operator, or equipment on which digital photographs are  
140 taken or transmitted, or any combination thereof, but does not include  
141 any audio equipment or any equipment installed in a motor vehicle for  
142 the purpose of providing navigation, emergency assistance to the  
143 operator of such motor vehicle or video entertainment to the passengers  
144 in the rear seats of such motor vehicle.

145 (9) "Operating a motor vehicle" means operating a motor vehicle on  
146 any highway, [as defined in section 14-1,] including being temporarily  
147 stationary due to traffic, road conditions or a traffic control sign or  
148 signal, but not including being parked on the side or shoulder of any  
149 highway where such vehicle is safely able to remain stationary.

150 (10) "Highway", "commercial motor vehicle" and "authorized  
151 emergency vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-  
152 1.

153 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and  
154 subsections (c) and (d) of this section, no person shall operate a motor  
155 vehicle upon a highway [, as defined in section 14-1,] while using a  
156 hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call or while using a mobile  
157 electronic device. An operator of a motor vehicle who types, sends or  
158 reads a text message with a hand-held mobile telephone or mobile  
159 electronic device while operating a motor vehicle shall be in violation of  
160 this section, except that if such operator is driving a commercial motor  
161 vehicle, [as defined in section 14-1,] such operator shall be charged with  
162 a violation of subsection (e) of this section.

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

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

172 (4) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to: (A) The use  
173 of a hand-held mobile telephone for the sole purpose of communicating  
174 with any of the following regarding an emergency situation: An  
175 emergency response operator; a hospital, physician's office or health  
176 clinic; an ambulance company; a fire department; or a police  
177 department, or (B) any of the following persons while in the  
178 performance of their official duties and within the scope of their  
179 employment: A peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of section  
180 53a-3, a firefighter or an operator of an ambulance or authorized  
181 emergency vehicle [, as defined in section 14-1,] or a member of the  
182 armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 27-103, while  
183 operating a military vehicle, or (C) the use of a hand-held radio by a  
184 person with an amateur radio station license issued by the Federal  
185 Communications Commission in emergency situations for emergency  
186 purposes only, or (D) the use of a hands-free mobile telephone.

187 (c) No person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other  
188 electronic device, including those with hands-free accessories, or a  
189 mobile electronic device, while operating a school bus that is carrying  
190 passengers, except that this subsection shall not apply when such  
191 person: (1) Places an emergency call to school officials; (2) uses a hand-  
192 held mobile telephone as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision  
193 (4) of subsection (b) of this section; (3) uses a hand-held mobile  
194 telephone or mobile electronic device in a manner similar to a two-way  
195 radio to allow real-time communication with a school official, an  
196 emergency response operator, a hospital, physician's office or health  
197 clinic, an ambulance company, a fire department or a police department;  
198 or (4) uses a mobile electronic device with a video display, provided  
199 such device (A) is used as a global positioning system or to provide  
200 navigation, (B) is securely attached inside the school bus near such  
201 person, and (C) has been approved for such use by the Department of

202 Motor Vehicles.

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

208 (e) No person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other  
209 electronic device or type, read or send text or a text message with or  
210 from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a  
211 commercial motor vehicle, [as defined in section 14-1,] except for the  
212 purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an  
213 emergency situation: An emergency response operator; a hospital;  
214 physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company; a fire  
215 department or a police department.

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

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

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

227 (i) An operator of a motor vehicle who commits a moving violation,  
228 as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-111g, as amended by this act,  
229 while engaged in any activity prohibited by this section shall be fined in  
230 accordance with subsection (h) of this section, in addition to any penalty  
231 or fine imposed for the moving violation.



232 (j) The state shall remit to a municipality twenty-five per cent of the  
233 fine amount received for a violation of this section with respect to each  
234 summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk of the Superior Court  
235 or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior  
236 Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on or before  
237 the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each year, certify  
238 to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this  
239 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or  
240 official.

241 (k) A record of any violation of this section shall appear on the  
242 driving history record or motor vehicle record, as defined in section 14-  
243 10, of any person who commits such violation, and the record of such  
244 violation shall be available to any motor vehicle insurer in accordance  
245 with the provisions of section 14-10.

246 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this  
247 section:

248 (1) "Alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
249 30-1 of the general statutes;

250 (2) "Highway", "motor bus" and "recreational vehicle" have the same  
251 meanings as provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes;

252 (3) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-  
253 212 of the general statutes;

254 (4) "Motor vehicle in livery service" has the same meaning as  
255 provided in section 13b-101 of the general statutes;

256 (5) "Open alcoholic beverage container" means a bottle, a can or other  
257 receptacle (A) that contains any amount of an alcoholic beverage, and  
258 (B) (i) that is open or has a broken seal, or (ii) the contents of which are  
259 partially removed;

260 (6) "Passenger" means any occupant of a motor vehicle other than the

261 operator;

262 (7) "Passenger area" means (A) the area designed to seat the operator  
 263 of, and any passenger in, a motor vehicle while such vehicle is being  
 264 operated on a highway, or (B) any area that is readily accessible to such  
 265 operator or passenger while such person is in such person's seated  
 266 position. "Passenger area" does not include (i) a locked container, such  
 267 as a locked glove compartment or console, (ii) the trunk, or (iii) in a  
 268 motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk, the area behind the last  
 269 upright seat or any area not normally occupied by the operator or a  
 270 passenger; and

271 (8) "Taxicab" has the same meaning as provided in section 13b-95 of  
 272 the general statutes.

273 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall  
 274 consume or possess an open alcoholic beverage container within the  
 275 passenger area of a motor vehicle while such motor vehicle is on any  
 276 highway in this state.

277 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to:  
 278 (1) A passenger in a motor vehicle designed, maintained and primarily  
 279 used for the transportation of passengers for hire, including, but not  
 280 limited to, a taxicab, motor bus or motor vehicle in livery service, or (2)  
 281 a passenger in the living quarters of a recreational vehicle.

282 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
 283 section shall have committed an infraction.

284 Sec. 6. Section 14-286d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 285 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

286 (a) For the purposes of this section and section 14-286e, "bicycle"  
 287 means any vehicle propelled by the person riding the same by foot or  
 288 hand power.

289 (b) No child [fifteen] seventeen years of age or under shall operate a

290 bicycle, electric bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard or electric  
291 foot scooter or wear roller skates or in-line skates on the traveled portion  
292 of any highway, at a skateboarding park or any park unless such child  
293 is wearing properly fitted and fastened protective headgear which  
294 conforms to the minimum specifications established by the American  
295 National Standards Institute, the United States Consumer Product  
296 Safety Commission, the American Society for Testing and Materials or  
297 the Snell Memorial Foundation's Standard for Protective Headgear for  
298 Use in Bicycling, as amended from time to time. Failure to comply with  
299 this section shall not be a violation or an offense. Failure to wear  
300 protective headgear as required by this subsection shall not be  
301 considered to be contributory negligence on the part of the parent or the  
302 child nor shall such failure be admissible in any civil action.

303 (c) A law enforcement officer may issue a verbal warning to the  
304 parent or guardian of a child that such child has failed to comply with  
305 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

306 (d) A person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting  
307 bicycles, electric bicycles or electric foot scooters shall provide  
308 protective headgear conforming to the minimum specifications  
309 established by the American National Standards Institute, the United  
310 States Consumer Product Safety Commission, the American Society for  
311 Testing and Materials or the Snell Memorial Foundation's Standard for  
312 Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling, as amended from time to time,  
313 to any person [under sixteen] seventeen years of age or under who will  
314 operate the bicycle, electric bicycle or electric foot scooter if such person  
315 does not have protective headgear in his or her possession. A fee may  
316 be charged for the protective headgear rental. Violation of any of the  
317 provisions of this subsection shall be an infraction.

318 (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall post on the  
319 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site information  
320 concerning the dangers of riding bicycles, electric bicycles or electric  
321 foot scooters, skateboarding, roller skating and in-line skating without

322 protective headgear and promoting the use of protective headgear while  
323 riding bicycles, electric bicycles or electric foot scooters, skateboarding,  
324 roller skating and in-line skating.

325       Sec. 7. Section 14-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
326 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

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

331       (b) For the purpose of standardization and uniformity, said office  
332 shall adopt [and cause to be printed for publication] regulations in  
333 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 establishing a uniform  
334 system of traffic control signals, devices, signs and markings consistent  
335 with the provisions of this chapter for use upon the public highways.  
336 The Commissioner of Transportation shall make known to the General  
337 Assembly the availability of such regulations and any requesting  
338 member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage media of such  
339 regulations by said commissioner. Taking into consideration the public  
340 safety and convenience with respect to the width and character of the  
341 highways and roads affected, the density of traffic thereon and the  
342 character of such traffic, said office shall also adopt regulations, in  
343 cooperation and agreement with local traffic authorities and in  
344 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the use of state  
345 highways and roads on state-owned properties, and the operation of  
346 vehicles, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, bicycles, as  
347 defined in section 14-286, electric bicycles and electric foot scooters  
348 thereon. A list of limited-access highways shall be published with such  
349 regulations and said list shall be revised and published once each year.  
350 The Commissioner of Transportation shall make known to the General  
351 Assembly the availability of such regulations and list and any  
352 requesting member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage  
353 media of such regulations and list by the commissioner. A list of limited-

354 access highways opened to traffic by the Commissioner of  
355 Transportation in the interim period between publications shall be  
356 maintained in the Office of the State Traffic Administration and such  
357 regulations shall apply to the use of such listed highways.

358 (c) Said office shall also [make] adopt regulations, in cooperation and  
359 agreement with local traffic authorities, respecting the use by through  
360 truck traffic of streets and highways within the limits of, and under the  
361 jurisdiction of, any city, town or borough of this state for the protection  
362 and safety of the public. If said office determines that the prohibition of  
363 through truck traffic on any street or highway is necessary because of  
364 an immediate and imminent threat to the public health and safety and  
365 the local traffic authority is precluded for any reason from acting on  
366 such prohibition, the office, if it is not otherwise precluded from so  
367 acting, may impose such prohibition.

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

372 (2) On and after October 1, 2025, said office shall require each  
373 installation and reinstallation of white and yellow longitudinal  
374 pavement markings on a highway to be with paint containing retro-  
375 reflective glass beads and in accordance with the Federal Highway  
376 Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets  
377 and Highways, as amended from time to time.

378 (e) The traffic authority of any city, town or borough may place and  
379 maintain traffic control signals, signs, markings and other safety devices  
380 upon the highways under its jurisdiction, and all such signals, devices,  
381 signs and markings shall conform to the regulations established by said  
382 office in accordance with this chapter, and such traffic authority shall,  
383 with respect to traffic control signals, conform to the provisions of  
384 section 14-299.

385 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this  
 386 section, (1) "unsafe driving instance" means an occurrence of unsafe  
 387 driving that can be reported by a pedestrian with some or all of the  
 388 following information: (A) The date and time of the occurrence, (B) the  
 389 location of the occurrence, (C) a description of the vehicle or vehicles  
 390 involved in the occurrence, (D) a description of the unsafe behavior or  
 391 driving, (E) the name of the pedestrian, and (F) a photograph, video or  
 392 output from a mobile application detailing the occurrence; and (2) "law  
 393 enforcement unit" and "police officer" have the same meanings as  
 394 provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

395 (b) Upon the receipt of a pedestrian report of an unsafe driving  
 396 instance to a law enforcement unit, the law enforcement unit may: (1)  
 397 Establish a separate process to collect reports of unsafe driving  
 398 instances, (2) establish a process to aggregate such reports, (3) respond  
 399 to such reports regardless of whether the reporting pedestrian reported  
 400 such pedestrian's name or chose to remain anonymous, and (4) use the  
 401 reports of aggregated unsafe driving instances to inform decision-  
 402 making, assist with the selection of roads for general traffic enforcement  
 403 and assign police officers to reported areas to identify and issue citations  
 404 for motor vehicle violations.

405 Sec. 9. Section 13b-10 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 406 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

407 (a) The commissioner may, subject to the provisions of chapter 67,  
 408 employ such agents, assistants and employees as [he] the commissioner  
 409 deems necessary to carry out [his] the commissioner's duties and  
 410 responsibilities. [He] The commissioner may retain and employ other  
 411 consultants and assistants on a contract or other basis for rendering  
 412 legal, financial, technical or other assistance and advice.

413 (b) The commissioner shall assign employees to support the adoption  
 414 and implementation of Complete Streets standards or policies, as  
 415 described in section 11206 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,

416 P. L. 117-58, as amended from time to time, throughout the state. Such  
417 support shall include administering grants and providing incentives to  
418 municipalities in order to finalize a project or prioritization plan that  
419 incorporates Complete Streets standards or policies.

420       Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section,  
421 "intelligent speed assistance device" means a device designed to be  
422 installed within a motor vehicle to actively monitor and limit the speed  
423 at which a motor vehicle is capable of traveling based on the applicable  
424 speed limit where such motor vehicle is being operated.

425       (b) The Vision Zero Council, established pursuant to section 13b-23b  
426 of the general statutes, in consultation with the Judicial Branch, shall  
427 study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of  
428 leveraging intelligent speed assistance devices to address speeding and  
429 reckless driving in the state. Such study shall, at a minimum, (1) examine  
430 whether sufficient evidence exists to show that the use of intelligent  
431 speed assistance devices changes driving behavior and improves road  
432 safety, (2) consider the different types and availability of such devices,  
433 (3) estimate the costs to the motor vehicle operator associated with the  
434 installation and maintenance of such devices, (4) examine whether such  
435 devices work accurately and reliably in unsupervised environments and  
436 whether such devices are capable of producing evidence showing such  
437 device has not been bypassed, circumvented or tampered with, and (5)  
438 if recommending the use of such devices in the state, (A) identify if the  
439 installation of such device would be in lieu of, or in addition to, a  
440 prescribed penalty or suspension of a motor vehicle operator's license  
441 and if such installation would be mandatory or discretionary, (B)  
442 identify the types and number of traffic violations that would require or  
443 permit the installation of such devices, (C) discuss if any such  
444 requirement to install an intelligent speed assistance device should  
445 apply differently to motor vehicle operators based upon the age or  
446 driving history of the operator, and (D) discuss necessary components  
447 of a regulatory framework that would be necessary to ensure the proper  
448 and accurate use of such devices.

449 (c) Not later than January 15, 2026, the council shall submit its  
450 findings and any recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
451 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
452 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the  
453 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

454 Sec. 11. Section 14-111g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
455 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

456 (a) (1) For the purposes of this [subsection] section, "moving  
457 violation" means any violation of subsection (c) of section 14-36 or  
458 section 14-36g, 14-212d, 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222, 14-223, 14-230 to 14-249,  
459 inclusive, 14-279, 14-283, 14-289b, 14-296aa, as amended by this act, 14-  
460 299, 14-300, as amended by this act, 14-301, 14-302 or 14-303, and  
461 "suspension violation" means a violation of section 14-222a, 14-224, 14-  
462 227a, 14-227m or 14-227n, or section 53a-56b, 53a-57 or 53a-60d.

463 [The] (2) Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, the  
464 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any motor vehicle  
465 operator who is twenty-four years of age or less, who has been convicted  
466 of a moving violation or a suspension violation, or both, committed on  
467 two or more occasions to attend a motor vehicle operator's retraining  
468 program.

469 [The] (3) Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, the  
470 commissioner may require any motor vehicle operator over twenty-four  
471 years of age, who has been convicted of a moving violation or a  
472 suspension violation or a combination of said violations, committed on  
473 three or more occasions to attend a motor vehicle operator's retraining  
474 program.

475 (4) The commissioner shall require (A) any motor vehicle operator  
476 convicted of traveling more than seventy-five miles per hour, (B) any  
477 person operating a commercial motor vehicle convicted of traveling  
478 more than sixty-five miles per hour in a highway work zone, as defined  
479 in section 14-212d, [or] and (C) any [person] motor vehicle operator



480 convicted of a violation of section 14-222 or subdivision (1) of subsection  
481 (c) of section 14-224, to attend a motor vehicle operator's retraining  
482 program.

483 (5) The commissioner shall notify such operator, in writing, of such  
484 requirement. A fee of not more than eighty-five dollars shall be charged  
485 for the retraining program. The commissioner, after notice and  
486 opportunity for hearing, may suspend the motor vehicle operator's  
487 license of any such operator who fails to attend or successfully complete  
488 the program until the operator successfully completes the program. The  
489 hearing shall be limited to any claim of impossibility of the operator to  
490 attend the retraining program, or to a determination of mistake or  
491 misidentification.

492 (b) (1) The retraining program shall be taught by a designee of the  
493 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by an instructor approved by the  
494 commissioner and shall ~~[(1)]~~ (A) review principles of motor vehicle  
495 operation, ~~[(2)]~~ (B) develop alternative attitudes for those attitudes  
496 contributing to aggressive driving behavior, and ~~[(3)]~~ (C) emphasize the  
497 need to practice safe driving behavior.

498 (2) The retraining program shall be offered by the Department of  
499 Motor Vehicles or by any other organization certified by the  
500 commissioner to conduct such program in person in a congregate  
501 setting, through distance learning or through a combination of both in-  
502 person and distance learning, provided such distance learning has  
503 interactive components such as mandatory interactions, participation or  
504 testing. Any drivers' school, as defined in section 14-68, that meets the  
505 licensure requirements of part IV of this chapter shall be eligible to seek  
506 certification to offer the motor vehicle operator's retraining program.  
507 The commissioner shall determine the number of program providers  
508 necessary to serve the needs of the public.

509 (3) Each organization or drivers' school seeking certification or  
510 recertification to conduct such retraining program shall submit an

511 application to the department in such form as the commissioner shall  
512 require and an application fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Each such  
513 applicant shall:

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

516 (B) [~~file~~] File and continuously maintain a surety bond in the amount  
517 of fifty thousand dollars. Such bond shall be conditioned upon  
518 compliance with the provisions of any state or federal law or regulation  
519 concerning the conduct of an operator retraining program and provided  
520 as indemnity for any loss or expense sustained by either the state or any  
521 person by reason of any acts or omissions of the program provider. Such  
522 bond shall be executed in the name of the State of Connecticut for the  
523 benefit of any aggrieved party, but the penalty of the bond shall not be  
524 invoked except upon order of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after  
525 a hearing held before the commissioner in accordance with the  
526 provisions of chapter 54;

527 (C) [~~have~~] Have a permanent place of business in this state where all  
528 operator retraining program records shall be maintained and accessible  
529 to the commissioner during normal business hours;

530 (D) [~~submit~~] Submit for approval by the commissioner a detailed  
531 curriculum and lesson plan, including any changes to such curriculum  
532 and lesson plan, which shall be used in each operator retraining class;  
533 and

534 (E) [~~electronically~~] Electronically transmit information concerning  
535 enrollment and class completion to the commissioner at such times and  
536 in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe.

537 (4) Prior to the certification of an applicant, the commissioner shall  
538 investigate the applicant's character, driving history and criminal  
539 history. If the applicant is a business entity, such investigation shall  
540 include the principals and officers of such entity. The applicant shall

541 submit to the commissioner any information pertaining to current or  
542 past criminal or civil actions. The certification of a program provider by  
543 the commissioner shall not be transferable and shall be valid for a two-  
544 year period. Recertification of a provider shall be at the discretion of the  
545 commissioner and in such form and manner determined by the  
546 commissioner.

547 (c) Any person who is required to attend an operator retraining  
548 program shall have such requirement and the completion date of such  
549 requirement posted on such person's driving history record maintained  
550 by the commissioner. The date of class completion shall remain on such  
551 person's driving history record until such person has attained thirty-six  
552 consecutive months without any additional moving violations or  
553 suspension violations specified in subsection (a) of this section being  
554 posted to such person's driving history record. Until the completion of  
555 such thirty-six consecutive months, the Commissioner of Motor  
556 Vehicles shall suspend such person's operator's license or operating  
557 privilege for: (1) Thirty days upon a first conviction for any specified  
558 moving violation or suspension violation; (2) sixty days upon a second  
559 conviction of any specified moving violation or suspension violation;  
560 and (3) ninety days for a third or subsequent conviction of a specified  
561 moving violation or suspension violation.

562 (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
563 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
564 section.

565 Sec. 12. Subsection (e) of section 22a-202 of the general statutes is  
566 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
567 *2025*):

568 (e) (1) As a part of the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric  
569 Automobile Purchase Rebate program, the Commissioner of Energy  
570 and Environmental Protection shall also establish and administer a  
571 program to provide rebates or vouchers to residents of the state who

572 purchase an electric bicycle. The commissioner, in consultation with the  
 573 advisory board, shall establish and revise, as necessary, maximum  
 574 income eligibility for such rebates or vouchers. Any such rebate or  
 575 voucher amount shall be in an amount not less than five hundred  
 576 dollars. The rebate or voucher program shall be designed to maximize  
 577 the air quality benefits associated with the deployment of electric  
 578 bicycles and prioritize providing vouchers to (A) residents of  
 579 environmental justice communities, (B) residents having household  
 580 incomes at or below three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level,  
 581 [and] (C) residents who participate in state and federal assistance  
 582 programs, including, but not limited to, the state-administered federal  
 583 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, state-administered federal  
 584 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program [,] or a federal Head  
 585 Start program, [established pursuant to section 10-16] or who receive  
 586 assistance provided by Operation Fuel, Incorporated, and (D) residents  
 587 with physical disabilities.

588 (2) On and after July 1, 2022, and until June 30, 2027, inclusive, an  
 589 electric bicycle that is eligible for a rebate or voucher under the program  
 590 shall have a base manufacturer's suggested retail price of not more than  
 591 three thousand dollars. The provisions of this subdivision shall not  
 592 apply to an adaptive electric bicycle or electric personal assistance  
 593 mobility device, as defined in section 14-289h, prescribed by a health  
 594 care provider.

595 Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Upon receipt of an application  
 596 concerning the construction of any development that would impact  
 597 traffic at the intersection of Connecticut Route 71 and Connecticut Route  
 598 9 in the city of New Britain, the Department of Transportation and the  
 599 Office of State Traffic Administration shall not issue a state highway  
 600 right-of-way encroachment permit or certificate of operation pursuant  
 601 to section 14-311 of the general statutes for such development until (1) a  
 602 traffic study is performed by such department or office, and (2) the  
 603 results of such traffic study are submitted to the joint standing  
 604 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

605 relating to transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-300
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-230a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-289g
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-296aa
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-286d
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-298
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	13b-10
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-111g
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	22a-202(e)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase penalties for unsafe driving, restrict driving in the extreme left lane, require helmets for certain operators of motorcycles and bicycles, redefine "mobile electronic device", prohibit open alcoholic beverage containers in motor vehicles, require reflective paint on highways, permit the reporting of instances of unsafe driving, support Complete Streets projects and prioritization plans, study the use of intelligent speed assistance devices, require an operator to complete the operator's retraining program after the first conviction of reckless driving, revise the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate program and restrict the issuance of certain right-of-way encroachment permits and certificates of operation.

*[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.]*