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**"AN ACT CONCERNING NON-SAFETY-RELATED TRAFFIC STOPS  
AND DRIVING WHILE CONSUMING CANNABIS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 14-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

5 (a) (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public  
6 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal  
7 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter  
8 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads  
9 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any  
10 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance  
11 with the provisions of section 14-218a or section 14-307a or upon any  
12 school property recklessly, having regard to the width, traffic and use  
13 of such highway, road, school property or parking area, the intersection  
14 of streets and the weather conditions. The operation of a motor vehicle

15 upon any such highway, road or parking area for ten cars or more at  
16 such a rate of speed as to endanger the life of any person other than the  
17 operator of such motor vehicle, or the operation, downgrade, upon any  
18 highway, of any motor vehicle with a commercial registration with the  
19 clutch or gears disengaged, or the operation knowingly of a motor  
20 vehicle with defective mechanism, shall constitute a violation of the  
21 provisions of this [section] subsection. The operation of a motor vehicle  
22 upon any such highway, road or parking area for ten cars or more at a  
23 rate of speed greater than eighty-five miles per hour but not greater than  
24 one hundred miles per hour shall constitute a violation of the provisions  
25 of this [section] subsection.

26 [(b)] (2) Any person who violates any provision of [this section]  
27 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be fined not less than one  
28 hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not  
29 more than thirty days or be both fined and imprisoned for the first  
30 offense and for each subsequent offense shall be fined not more than six  
31 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined  
32 and imprisoned.

33 (b) (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public  
34 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal  
35 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter  
36 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads  
37 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any  
38 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance  
39 with the provisions of section 14-218a or 14-307a or upon any school  
40 property at a rate of speed greater than one hundred miles per hour.

41 (2) Any person who violates subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
42 be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than six hundred  
43 dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or be both fined and  
44 imprisoned for the first offense and for each subsequent offense shall be  
45 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
46 one year or be both fined and imprisoned.

47     (3) Any police officer who arrests a person for a violation of  
48     subdivision (1) of this subsection, who has previously been convicted of  
49     a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall cause the motor  
50     vehicle such person was operating at the time of the current offense to  
51     be impounded for a period of forty-eight hours after such arrest. The  
52     owner of such motor vehicle may reclaim such motor vehicle after the  
53     expiration of such forty-eight-hour period upon payment of all towing  
54     and storage costs.

55     (c) No person shall be subject to prosecution because of the same  
56     offense for a violation of both (1) subsection (a) or (b) of this section, and  
57     (2) subsection (a) of section 14-219.

58     Sec. 502. Subsection (d) of section 14-219 of the general statutes is  
59     repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
60     *1, 2025*):

61     (d) No person shall be subject to prosecution because of the same  
62     offense for a violation of both (1) subsection (a) of this section, and (2)  
63     subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-222, as amended by this act. [because  
64     of the same offense.]

65     Sec. 503. Section 14-81b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
66     following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

67     The term "brake drum", as used in this section, means the individual  
68     cupped metal drums to which motor vehicle wheels are each attached  
69     and against whose interior surface, brake shoe pressure is applied to  
70     effect stopping, holding or control of forward or backward vehicle  
71     movement. The term "brake disc" as used in this section, means the  
72     parallel faced circular rotational member to which motor vehicle wheels  
73     are each attached and against whose exterior surface, brake lining  
74     pressure is applied to effect stopping, holding or control of forward or  
75     backward movement. No person, firm or corporation shall service, turn,  
76     grind, install, sell, give or offer for sale for passenger or commercial  
77     motor vehicle use any used brake drum or brake disc which exceeds

78 wear limits established in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
79 commissioner. Any person, firm or corporation which performs or  
80 permits any violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties  
81 provided in subsection [(b)] (a) of section 14-222, as amended by this act.

82 Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is  
83 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
84 *1, 2025*):

85 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection,  
86 whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license has been  
87 convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended  
88 judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the  
89 commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such person's operator's  
90 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state as follows:  
91 For a first violation of subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (b)  
92 of section 14-224 or section 14-110, 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period of  
93 not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
94 period of not less than two years; for a violation of [subsection (a) of]  
95 section 14-222, as amended by this act, or subsection (c) of section 14-  
96 224, for a period of not less than thirty days or more than ninety days  
97 and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than  
98 ninety days; for a violation of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of  
99 section 14-224, for a period of not less than ninety days and for a  
100 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than one year; for  
101 a first violation of subsection (b), (d) or (e) of section 14-147, for a period  
102 of not less than ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for  
103 a period of not less than five years; for a first violation of subsection (c)  
104 of section 14-147, for a period of not less than thirty days and, for a  
105 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than one year.

106 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-111b and except as  
107 provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, whenever the holder of  
108 any motor vehicle operator's license or youth instruction permit who is  
109 less than eighteen years of age or whenever a person who does not hold  
110 an operator's license who is less than eighteen years of age has been

111 convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended  
112 judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the  
113 commissioner shall suspend such person's operator's license or  
114 privilege to obtain an operator's license as follows: For a first violation  
115 of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-219 or subdivision (4)  
116 of subsection (b) of section 14-219, for a period of sixty days and, for a  
117 second violation thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or  
118 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six months; for a first  
119 violation of [subsection (a) of] section 14-222, as amended by this act, for  
120 a period of six months and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
121 period of one year; for a violation of subsection (c) of section 14-224, for  
122 a period of six months and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
123 period of one year; for a first violation of section 14-296aa, for a period  
124 of thirty days and, for a second violation thereof, for a period of ninety  
125 days and, for a third or subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six  
126 months.

127 (3) The commissioner shall suspend the motor vehicle operator's  
128 license of any youth adjudged a youthful offender for a violation of  
129 section 14-215 or 14-222, as amended by this act, subsection (b) of section  
130 14-223 or subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) or subsection (c) of  
131 section 14-224 for six months for a first offense and one year for a second  
132 or subsequent offense.

133 (4) Whenever any person who has not been issued a motor vehicle  
134 operator's license under section 14-36 is convicted of a second or  
135 subsequent violation of subsection (a) of section 14-36: (A) The  
136 commissioner shall suspend such person's privilege to operate a motor  
137 vehicle, (B) such suspension shall remain in effect for a period of ninety  
138 days, and (C) the commissioner shall not issue an operator's license to  
139 such person under section 14-36 until such period of suspension has  
140 expired and all applicable requirements for such license have been  
141 satisfied by such person.

142 Sec. 505. Section 14-219b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
143 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

144 Nothing in section 14-218a [, subsection (a) of section] or 14-222, as  
 145 amended by this act, or subsection (a) of section 14-227a shall be  
 146 construed to impose any liability upon any municipality as a result of  
 147 its establishing a speed limit upon any private road within its  
 148 jurisdiction as provided by section 14-218a.

149 Sec. 506. Section 54-1q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 150 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

151 The court shall not accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a  
 152 person in a proceeding with respect to a violation of section 14-110,  
 153 subsection (b), (c), (d) or (e) of section 14-147, section 14-215, [subsection  
 154 (a) of] section 14-222, as amended by this act, subsection (a) or (b) of  
 155 section 14-224 or section 53a-119b unless the court advises such person  
 156 that conviction of the offense for which such person has been charged  
 157 may have the consequence of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
 158 suspending such person's motor vehicle operator's license."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-222
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-219(d)
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-81b
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-111(b)
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-219b
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	54-1q