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(As Amended)

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

1 Strike subsection (c) of section 59 in its entirety and substitute the

2 following in lieu thereof:

"(c) (1) If any person who is alleged to have committed an infraction or any violation specified in subsection (b) of this section elects to pay the fine and any additional fees or costs established for such infraction or violation, [he] <u>such person</u> shall send payment, by mail or otherwise, to the Centralized Infractions Bureau, made payable to the "clerk of the Superior Court" [. Such payment] <u>or, on and after July 1, 2028, in the case</u> of an infraction involving the use of a motor vehicle or a violation of any

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10	statute relating to motor vehicles specified in subsection (b) of this
11	section, enter into an installment payment plan pursuant to subdivision
12	(2) of this subsection.
13	<u>(2) On and after July 1, 2028, if any such person who is alleged to have</u>
14	committed an infraction involving the use of a motor vehicle or a
15	violation of any statute relating to motor vehicles specified in subsection
16	(b) of this section and the total amount of the fine and any additional
17	fees or costs equals or exceeds one hundred fifty dollars, the Centralized
18	Infractions Bureau shall, within available resources, offer such person
19	the opportunity via the bureau's Internet web site to enter into an
20	installment payment plan in order to pay such fine and any additional
21	fees or costs over a period of twelve months. The bureau may assess an
22	additional fee not to exceed fifteen dollars to pay the administrative
23	costs of implementing any such installment payment plan. Any such
24	installment payment plan shall be comprised of all fines and additional
25	fees or costs. The bureau may accept payments higher than the
26	installment amount established pursuant to the installment payment
27	plan. If a person fails to make a timely payment in accordance with any
28	such installment payment plan for a first or second time, the bureau
29	shall provide such person with an additional thirty days to make any
30	such payment and assess a late fee of fifteen dollars for each such failure
31	to pay. If a person fails to make a timely payment in accordance with
32	any such installment payment plan for a third time, the bureau shall
33	terminate the installment payment plan and submit a report of such
34	failure to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to subsection
35	(b) of section 14-140, as amended by this act. Any administrative fees or
36	late fees assessed and collected by the bureau pursuant to the provisions
37	of this subdivision shall be deposited into the Judicial Data Processing
38	Revolving Fund established in section 51-5b.
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39 40	(3) Any such payment made under subdivision (1) of this subsection
40	or agreement to enter into an installment payment plan made pursuant
41	to subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be considered a plea of nolo

42 contendere and shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or

43 criminal, to establish the conduct of the person, provided the provisions 44 of this section and section 51-164m shall not affect the application of any 45 administrative sanctions by either the Commissioner of Energy and 46 the Environmental Protection authorized under title 26 or 47 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles authorized under title 14, except that 48 no points shall be assessed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles 49 against the operator's license of such person for such infraction or 50 violation.

51 (4) The Judicial Department shall provide notice of the provisions of 52 this subsection to law enforcement agencies and direct each law 53 enforcement agency issuing a complaint to provide such notice to any 54 person who is alleged to have committed a motor vehicle infraction or 55 violation at the time a complaint alleging such conduct is issued to such 56 person. On and after July 1, 2028, the Judicial Department shall publish 57 information about the availability of installment payment plans for 58 certain infractions and violations on the department's Internet web site."