

# Transportation Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-413 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

**Title:** AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.

**Vote Date:** 3/16/26

**Vote Action:** JFS to the Floor

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Transportation Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Sections 1-5 update the accessible parking placard and requires the accessible parking council to develop a one-hour video for health-care professionals on requirements for a placard in order to better assist individuals that need accessible parking.

Section 6 hopes to get rid of redundancy and increase efficiency by requiring the DMV commissioner to waive the skills test requirements for a Q endorsement to operate a fire apparatus if the person has a credential from out-of-state is substantially equivalent to Connecticut's.

Section 7 extends the timeframe for a designated beneficiary to apply for a title after the vehicle owner dies from 60 to 120 days.

Section 8 Changes E-scooter maximum weight to fix administrative issues.

Section 9 is intended to help prevent theft of rental cars that are of a higher value.

Section 10 is designed to allow an electronic issuance licensee to charge a fee higher than the \$25 statutory cap for additional services provided to an out-of-state customer. The service provided is to provide convenience for individuals that need DMV services and so that an entity's actions are transparent to any potential customer.

Section 11 attempts to help streamline the rehabilitation of Connecticut roadway infrastructure by making certain structures eligible under the local bridge program if the commissioner determines the structure's physical condition must be improved.

Section 12 eliminates the infraction penalty for children who fail to wear a helmet on an e-bike so that it matches the bicycle helmet laws already in statute.

**SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):**

The substitute language adds provisions on platform carriers in order to help define their operation parameters and safety requirements, and to increase transportation options for school districts. Further, it eliminates continuing education requirements for health care workers as replaces it with placard operation form changes as the committee felt this was a better solution. It extends the effective date for the Q endorsement provision and eliminates provision for extending the timeline for transferring title to a beneficiary. It also modifies the electronic issuance licensees provision for increased transparency.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Beverly K. Streit, Probate Court Administration, State of Connecticut:**

We oppose the proposed change to section 14-16 of the bill which seeks to change subsection (b) (Transfer on Death Registrations or TOD registrations). We support the current statutory provision allowing for a non-probate and simplified method to a beneficiary within 60 days of the owner's death. This timeline is consistent with current probate statues and provides a reasonable amount of time. Two probate processes are available and are filed after the 60-day timeframe for the DMV transfer of title. Expanding the process beyond 60 days could give rise to disputed ownership claims between family members. The current 6- day period of time is consistent with current laws and is a reasonable period of time.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Vincent Candelora, Representative, State of Connecticut:**

Senate bill 413 builds upon the 2024 public act requiring medical professionals to complete video instructions explaining the eligibility requirements for a windshield placard as part of their continuing medical educations requirements. The bill also requires the DMV Commissioner to redesign the placards so that the expiration date is displayed and visible from outside the vehicle. These two changes ensure accessible parking spaces are available to those who rely on them.

**Peace Love Accessibility:**

Mary Caruso, Founder  
Alex Bode, Executive Director  
Sam Bode  
Rose Albin  
Ronald Onofrio  
Joann Massi  
Christopher Franeza  
Laura Francis, Board Member  
Carter Welch, Board Member

The above all testified in support of the bill that ensures healthcare professionals receive education about the proper issuance of accessible paring placards. Our organization is committed to showing the importance of accessible parking through awareness, education, and

collaboration. Redesigning the placard will be a vital tool for our police officers. We often hear of the difficulty in identifying expired placards because they are small and difficult to see. The Accessible Parking Advisory Council will be able to evaluate and redesign the placard for better enforcement.

**EverDriven:**

**Morgan Judge, Senior Director of Compliance, Regulations, and Policy**

**Mike Singer, Chief Policy and Legal Officer**

As a student transportation management company specializing in alternative student transportation, we are designed to supplement not replace traditional yellow bus fleets. We ask the Committee to consider two practical modernizations that would remove barriers that do not reflect how modern, regulated transportation operates:

1. Remove the requirement that a vehicle must carry a specialized "marker" license plate as a condition of operating as a student transportation vehicle in this model.
2. Remove the requirement that a vehicle must display a roof mounted "Carrying School Children" sign, and modernize identification so it can be removable, modular and appropriate for a driver's personal vehicle.

These requests are about modernizing not reducing safeguards.

**Lesley Bennett, Co-Chair, Connecticut Rare Disease Advisory Council:**

This bill is extremely important to the more than 300,000 Connecticut residents living with a rare disease and their caregivers. State medical professionals are responsible for certifying an individual's state criteria for a valid accessible parking placard. Most healthcare providers need clear guidance and training on state requirements for issuing a placard. Designing new accessible parking placards featuring an expiration date in bold font will make it easier for law enforcement to address an invalid accessible parking placard.

**Melanie DeCaprio, Nurse, home healthcare worker, Connecticut:**

I care for individuals living with physical disabilities that rely on accessible parking in order to participate in everyday life. Accessible parking is not about convenience but about access to their community. I hear from them about spaces being misused, vehicles parked in accessible spaces with not placards or ones who have expired or no longer valid. This takes away from those need the essential access. Strengthening education and improving placard design are practical steps.

**Joseph Murgo, Captain, East Haven Police Department:**

I have had the opportunity to work with the non-profit Peace Love & Accessibility who advocate for individuals with mobility challenges. Accessible parking enforcement is something we deal with regularly. There are situations where the system does not work either because of an understanding of the criteria or officers not being able to determine if a placard is valid. Medical professionals who certify placards need better guidance to help protect the integrity of the system. Improving the clarity and integrity of the placard system will help ensure those limited accessible parking spaces are for the individuals they are intended to serve.

**Thomas Manning, Physician Assistant:**

In my decade of practice, I have been asked for handicap parking placards and have never received any formal training on the criteria. No training, standards or continuing education. Provider education gaps causes placard misuse and fraud that directly harms those who depend on accessible parking. I have seen the frustration and helplessness that those that

need the placards experience when accessibility is a barrier for them. Continuing education requirements gives clinicians the tools to make consistent, evidence-based decisions. This is about providing the right knowledge for our communities and patients.

**Devin Manning, Nurse Practitioner:**

As a nurse for nearly ten years and not a practicing nurse practitioner I have seen a lack of knowledge among health care professionals on the criteria for issuing a handicap parking placard. When placards are issued without understanding the eligibility it can limit access for individuals whose mobility depends on these spaces. Authorizing a placard carries responsibility because it directly affects patients and the community of placard users. Make the design more visible for enforcement officers.

Eleven people also testified in support of the bill.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Jeff Gordon, Senator, State of Connecticut:**

As a physician with 33 years of experience I am opposed to adding new continuing education mandates to physicians, physician associates, and nurse practitioners as part of their licensing and licensing renewal. I am concerned about the following sections:

Subsection 2 (a) Lines #48-53

Subsection 3 (b) Lines #88-91

Subsection 4 (b) Lines #143-146

Subsection 5 © Lines #156-161

I understand the intent but requiring more state mandated continuing education is not the best way to achieve the Committee's goal. I suggest that the Transportation Committee Look at HB 5389 so show a tool kit rather than a mandate to help health care professionals access and get voluntary CME credit.

**Connecticut Hospital Association:**

We oppose sections 25- as written specifically requiring professionals to watch an hour-long video. This is an overly burdensome continuing education mandate that is unnecessary. There is far too much burden on licensed providers. Either not act on the bill or make the education discussed an optional choice withing existing continuing medical education obligation.

**Connecticut Medical Society:**

CMS educates our physician members about the appropriate use of disability parking placards and oppose the provision in this bill that would add a new mandatory continuing medical education requirement. Connecticut physicians already have the most extensive sets of mandated CME topic requirements in the country. CSMS opposes new mandates for this reason.

**Reported by: Pamela Bianca**

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