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To: House Bill No. 5563

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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW PROPOSALS."

1 In line 314, strike "card;" and insert "card or its packaging;" in lieu
2 thereof

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Section 13b-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

7 (a) The executive director may approve airports, heliports, vertiports,
8 restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities. Any
9 municipality or person acquiring property for the purpose of
10 constructing or establishing an airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted
11 landing area shall, prior to such acquisition, apply to the executive
12 director for a certificate of approval of the site selected and the general
13 purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, to ensure
14 that the property and its use shall conform to minimum standards of

15 safety and shall serve the public interest. Any proposed airport,
16 heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility
17 at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are expected to be
18 made by aircraft in any year shall be approved by the executive director
19 before it shall be licensed to be used or operated. The executive director
20 shall make no charge for approval certificates of proposed property
21 acquisition for airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted landing area
22 purposes.

23 (b) The executive director may (1) license [airports, heliports,
24 vertiports, restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities]
25 any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area and other air
26 navigation facility at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs
27 are expected to be made by aircraft in any year, and (2) renew such
28 licenses. When a certificate of approval of an airport, heliport, vertiport,
29 [or] restricted landing area or other air navigation facility has been
30 issued by the executive director, the executive director may grant a
31 license for operation and use. On and after [July 1, 1995] October 1, 2026,
32 the executive director shall charge a fee of [one hundred fifty] three
33 hundred dollars for each license or renewal thereof. Each such license
34 shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance.
35 Each licensee shall certify, on a form provided by the executive director,
36 that the licensed facility shall comply with all applicable federal, state
37 and local laws and regulations during the license period. Municipalities
38 shall be exempt from the payment of any license fee in connection with
39 airports owned or operated by such municipalities.

40 (c) The executive director may (1) register any airport, heliport,
41 vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which
42 thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by
43 aircraft in any year, and (2) renew such registrations. On and after
44 October 1, 2026, the executive director shall charge a fee of one hundred
45 dollars for each registration or renewal thereof. Each such registration
46 shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance.
47 Each registrant shall certify, on a form provided by the executive

48 director, (A) that the registered facility shall comply with all applicable
49 federal, state and local laws and regulations during the registration
50 period, and (B) that there will be thirty-six or fewer landings and
51 takeoffs by aircraft at such facility in any year during the registration
52 period. Any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other
53 air navigation facility at which thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs
54 are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be registered with
55 the executive director pursuant to this subsection before it is to be used
56 or operated. Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of any
57 registration fee in connection with airports owned or operated by such
58 municipalities.

59 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) No municipality or officer or employee thereof and no person
60 shall operate an airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or
61 other air navigation facility for which approval has not been granted,
62 and a license has not been issued, by the executive director in
63 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section or
64 registration has not been issued by the executive director in accordance
65 with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. The provisions of
66 this section shall not apply to any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted
67 landing area or other air navigation facility owned by the federal
68 government within this state. Any person who violates the provisions
69 of this subsection shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

70 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any heliport in operation prior to October 1, 1985, shall be
71 deemed licensed for operation and use and the executive director shall
72 issue an original license for any such heliport upon the written request
73 of the person who controls and operates such heliport. Such heliports
74 shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter concerning the renewal
75 or revocation of licenses, inspection and review of air navigation
76 facilities and any other provision of this chapter except those concerning
77 the initial approval or licensing of such facilities. Such heliports shall be
78 subject to any rule or procedure adopted by the authority in accordance
79 with the provisions of this chapter except those concerning the initial
80 approval or licensing of any air navigation facility.

81 Sec. 502. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 18-81ll of the
82 general statutes, as amended by section 2 of substitute house bill 5567 of
83 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is
84 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
85 *1, 2026*):

86 (b) (1) The department shall, during the intake of any person who is
87 incarcerated, (A) verify directly with such person any medications taken
88 by such person, or make such verification through the State-wide Health
89 Information Exchange, established pursuant to section 17b-59d, the
90 pharmacy used by such person or such person's prescribing health care
91 provider, (B) request that such person provide the name of such person's
92 primary care provider and authorize the sharing of medical information
93 with such provider and a designated family member or health care
94 proxy by signing a release of information form, and (C) accept from such
95 person any prescription medication such person has in such person's
96 possession for storage and possible administration as prescribed to such
97 person, and in accordance with written policies and procedures
98 established by the department to ensure patient safety, by appropriate
99 Department of Correction staff. [as prescribed to such person.]

100 Sec. 503. Subsection (c) of section 18-100j of the general statutes, as
101 amended by section 8 of substitute house bill 5567 of the current session,
102 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
103 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

104 (c) (1) Not later than October 1, [2027] 2026, the Departments of
105 Correction, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services
106 and the Office of Policy and Management shall, within available
107 appropriations, initiate a pilot program to assist with discharge
108 planning for patients with chronic disease and behavioral health needs,
109 including mental health and substance abuse disorders, and to
110 coordinate specialty care referrals for persons who are incarcerated at
111 York Correctional Institution upon release. Such program shall be
112 administered by the health services and behavioral health employees
113 within the Department of Correction and shall expand internal capacity

114 for discharge planning and care coordination, including coordination
115 with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to
116 facilitate access to programs and services upon release. Said
117 departments and office shall contract with a federally qualified health
118 center in this state to work with Department of Correction health
119 services and behavioral health employees to provide community-based
120 care for persons upon release for not fewer than two years. The federally
121 qualified health center shall work with Department of Correction
122 employees to improve continuity of care and community health care
123 standards for said department. The provisions of this subsection shall
124 not be construed to permit the contracting out of work customarily
125 performed by Department of Correction employees.

126 (2) Not later than January 15, [2029] 2028, and January fifteenth
127 following each calendar year thereafter during which such program is
128 maintained, the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services
129 and Social Services, the Office of Policy and Management, the
130 Department of Correction health services and behavioral health
131 employees and the federally qualified health center assisting with such
132 program shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
133 on the results of such program to the joint standing committees of the
134 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
135 Department of Correction, human services and public health. Such
136 reports shall evaluate the (A) effectiveness of discharge planning and
137 reentry care coordination for participants in the program, (B)
138 management and continuity of care for chronic diseases among
139 participants in the program, (C) coordination, timeliness and
140 completion of specialty care referrals for participants in the program,
141 (D) extent to which participants successfully access community-based
142 health care services following release from the correctional institution,
143 and (E) costs of the program when compared to other delivery of care
144 models in use at the time such program is initiated.

145 Sec. 504. Section 54-102kk of the general statutes is repealed and the
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

147 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law governing
148 [postconviction] post-conviction relief, any person who was convicted
149 of a crime and sentenced to incarceration may, at any time during the
150 term of such incarceration or after completion of such term and while
151 subject to the jurisdiction or supervision of any probation, parole or
152 correctional agency, file a petition with the sentencing court requesting
153 the DNA testing of any evidence that is in the possession or control of
154 the Division of Criminal Justice, any law enforcement agency, any
155 laboratory or the Superior Court. The petitioner shall state under
156 penalties of perjury that the requested testing is related to the
157 investigation or prosecution that resulted in the petitioner's conviction
158 and that the evidence sought to be tested contains biological evidence.

159 (b) After notice to the prosecutorial official and a hearing, the court
160 shall order DNA testing if it finds that:

161 (1) A reasonable probability exists that the petitioner would not have
162 been prosecuted or convicted if exculpatory results had been obtained
163 through DNA testing;

164 (2) The evidence is still in existence and is capable of being subjected
165 to DNA testing;

166 (3) The evidence, or a specific portion of the evidence identified by
167 the petitioner, was never previously subjected to DNA testing, or the
168 testing requested by the petitioner may resolve an issue that was never
169 previously resolved by previous testing; and

170 (4) The petition before the Superior Court was filed in order to
171 demonstrate the petitioner's innocence and not to delay the
172 administration of justice.

173 (c) After notice to the prosecutorial official and a hearing, the court
174 may order DNA testing if it finds that:

175 (1) A reasonable probability exists that the requested testing will
176 produce DNA results which would have altered the verdict or reduced

177 the petitioner's sentence if the results had been available at the prior
178 proceedings leading to the judgment of conviction;

179 (2) The evidence is still in existence and is capable of being subjected
180 to DNA testing;

181 (3) The evidence, or a specific portion of the evidence identified by
182 the petitioner, was never previously subjected to DNA testing, or the
183 testing requested by the petitioner may resolve an issue that was never
184 previously resolved by previous testing; and

185 (4) The petition before the Superior Court was filed in order to
186 demonstrate the petitioner's innocence and not to delay the
187 administration of justice.

188 (d) The costs of DNA testing ordered pursuant to this section shall be
189 borne by the state or the petitioner, as the court may order in the
190 interests of justice, except that DNA testing shall not be denied because
191 of the inability of the petitioner to pay the costs of such testing.

192 (e) In a proceeding under this section, the petitioner shall have the
193 right to be represented by counsel and, if the petitioner is indigent, the
194 court shall appoint counsel for the petitioner in accordance with section
195 51-296.

196 (f) An order of the court denying the petitioner's request for DNA
197 testing of any evidence that is in the possession or control of the Division
198 of Criminal Justice, any law enforcement agency, any laboratory or the
199 Superior Court shall be a final judgment for purposes of an appeal.

200 Sec. 505. Section 54-91c of the general statutes is repealed and the
201 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

202 (a) For the purposes of this section, "victim" means a person who is a
203 victim of a crime, the legal representative of such person, a member of a
204 deceased victim's immediate family or a person designated by a
205 deceased victim in accordance with section 1-56r.

206 (b) (1) (A) Prior to any proceedings involving the dismissal of a
207 charge against any defendant or the entry of a nolle prosequi to a charge
208 for any offense described in subdivision (2) of this subsection against a
209 defendant, or (B) prior to the imposition of sentence upon any defendant
210 who has been found guilty of any crime or has pleaded guilty or nolo
211 contendere to any crime, and prior to the acceptance by the court of a
212 plea of guilty or nolo contendere made pursuant to a plea agreement
213 with the state, the court shall permit any victim of the crime to appear
214 before the court for the purpose of making a statement for the record,
215 which statement may include the victim's opinion [of] concerning the
216 dismissal of a charge against any defendant or the entry of a nolle
217 prosequi to a charge for any offense described in subdivision (2) of this
218 subsection against a defendant or any plea agreement. In lieu of such
219 appearance, the victim may submit a written statement or, if the victim
220 of the crime is deceased, the legal representative or a member of the
221 immediate family of such deceased victim may submit a statement of
222 such deceased victim to the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or
223 deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case. Such state's
224 attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney
225 shall file the statement with the sentencing court and the statement shall
226 be made a part of the record at the sentencing hearing. Any such
227 statement, whether oral or written, shall relate to the facts of the case,
228 the appropriateness of any penalty and the extent of any injuries,
229 financial losses and loss of earnings directly resulting from the crime for
230 which the defendant is being sentenced. The court shall inquire on the
231 record whether any victim is present for the purpose of making an oral
232 statement or has submitted a written statement. If no victim is present
233 and no such written statement has been submitted, the court shall
234 inquire on the record whether an attempt has been made to notify any
235 such victim as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this
236 section or, if the defendant was originally charged with a violation of
237 section 53a-167c for assaulting a peace officer, whether the peace officer
238 has been personally notified as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection
239 (c) of this section. After consideration of any such statements, the court
240 may refuse to accept, where appropriate, a negotiated plea or sentence,

241 and the court shall give the defendant an opportunity to enter a new
242 plea and to elect trial by jury or by the court.

243 (2) The following are offenses for which the court, pursuant to
244 subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall permit any victim of a crime to
245 appear before the court for the purpose of making a statement for the
246 record concerning the dismissal of a charge against a defendant or the
247 entry of a nolle prosequi to a charge against a defendant:

248 (A) An offense that is a violation of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection
249 (a) of section 53-21, or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a,
250 53a-73a, 53a-83b, 53a-86, 53a-90a, 53a-90b, 53a-189a, 53a-189c, 53a-191,
251 53a-192a, 53a-196, 53a-196a, 53a-196b, 53a-196c, 53a-196d, 53a-196e, 53a-
252 196f, 53a-196h, 53a-196i or 53a-196j; or

253 (B) Any other offense that is (i) a nonviolent sexual offense or a
254 sexually violent offense, each as defined in section 54-250, or (ii)
255 designated as a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a.

256 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, prior
257 to the imposition of sentence upon such defendant and prior to the
258 acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea agreement, the state's attorney,
259 assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of
260 the case shall notify the victim of such crime of the date, time and place
261 of the original sentencing hearing or any judicial proceeding concerning
262 the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea agreement, provided the
263 victim has informed such state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or
264 deputy assistant state's attorney that such victim wishes to make or
265 submit a statement as provided in subsection (b) of this section and [has
266 complied with a request from such state's attorney, assistant state's
267 attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney to submit a stamped, self-
268 addressed postcard for the purpose of such notification] such victim has
269 provided the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy
270 assistant state's attorney with up-to-date contact information.

271 (2) Prior to the imposition of sentence upon a defendant originally

272 charged with a violation of section 53a-167c for assaulting a peace
273 officer, and prior to the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea
274 agreement, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy
275 assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall personally notify the
276 peace officer who was the victim of such crime of the date, time and
277 place of the original sentencing hearing or any judicial proceeding
278 concerning the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea agreement.

279 (3) If the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant
280 state's attorney is unable to notify the victim, such state's attorney,
281 assistant state's attorney or deputy state's attorney shall sign a statement
282 as to such notification.

283 (d) Upon the request of a victim, prior to the acceptance by the court
284 of a plea of a defendant pursuant to a proposed plea agreement, the
285 state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's
286 attorney in charge of the case shall provide such victim with the terms
287 of such proposed plea agreement in writing. If the terms of the proposed
288 plea agreement provide for a term of imprisonment which is more than
289 two years or a total effective sentence of more than a two-year term of
290 imprisonment, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy
291 assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall indicate: (1) The
292 maximum period of imprisonment that may apply to the defendant; (2)
293 whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk reduction credits
294 pursuant to section 18-98e; (3) whether the defendant may be eligible to
295 apply for release on parole pursuant to section 54-125a; and (4) whether
296 the defendant may be eligible for automatic erasure of such defendant's
297 criminal conviction pursuant to subsection (e) of section 54-142a.

298 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any proceedings
299 held in accordance with section 46b-121 or section 54-76h.

300 Sec. 506. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 13 of substitute
301 senate bill 397 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment
302 Schedules "A" and "B", is repealed and the following is substituted in
303 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

304 (2) (A) On and after October 1, 2026, except as provided in
305 subparagraph (B) [or (C)] of this subdivision, any automated license
306 plate reader data collected or otherwise acquired or held or stored by a
307 public agency or by a private vendor under contract with a public
308 agency shall not be retained for a period in excess of twenty-one days,
309 or for a shorter period when required pursuant to the terms of a contract
310 between a public agency with a private vendor that accesses an
311 automated license plate reader system or holds or stores such data,
312 unless such data is being retained (i) pursuant to a warrant or court
313 order issued by a judge or magistrate on behalf of the state or federal
314 judicial branches, or pursuant to court rules governing the preservation
315 of evidence, (ii) for the purpose of collecting highway usage fees if such
316 fees exist, provided such data is deleted not later than thirty days
317 following the collection of such fees, (iii) as evidence in an active
318 criminal investigation or prosecution, provided (I) at the time such data
319 is designated for retention, such retention is approved by a supervisory
320 law enforcement officer and documented by the law enforcement
321 agency in a record stating the purpose for such retention and any
322 associated case number for the investigation or prosecution to which the
323 data relates, and (II) such data is deleted upon the conclusion of the
324 investigation if no criminal charges are filed, or, in the case of a
325 conviction for which no defendant is sentenced to a term of
326 imprisonment, upon the final disposition of the criminal case to which
327 the data relates, including the exhaustion of all direct appeals,
328 whichever occurs first, or, in the case of a conviction for which a
329 defendant is sentenced to a term of imprisonment, upon the release the
330 last defendant serving a term of imprisonment for a conviction to which
331 the data relates, unless otherwise required to be retained under clause
332 (i) of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (iv) for the purpose of
333 conducting traffic analytics pursuant to clause (iv) of subparagraph (A)
334 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided such data is held or stored
335 or managed as de-identified, aggregated or summarized data.

336 [(B) A public agency or a private vendor under contract with a public
337 agency may hold or retain automated license plate reader data for a

338 period in excess of twenty-one days, if such data may be necessary to
339 establish that the commission of a potential future offense, motor vehicle
340 violation or infraction pursuant to an ordinance, the general statutes or
341 a regulation is a subsequent offense, motor vehicle violation or
342 infraction for which a penalty prescribed for such subsequent offense,
343 motor vehicle violation or infraction exceeds the penalty for the
344 previous offense, motor vehicle violation or infraction.]

345 [(C)] (B) Any data collected pursuant to clause (vii) of subparagraph
346 (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection may be held or retained for a
347 period in excess of twenty-one days, if such data is being held or
348 retained expressly for the purpose of ensuring an individual's
349 compliance with a municipality's motor vehicle tax laws, provided (i)
350 such data is not shared with any entity or individual other than the
351 municipality's tax assessor or the individual to whom the motor vehicle
352 is registered, and (ii) such data is deleted after ninety days, or following
353 a determination of compliance by the municipality's tax assessor,
354 whichever occurs first.

355 Sec. 507. Section 7-294tt of the general statutes is repealed and the
356 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

357 Not later than January 1, 2024, the Police Officer Standards and
358 Training Council shall (1) examine (A) programs and strategies used in
359 the state or other jurisdictions through which police officers collaborate
360 with social workers, and (B) the evaluation submitted pursuant to
361 section 18 of public act 20-1 of the July special session; and (2) issue
362 guidance to law enforcement units that (A) includes recommendations
363 of how police officers may collaborate with social workers, and (B) on
364 and after October 1, 2026, includes (i) the potential impact of such
365 collaboration, and (ii) instances where such collaboration may or may
366 not be feasible, including when a social worker may respond to a call for
367 assistance or accompany a police officer on certain calls for assistance."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13b-46
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	18-811l(b)(1)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	18-100j(c)
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	54-102kk
Sec. 505	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	54-91c
Sec. 506	<i>from passage</i>	SB 397 (current session), Sec. 13 (b)(2)
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	7-294tt