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"AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 14-253a of the
4 2026 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following
5 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

6 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications
7 and renewal applications for removable windshield placards from [(1)]
8 (A) any person who is blind, as defined in section 1-1f; [(2)] (B) any
9 person with disabilities; [(3)] (C) any parent or guardian of any person
10 who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is under
11 eighteen years of age at the time of application; [(4)] (D) any parent or
12 guardian of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities, if
13 such person is unable to request or complete an application; and [(5)] (E)
14 any organization which meets criteria established by the commissioner

15 and which certifies to the commissioner's satisfaction that the vehicle for
16 which a placard is requested is primarily used to transport persons who
17 are blind or persons with disabilities.

18 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, on and after
19 October 1, 2011, the commissioner shall not accept applications for
20 special license plates, but shall accept renewal applications for such
21 plates that were issued prior to October 1, 2011.

22 (3) No person shall be issued a placard in accordance with this section
23 unless such person is the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's
24 license, or identification card issued in accordance with the provisions
25 of section 1-1h, as amended by this act. The commissioner may adopt
26 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the
27 issuance of placards to persons who, by reason of hardship, do not hold
28 or cannot obtain an operator's license or identification card. The
29 commissioner shall maintain a record of each placard issued to any such
30 person.

31 (4) Such applications and renewal applications shall be on a form
32 prescribed by the commissioner. The application and renewal
33 application shall include:

34 (A) (i) Certification by a licensed physician, a licensed physician
35 assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed in accordance
36 with the provisions of chapter 378, or a member of the driver training
37 unit for persons with disabilities established pursuant to section 14-11b,
38 that the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability
39 which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR 1235.2,
40 as amended from time to time; [or (B)] (ii) certification by a psychiatrist
41 who is employed by, or under contract with, the United States
42 Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant [(i)] (I) is a veteran, as
43 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who has post-traumatic stress
44 disorder certified as service-connected by the United States Department
45 of Veterans Affairs, and [(ii)] (II) meets the definition of a person with a
46 disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23

47 CFR 1235.2, as amended from time to time; [In] or (iii) in the case of
48 persons who are blind, [the application or renewal application shall
49 include] certification of legal blindness [made] by the Department of
50 Aging and Disability Services, an ophthalmologist or an optometrist;

51 (B) (i) A list of each criterion that qualifies an applicant as a person
52 with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, and (ii)
53 instruction to the certifying health care professional to select the
54 applicable criterion and initial each selected criterion to indicate that
55 such selected criterion forms the basis for the certification; and

56 (C) A quick response code or comparable electronic identifier that
57 will enable the certifying health care professional or any person using
58 such code or identifier to access educational materials developed by the
59 Accessible Parking Advisory Council, established under section 14-
60 253c, as amended by this act, concerning the requirements to obtain a
61 removable windshield placard.

62 (5) Any certification issued by a health care professional pursuant to
63 this section shall be based upon such person's professional opinion after
64 having completed a medically reasonable assessment of the applicant's
65 medical history and current medical condition made in the course of a
66 bona fide health care professional-patient relationship. Any person who
67 makes a certification required by this subsection shall sign the
68 application or renewal application under penalty of false statement
69 pursuant to section 53a-157b. The commissioner, in said commissioner's
70 discretion, may accept the discharge papers of a disabled veteran, as
71 defined in section 14-254, in lieu of such certification. The Commissioner
72 of Motor Vehicles may require additional certification at the time of the
73 original application or at any time thereafter. If a person who has been
74 requested to submit additional certification fails to do so within thirty
75 days of the request, or if such additional certification is deemed by the
76 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be unfavorable to the applicant, the
77 commissioner may refuse to issue or, if already issued, suspend or
78 revoke such special license plate or placard.

79 (6) The commissioner shall not issue more than one placard per
80 applicant, except the commissioner shall issue one placard to each
81 applicant who is a parent or guardian of any person who is blind or any
82 person with disabilities, provided no more than two such placards shall
83 be issued on behalf of such person.

84 (7) The fee for the issuance of a temporary removable windshield
85 placard shall be five dollars.

86 (8) Any person whose application has been denied or whose special
87 license plate or placard has been suspended or revoked shall be afforded
88 an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of
89 chapter 54.

90 (c) Any person who meets the requirements to obtain a removable
91 windshield placard pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and who
92 has a motorcycle registered in such person's name shall be issued, upon
93 approval of the application, number plates in accordance with the
94 provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b, which shall bear letters or
95 numerals or any combination thereof followed by the symbol of access.
96 The registration of any motorcycle for which a special license plate is
97 issued shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22 and be
98 subject to the fee provisions of section 14-49. No person shall be issued
99 such number plates for the registration of more than two motorcycles.
100 Any person eligible to obtain a special license plate pursuant to this
101 section who transfers the expired registration of a motorcycle owned by
102 such person and replaces such number plate with a special license plate
103 shall be exempt from payment of any fee for such transfer or
104 replacement. A person who obtains a special plate or plates under this
105 subsection may also obtain a removable windshield placard in
106 accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

107 (d) (1) Any placard issued pursuant to this section shall be displayed
108 by hanging it from the front windshield rearview mirror of the vehicle
109 when utilizing a parking space reserved for persons who are blind and
110 persons with disabilities. If there is no rearview mirror in such vehicle,

111 the placard shall be displayed in clear view on the dashboard of such
112 vehicle.

113 (2) On and after October 1, 2023, any placard issued pursuant to this
114 section shall not bear the words "parking permit for persons with
115 disabilities". Any placard issued prior to October 1, 2023, that is
116 otherwise valid, shall remain valid, according to its terms, until the
117 expiration of such placard.

118 (3) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
119 Accessible Parking Advisory Council, shall redesign the removable
120 windshield placard such that the date of expiration is printed in
121 conspicuous boldface font and prominent when such placard is viewed
122 from outside the motor vehicle. On and after January 1, 2027, any
123 placard issued pursuant to this section shall be the redesigned placard.
124 Any placard issued prior to January 1, 2027, that is otherwise valid, shall
125 remain valid, according to its terms, until the expiration of such placard.

126 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-253c of the 2026 supplement to the
127 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
128 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

129 (a) There is established an Accessible Parking Advisory Council,
130 which shall be within the Department of Motor Vehicles for
131 administrative purposes only. The advisory board shall: (1) Develop a
132 strategy to detect, deter and prevent fraud and misuse from occurring
133 with regard to the issuance and use of removable windshield placards
134 for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities from occurring
135 without adversely impacting persons who are blind and persons with
136 disabilities, (2) review the laws in other states concerning the issuance
137 and use of such removable windshield placards, (3) recommend best
138 practices for policies and regulations regarding the application for, and
139 issuance and use of, removable windshield placards and the
140 enforcement of subsection (l) of section 14-253a, (4) identify and make
141 recommendations regarding streetscape issues that interfere with the
142 ability of a person who is blind or person with disabilities to access and

143 use public and private areas reserved for exclusive use by persons who
144 are blind or persons with disabilities, (5) make educational materials,
145 including, but not limited to, videos or online trainings, available to
146 [medical] health care professionals, as defined in section 14-253a, as
147 amended by this act, law enforcement officers and the general public
148 regarding the proper issuance and use of such removable windshield
149 placards, and (6) review the status of such removable windshield
150 placards issued to persons who are blind and persons with disabilities
151 prior to January 1, 2010, for the lifetime of such persons.

152 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is
153 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
154 *1, 2027*):

155 (d) (1) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q"
156 indicates eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall
157 signify that the holder [either] has been trained to operate fire apparatus
158 in accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire
159 Prevention and Control, [or] has qualifying military training and
160 experience as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection or has
161 recognition for a credential, endorsement or classification issued by
162 another state as described in subdivision (3) of this subsection. Except
163 as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, no such
164 endorsement shall be issued to any person until such person
165 demonstrates personally to the commissioner, or the commissioner's
166 designee, including the Connecticut Fire Academy, any regional fire
167 school or the chief local fire official of any municipality, as defined in
168 section 7-323j, by means of testing in a representative vehicle that such
169 person possesses the skills necessary for operation of fire apparatus.

170 (2) If the holder of a license of any class is (A) a veteran who applies
171 to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement not later than two years after
172 the date of discharge from the military and who, not more than two
173 years prior to such discharge, met the conditions and limitations set
174 forth in 49 CFR 383.77(a)(2) or 49 CFR 383.77(b)(2), as amended from
175 time to time, or (B) a member of the armed forces or the National Guard

176 who applies to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement and who meets
177 the conditions and limitations set forth in 49 CFR 383.77(a)(2) or 49 CFR
178 383.77(b)(2), as amended from time to time, the commissioner shall
179 waive the requirement under subdivision (1) of this subsection to
180 demonstrate that such veteran or member possesses the skills necessary
181 for operation of fire apparatus. The commissioner shall prescribe the
182 form and manner by which such veteran or member shall apply for such
183 waiver. As used in this subparagraph, "veteran" and "armed forces"
184 have the same meanings as provided in section 27-103.

185 (3) If the holder of an out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license
186 with a credential, endorsement or classification that permits such person
187 to operate fire apparatus in such other state applies to the commissioner
188 for a "Q" endorsement, the commissioner shall waive the requirement
189 under subdivision (1) of this subsection if the Commission on Fire
190 Prevention and Control finds such license with a credential,
191 endorsement or classification was issued by such other state with
192 standards substantially equivalent to or exceeding the standards of this
193 state.

194 Sec. 4. Subdivision (32) of section 14-1 of the 2026 supplement to the
195 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
196 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

197 (32) "Electric scooter" means a device (A) that weighs not more than
198 one hundred ten pounds, (B) that has two or three wheels and
199 handlebars, (C) that is designed to be ridden on in an upright or seated
200 position, (D) that is powered by an electric motor and human power,
201 and (E) whose maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on
202 a paved level surface, is not more than twenty miles per hour. "Electric
203 scooter" does not include an electric bicycle or one-wheeled vehicle;

204 Sec. 5. Section 14-153b of the general statutes is repealed and the
205 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

206 (a) For the purposes of this section, "passenger motor vehicle" does

207 not include (1) a passenger motor vehicle classified as full-size elite,
208 premium, premium elite, luxury, luxury elite, oversize, [or] special,
209 open air all-terrain, sport or convertible by ACRISS, formerly known as
210 the Association of Car Rental Industry System Standards, or a successor
211 to its functions, or (2) a sport utility vehicle designed to transport six or
212 more passengers.

213 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person, firm
214 or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing passenger
215 motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of thirty days or less, shall
216 require any customer to show proof that such customer holds a credit
217 card as a condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle; provided
218 such person, firm or corporation may require that a customer, seeking
219 to rent for cash, apply for approval to rent up to three business days
220 before the expected rental and that such customer provide both suitable
221 identification and a reasonable deposit.

222 (c) No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting
223 or leasing passenger motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of
224 thirty days or less, shall require an additional driver of any customer to
225 show proof that the additional driver holds a credit card or debit card
226 as a condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle to the customer,
227 provided such additional driver shows proof of a valid motor vehicle
228 operator's license and the customer shows proof that the customer holds
229 a credit card or debit card.

230 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of section 13a-175p of the general statutes is
231 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
232 *1, 2026*):

233 (2) "Eligible bridge" means a vehicular bridge or vehicular structure
234 owned by and located within one or more municipalities in the state, the
235 physical condition of which requires it be removed, replaced,
236 reconstructed, rehabilitated or improved as determined by the
237 commissioner.

238 Sec. 7. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-10 of the 2026
239 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
240 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

241 (2) "Motor vehicle record" means any record that pertains to an
242 operator's license, instruction or learner's permit, identity card,
243 registration, certificate of title or any other document issued by the
244 Department of Motor Vehicles; [. "Motor vehicle record" does not
245 include any record relating to vessels and certificates of title for vessels,
246 as provided in section 15-210;]

247 Sec. 8. Subsection (f) of section 14-10 of the 2026 supplement to the
248 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
249 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

250 (f) The commissioner may disclose personal information from a
251 motor vehicle record to:

252 (1) Any federal, state or local government agency in carrying out its
253 functions or to any individual or entity acting on behalf of any such
254 agency, [or]

255 (2) Any individual, organization or entity that signs and files with the
256 commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided in section
257 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the commissioner,
258 together with such supporting documentation or information as the
259 commissioner may require, that such information will be used for any
260 of the following purposes:

261 (A) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and
262 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations, recalls
263 or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by
264 motor vehicle manufacturers, motor vehicle market research activities
265 including survey research, motor vehicle product and service
266 communications and removal of nonowner records from the original
267 owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers to implement the
268 provisions of the federal Automobile Information Disclosure Act, 15

269 USC 1231 et seq., the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq., and 49 USC
270 Chapters 301, 305 and 321 to 331, inclusive, as amended from time to
271 time, and any provision of the general statutes enacted to attain
272 compliance with said federal provisions;

273 (B) In the normal course of business by the requesting party, but only
274 to confirm the accuracy of personal information submitted by the
275 individual to the requesting party;

276 (C) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral
277 proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self-
278 regulatory body, including the service of process, an investigation in
279 anticipation of litigation by an attorney-at-law or any individual acting
280 on behalf of an attorney-at-law and the execution or enforcement of
281 judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court provided
282 the requesting party is a party in interest to such proceeding;

283 (D) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and
284 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations, recalls
285 or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and motor
286 vehicle parts and dealers, producing statistical reports and removal of
287 nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle
288 manufacturers, provided the personal information is not published,
289 disclosed or used to contact individuals except as permitted under
290 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

291 (E) By any insurer or insurance support organization or by a self-
292 insured entity or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection
293 with the investigation of claims arising under insurance policies,
294 antifraud activities, rating or underwriting;

295 (F) In providing any notice required by law to owners or lienholders
296 named in the certificate of title of towed, abandoned or impounded
297 motor vehicles;

298 (G) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify
299 information relating to a holder of a passenger endorsement or

300 commercial driver's license required under 49 USC Chapter 313, and
301 sections 14-44 to 14-44m, inclusive;

302 (H) In connection with any lawful purpose of a labor organization, as
303 defined in section 31-77, provided (i) such organization has entered into
304 a contract with the commissioner, on such terms and conditions as the
305 commissioner may require, and (ii) the information will be used only for
306 the purposes specified in the contract other than campaign or political
307 purposes;

308 (I) For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitations
309 provided the commissioner has obtained the express consent of the
310 individual to whom such personal information pertains;

311 (J) For the purpose of preventing fraud by verifying the accuracy of
312 personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, including an
313 individual's photograph or computerized image, as submitted by an
314 individual to a legitimate business or an agent, employee or contractor
315 of a legitimate business, provided the individual has provided express
316 consent in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this
317 section;

318 (K) Inclusion of personal information about persons who have
319 indicated consent to become organ and tissue donors in a donor registry
320 established by a procurement organization, as defined in section 19a-
321 289a;

322 (L) By any private detective or private detective licensed in
323 accordance with the provisions of chapter 534, in connection with an
324 investigation involving matters concerning motor vehicles;

325 (M) By a state marshal, for use in the performance of duties under the
326 provisions of section 6-38a. Such information including, but not limited
327 to, (i) operator photos, and (ii) records produced by providing an
328 operator's license number, number plate or vehicle identification
329 number, may be requested and provided to a state marshal
330 electronically, or by such other means, within a reasonable time. Such

331 records may be transmitted to a state marshal by means of an existing
332 electronic system used by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the
333 transmission of records. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may
334 charge a state marshal a reasonable annual fee for access to such records
335 and the use of such electronic system, or

336 (3) Any individual who provides proof of current ownership of a
337 vessel for the purpose of obtaining the name and address of the last
338 person who registered such vessel.

339 Sec. 9. Subsection (h) of section 14-10 of the 2026 supplement to the
340 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
341 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

342 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the disclosure of
343 personal information from a motor vehicle record pursuant to
344 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (f) of this section shall be subject to
345 the provisions of section 14-50a concerning (1) the fees that shall be
346 charged for copies of or information pertaining to motor vehicle records,
347 and (2) the authority of the commissioner to establish fees for
348 information furnished on a volume basis in accordance with such terms
349 and conditions regarding the use and distribution of such information
350 as the commissioner may prescribe.

351 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
352 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
353 *1, 2026*):

354 (a) (1) Any owner desiring to obtain a vessel registration number or
355 registration decal shall apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
356 and shall file such proof of ownership of the vessel as the commissioner
357 may require. Upon receipt of an application in proper form and the
358 numbering fee, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall assign a
359 registration number or registration decal and provide the owner with a
360 temporary certificate of number or temporary certificate of decal. The
361 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue two registration decals and

362 a permanent certificate.

363 (2) A registration decal shall be displayed on each side of the vessel
364 at the bow in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Energy and
365 Environmental Protection. The certificate shall state the name of the
366 owner, [his] the owner's address, a description of the vessel, its hull
367 identification number, the expiration date of the certificate and such
368 other information as the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
369 Protection may prescribe by regulations. Such certificate shall be carried
370 aboard and shall be available for inspection upon the vessel for which it
371 is issued whenever the owner or any person authorized by [him] the
372 owner is aboard such vessel, except that the certificate of number for a
373 vessel which is less than twenty-six feet and which is rented for
374 noncommercial purposes for less than twenty-four hours may be
375 retained on shore by the owner of such vessel or [his] the owner's agent
376 at the place where such vessel departs or returns. If such certificate is
377 retained on shore, a rental agreement signed by the owner or [his] the
378 owner's agent and by the person renting the vessel shall be carried
379 aboard such vessel and shall be available for inspection. Such rental
380 agreement shall contain the vessel number which appears on the
381 certificate of number and the length of time for which such vessel is
382 rented.

383 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-217 and 14-10, as
384 amended by this act, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
385 Protection may disclose, at no cost, the name and address of the last
386 person who registered a vessel to any individual who provides proof of
387 current ownership of such vessel.

388 Sec. 11. Subsection (h) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is
389 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
390 *1, 2026*):

391 (h) (1) Any person who operates or any owner who permits the
392 operation of a vessel on the waters of this state which has not been
393 numbered or registered in accordance with the provisions of this

394 chapter and any other applicable section of the general statutes shall
395 have committed a violation and shall be fined not less than twenty-five
396 dollars or more than two hundred dollars for the first offense and for
397 each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars
398 or more than five hundred dollars. (2) No person shall use any vessel
399 registration or registration decals that have been issued to another
400 person pursuant to this section and sections 15-142 [to 15-144, inclusive]
401 and 15-143. No person shall use a vessel registration or registration
402 decals on any vessel other than the vessel for which such registration
403 number or registration decals have been issued. Any person who
404 violates any provision of this subdivision shall be fined not more than
405 two hundred fifty dollars. (3) Any officer empowered to enforce the
406 provisions of this chapter and any other applicable section of the general
407 statutes who finds a vessel which is not numbered or registered in
408 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and such discovery is
409 subsequent to a violation of this chapter may make application to the
410 court for a warrant to seize such vessel and take it into custody pending
411 proof of payment of proper numbering or registration fees. No officer
412 shall be liable for any act performed under the provisions of this
413 subsection.

414 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 14-15e of the 2026 supplement to the
415 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
416 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

417 (a) (1) For the purposes of this section, "Commissioner of Motor
418 Vehicles" or "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor
419 Vehicles or any employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles who is
420 acting for, or on behalf of, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

421 [(a) (1)] (2) Except as provided in subdivision [(2)] (3) of this
422 subsection, no person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business
423 of electronically filing applications for the issuance of a certificate of
424 registration or a certificate of title for motor vehicles with the
425 Department of Motor Vehicles, unless such person, firm or corporation
426 holds an electronic issuance license issued by the Commissioner of

427 Motor Vehicles.

428 [(2)] (3) A motor vehicle dealer licensed in accordance with section
429 14-52 and acting pursuant to subsection (c) of section 14-12, subsection
430 (b) of section 14-61 or section 14-61a, a person, firm or corporation
431 engaging in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles without
432 drivers in this state and acting pursuant to section 14-15 or a contractor
433 authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-41, may use the
434 department's electronic system for filing applications for the issuance of
435 a certificate of registration or certificate of title, as the case may be,
436 without obtaining an electronic issuance license. The commissioner
437 shall not issue an electronic issuance license to any such motor vehicle
438 dealer, person, firm or corporation or contractor.

439 [(3)] (4) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any
440 person, firm or corporation that files, on average, five or more
441 applications for the issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate
442 of title for motor vehicles each month with the Department of Motor
443 Vehicles to file such applications electronically and obtain an electronic
444 issuance license. Any such person, firm or corporation that fails or
445 refuses to file an application for such issuance electronically upon the
446 request of the commissioner shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars to the
447 commissioner for each such application submitted.

448 Sec. 13. Section 14-52a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
449 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
450 *passage*):

451 (a) For the purposes of this section, "Commissioner of Motor
452 Vehicles" or "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor
453 Vehicles or any employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles who is
454 acting for, or on behalf of, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

455 [(a)] (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after notice and
456 hearing, refuse to grant or renew a license to a person, firm or
457 corporation to engage in the business of selling or repairing motor

458 vehicles pursuant to the provisions of section 14-52 if any individual
459 named in an application for the issuance of such license has been found
460 liable in a civil action for odometer fraud or operating a dealer, repairer
461 or motor vehicle recycler business without a license, convicted of a
462 violation of any provision of laws pertaining to the business of a motor
463 vehicle dealer or repairer, including a motor vehicle recycler, or
464 convicted of any violation of any provision of laws involving fraud,
465 larceny or deprivation or misappropriation of property, in the courts of
466 the United States or any state. Upon renewal of such license, a licensee
467 shall make full disclosure of any such civil judgment or conviction
468 under penalty of false statement. Each individual named in an
469 application, on a form as prescribed by the commissioner, for the
470 issuance of such a license shall submit to fingerprint-based state and
471 national criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with
472 section 29-17a. The commissioner may require a person, firm or
473 corporation to submit its application electronically.

474 [(b)] (c) The commissioner shall not, after notice and hearing, grant
475 or renew a license to an applicant for or the holder of a used car dealer's
476 license that is delinquent in the payment of sales tax in connection with
477 a business from which it is or was obligated to remit sales tax, as
478 reported to the commissioner by the Department of Revenue Services.

479 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 14-73 of the 2026 supplement to the
480 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
481 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

482 (a) (1) For the purposes of this section, "Commissioner of Motor
483 Vehicles" or "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor
484 Vehicles or any employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles who is
485 acting for, or on behalf of, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

486 [(a) (1)] (2) No person shall be employed by a drivers' school to give
487 instruction in driving a motor vehicle unless such person is licensed to
488 act as an instructor or master instructor by the Commissioner of Motor
489 Vehicles.

490 [(2)] (3) The drivers' school employing an instructor's licensee or a
491 master instructor's licensee shall be responsible for ensuring any such
492 licensee is in compliance with the requirements of this part and any
493 regulations adopted under section 14-78.

494 Sec. 15. Section 14-178 of the general statutes is repealed and the
495 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

496 (a) If a certificate of title of a vehicle is lost, stolen, mutilated or
497 destroyed or becomes illegible, the first lienholder or, if none, the owner
498 or legal representative of the owner named in the certificate, as shown
499 by the records of the commissioner, shall promptly make application for
500 and may obtain a replacement upon furnishing information, including
501 personal identification acceptable and satisfactory to the commissioner.
502 Upon receiving an application for a replacement, the commissioner shall
503 check the identification number of the vehicle shown in the application
504 against the record of vehicles required to be maintained by section 14-
505 173 and against the record of stolen and converted vehicles required to
506 be maintained by section 14-197.

507 (b) The replacement certificate of title shall contain the legend "This
508 is a replacement title and may be subject to the rights of a person under
509 the original certificate." Except as provided in subsection (b) of section
510 14-175, the commissioner shall present or mail the replacement
511 certificate to the first lienholder named in the replacement certificate or,
512 if none, to the owner.

513 [(b)] (c) A person recovering an original certificate of title for which a
514 replacement has been issued shall promptly surrender the original
515 certificate to the commissioner.

516 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2026 supplement to the
517 general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (139) as follows
518 (*Effective from passage*):

519 (NEW) (139) The Governor shall proclaim the second Monday in July
520 of each year as Accessible Parking Awareness Day, to promote the value

521 of accessible parking, encourage responsible use of accessible parking
522 spaces and strengthen public education and collaboration. Suitable
523 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
524 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

525 Sec. 17. Subsection (c) of section 14-36 of the 2026 supplement to the
526 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
527 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

528 (c) (1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has
529 not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor
530 vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the
531 commissioner for a youth instruction permit. The commissioner may
532 issue a youth instruction permit to an applicant after the applicant has
533 (A) passed a test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles
534 and the rules of the road, (B) paid the fee required by subsection (v) of
535 section 14-49, (C) passed a vision screening conducted by the
536 Department of Motor Vehicles or submitted to the commissioner the
537 results of a vision examination conducted by a licensed medical
538 professional, as defined in section 14-46b, that certifies that the applicant
539 meets the vision standards established in regulations adopted pursuant
540 to section 14-45a₂ and (D) filed a certificate, in such form as the
541 commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting to the issuance of the
542 youth instruction permit and the motor vehicle operator's license,
543 signed by (i) one or both parents or foster parents of the applicant, as
544 the commissioner requires, (ii) the legal guardian of the applicant, (iii)
545 the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or
546 (iv) if the applicant has no qualified spouse and such applicant's parent
547 or foster parent or legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled
548 outside of this state or otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the
549 certificate, the applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by
550 blood or marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or
551 older. The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
552 the commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in
553 accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 or any secondary school

554 providing instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety in
555 accordance with section 14-36e to issue a youth instruction permit,
556 subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may
557 prescribe in regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of
558 chapter 54. Each youth instruction permit shall expire two years from
559 the date of issuance or on the date the holder of the permit is issued a
560 motor vehicle operator's license, whichever is earlier. Any holder of a
561 youth instruction permit who attains eighteen years of age may retain
562 such permit until the expiration of such permit. (2) The youth
563 instruction permit shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the
564 permit in his or her immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on
565 the public highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of,
566 and accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued
567 under the provisions of section 14-73, as amended by this act, or a
568 person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate,
569 for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the
570 same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his
571 or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner
572 during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (3) Unless the
573 holder of the permit is under the instruction of and accompanied by a
574 person who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of
575 section 14-73, as amended by this act, no passenger in addition to the
576 person providing instruction shall be transported unless such passenger
577 is either (A) a parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit, or (B)
578 a sibling of such holder of the permit and such sibling also holds a youth
579 instruction permit issued under the provisions of this section. (4) The
580 holder of a youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member of a
581 certified ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has
582 commenced an emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to
583 the national standard curriculum developed by the United States
584 Department of Transportation, and (C) has had state and national
585 criminal history records checks conducted by the certified ambulance
586 service or by the municipality in which such ambulance service is
587 provided, shall be exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and
588 (3) of this subsection only when such holder is driving to or from the

589 location of the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency
590 call. (5) The commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit
591 used in violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of
592 this subsection.

593 Sec. 18. Section 14-62a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
594 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
595 *October 1, 2026*):

596 (a) No dealer licensed under the provisions of section 14-52 shall
597 advertise the price of any motor vehicle unless the stated price in such
598 advertisement includes the federal tax, the cost of delivery, dealer
599 preparation, any fee, charge or cost imposed for any add-on consumer
600 good or consumer service, any dealer conveyance fee or processing fee
601 and any other charges of any nature and such advertisement (1) states
602 in at least eight-point bold type that any state or local tax [] or
603 registration fees [or dealer conveyance fee or processing fee, as defined
604 in subsection (a) of section 14-62,] are excluded from such advertised
605 price, (2) separately states, in at least eight-point bold type, immediately
606 next to the phrase "Dealer Conveyance Fee", the amount of such dealer
607 conveyance fee or processing fee, and (3) separately states, in at least
608 eight-point bold type, immediately next to the phrase "Additional Fees,
609 Charges and Costs", the amount of any fee, charge or cost imposed for
610 any add-on consumer good or consumer service. For the purposes of
611 this subsection, (A) "dealer conveyance fee" and "processing fee" have
612 the same meanings as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-62, (B)
613 "consumer good" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-110r,
614 and (C) "consumer service" has the same meaning as provided in
615 subsection (a) of section 42-158ff.

616 (b) Any new or used car dealer violating the provisions of this section
617 shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. The Commissioner
618 of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke, in accordance with section
619 14-64, the license of any such dealer violating the provisions of this
620 section.

621 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 14-62 of the 2026 supplement to the
622 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
623 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

624 (b) (1) The selling price quoted by any dealer to a prospective buyer
625 shall (A) include [,] any dealer conveyance fee or processing fee, and (B)
626 separately [stated,] state the amount of [the] any such dealer conveyance
627 fee or processing fee and that such fee is negotiable. [No dealer
628 conveyance fee shall be added to the selling price at the time the order
629 is signed by the buyer.]

630 (2) The selling price quoted by any dealer to a prospective buyer shall
631 both (A) include any fee, charge or cost imposed for any optional add-
632 on consumer good or consumer service, and (B) separately state the
633 amount of each such fee, charge or cost and that such fee, charge or cost
634 is optional.

635 (3) No dealer shall include in the selling price a dealer preparation
636 charge for any item or service for which the dealer is reimbursed by the
637 manufacturer or any item or service not specifically ordered by the
638 buyer and itemized on the invoice.

639 (4) The form used by a dealer for the order and invoice shall not be
640 printed in advance of discussions with a prospective buyer to include
641 the amount of any dealer conveyance fee or processing fee or any fee,
642 charge or cost imposed for any other optional add-on consumer good or
643 consumer service.

644 Sec. 20. Section 42-133r of the general statutes is repealed and the
645 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

646 As used in sections 42-133r to 42-133ee, inclusive, as amended by this
647 act, and sections 22 and 24 of this act, unless the context indicates a
648 different meaning:

649 (1) "Manufacturer" means any person who manufactures or
650 assembles new motor vehicles, or imports motor vehicles for

651 distribution to dealers or through distributors, or factory branches.

652 (2) "Distributor" means any person who offers for sale, sells or
653 distributes any new motor vehicle to dealers or who maintains factory
654 representatives or who controls any person, firm, association, joint
655 venture corporation or trust, who offers for sale, sells or distributes any
656 new motor vehicle to dealers.

657 (3) "Factory branch" means a branch office maintained by a
658 manufacturer for the purpose of selling, or offering for sale, motor
659 vehicles to a distributor or dealer, or for directing or supervising factory
660 or distributor representatives.

661 (4) "Owner" means any person holding an ownership interest in a
662 business entity operating as a dealer or under a franchise as defined in
663 this section either as a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship.
664 To the extent that the rights of any owner under sections 42-133r to 42-
665 133ee, inclusive, as amended by this act, conflict with the rights of any
666 other owner, such rights shall accrue in priority order based on the
667 percentage of ownership interest held by each owner with the owner
668 having the greatest ownership interest having first priority and
669 succeeding priority accruing to other owners in the descending order of
670 their percentage of ownership interest.

671 (5) "Dealership facilities" means real estate, buildings, fixtures and
672 improvements which are used in the course of business under a
673 franchise by a new motor vehicle dealer.

674 (6) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the business of selling,
675 offering to sell, soliciting or advertising the sale of new motor vehicles
676 and who holds a valid sales and service agreement, franchise or
677 contract, granted by a manufacturer or distributor for the retail sale of
678 the manufacturer's or distributor's new motor vehicles.

679 (7) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle intended primarily
680 for use and operation on the public highways, other than a farm tractor
681 or other machinery or tools used in the production, harvesting and care

682 of farm products.

683 (8) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has been sold
684 to a new motor vehicle dealer and which has not been used for other
685 than demonstration purposes and on which the original title has not
686 been issued from the new motor vehicle dealer.

687 (9) "Established place of business" means a permanent, commercial
688 building easily accessible and open to the public at reasonable times and
689 at which the business of a new motor vehicle dealer, including the
690 display and repair of vehicles, may be lawfully carried on.

691 (10) "Franchise" means a written agreement or contract between a
692 manufacturer or distributor and a dealer which purports to fix the legal
693 rights and liabilities of the parties to such agreement or contract, and
694 pursuant to which the dealer purchases and resells the franchise
695 product or leases or rents the dealership premises.

696 (11) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of
697 reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing in the trade.

698 (12) "Designated family member" means the spouse, child,
699 grandchild, parent, brother or sister of an owner who, in the case of the
700 owner's death, is entitled to inherit the ownership interest in the dealer
701 under the terms of the owner's will, or who has been nominated in any
702 other written instrument, or who, in the case of an incapacitated owner
703 of a dealer, has been appointed by a court as the legal representative of
704 the dealer's property.

705 (13) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, corporation,
706 limited liability company, association, trust, estate or any other legal
707 entity.

708 (14) "Relevant market area" means the area within a radius of
709 fourteen miles around an existing dealer or the area of responsibility
710 defined in a franchise, whichever is greater.

711 (15) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

712 (16) "Substantial alteration" means an alteration that has a major
713 impact on the architectural features, characteristics, appearance or
714 integrity of a structure located on a dealership facility or a lot upon
715 which a dealership facility is located. "Substantial alteration" does not
716 include routine maintenance, such as painting and repairs reasonably
717 necessary to maintain a dealership facility in attractive condition or any
718 changes to items protected by federal intellectual property rights.

719 (17) "Consumer data" means "nonpublic personal information" as
720 such term is defined in 15 USC 6809(4), as amended from time to time,
721 that is collected by a dealer and provided by the dealer directly to a
722 manufacturer, distributor, factory branch or third party acting on behalf
723 of a manufacturer, distributor or factory branch. "Consumer data" does
724 not include the same or similar data obtained by a manufacturer from
725 any source other than the dealer or the dealer's data management
726 system.

727 (18) "Data management system" means a computer hardware or
728 software system that: (A) Is owned, leased or licensed by a dealer,
729 including, but not limited to, a system of web-based applications,
730 computer software or computer hardware; (B) is located at the
731 dealership or hosted remotely; and (C) stores and provides access to
732 consumer data collected or stored by a dealer.

733 Sec. 21. Section 42-133cc of the general statutes is amended by adding
734 subdivisions (23) and (24) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

735 (NEW) (23) (A) Require a dealer to construct, renovate or make
736 substantial alterations to the dealer's facilities unless the manufacturer
737 or distributor can demonstrate that such construction, renovation or
738 alteration requirements are reasonable and justifiable based on
739 reasonable business consideration, including current and reasonably
740 foreseeable projections of economic conditions existing in the
741 automotive industry at the time such action would be required of the

742 dealer, and agrees to make a good faith effort to make available, at the
743 dealer's option, a reasonable quantity and mix of new motor vehicles,
744 which, after a reasonable analysis of market conditions, are projected to
745 meet the sales level necessary to support the increased overhead
746 incurred by the dealer as a result of the required construction,
747 renovation or alteration, provided a dealer may be required by a
748 manufacturer or distributor to make reasonable facility improvements
749 and technological upgrades necessary to support the technology of the
750 manufacturer's or distributor's vehicles. If the dealer chooses not to
751 make such facility improvements or technological upgrades, the
752 manufacturer or distributor shall not be obligated to provide the dealer
753 with the vehicles that require the improvements or upgrades. A
754 manufacturer or distributor may not require a dealer to construct,
755 renovate or make substantial alterations to the dealer's facility if the
756 dealer has completed a construction, renovation or substantial alteration
757 to the same component of the facility that was required and approved
758 by the manufacturer or distributor within the previous ten years. If a
759 dealer has completed facility construction, renovation or substantial
760 alteration under and in compliance with an incentive program, the
761 manufacturer or distributor may not deny a dealer payment or benefits
762 according to the terms of the program in place when the dealer began to
763 perform under the program. If the incentive program under which the
764 dealer completed a facility construction, renovation or substantial
765 alteration on or after October 1, 2026, does not contain a specific time
766 period during which the manufacturer or distributor shall provide
767 payments or benefits to a dealer, the manufacturer or distributor may
768 not deny the dealer payment or benefits under the terms of that
769 incentive program, as it existed when the dealer began to perform under
770 the program for the balance of ten years after the manufacturer or
771 distributor made the program available to the dealer, regardless of
772 whether the manufacturer's or distributor's facility program has been
773 changed or cancelled. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
774 require a manufacturer or distributor to provide payment or benefits if
775 changes have been made to the facility since the manufacturer's or
776 distributor's approval that would render the facility not in compliance

777 with the manufacturer's or distributor's standards or plans, regardless
778 of whether the manufacturer's or distributor's image program has
779 changed. Facility changes that are necessitated due to damage sustained
780 from a natural disaster or as a result of necessary safety upgrades shall
781 not be considered a change to the facility that renders the facility not in
782 compliance with the manufacturer's or distributor's standards or plans,
783 provided such facility changes substantially restore the facility to the
784 previous or current compliant state. Eligibility for facility-related
785 incentives under this subdivision shall not apply to: (i) Lump sum
786 payments for the cost of the facility upgrade; and (ii) any facility-related
787 incentive program in effect with one or more dealers in the state on
788 October 1, 2026;

789 (B) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to allow a dealer
790 to: (i) Impair or eliminate a manufacturer's or distributor's intellectual
791 property or trademark rights or impair other intellectual property
792 interests owned or controlled by the manufacturer or distributor,
793 including the design and use of signs; or (ii) refuse to change the design
794 or branding of any signage or other branded items required by a
795 manufacturer or distributor at any time, provided the manufacturer or
796 distributor requires such changes of all of its franchised dealers
797 nationally;

798 (NEW) (24) Require a dealer who is constructing, renovating or
799 substantially altering its dealership facility to purchase goods, building
800 materials or services for the dealership facility, including, but not
801 limited to, office furniture, design features, flooring and wall coverings,
802 from a vendor chosen by the manufacturer or distributor if goods,
803 building materials or services of a substantially similar appearance,
804 function, design and quality are available from other sources and the
805 dealer has received the manufacturer's or distributor's approval,
806 provided such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
807 In the event that a manufacturer or distributor does not approve the
808 dealer's use of substantially similar goods, building materials or
809 services, the manufacturer or distributor shall provide the dealer, in

810 writing at the time of disapproval, a detailed list of reasons why the
811 proposed substantially similar items are not acceptable. Nothing in this
812 subdivision shall be construed to allow a dealer to impair or eliminate a
813 manufacturer's or distributor's intellectual property or trademark rights
814 and brand image standards, or impair other intellectual property
815 interests owned or controlled by the manufacturer or distributor,
816 including the design and use of signs.

817 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this subsection,
818 (1) "stop-sale order" means a notification issued by a manufacturer to its
819 dealers or by a federal agency stating that a used vehicle in inventory
820 shall not be sold or leased because of a federal safety recall for a defect
821 or noncompliance or because of a federal emissions recall, (2) "do-not-
822 drive order" means a notification issued by a manufacturer to its dealers
823 or to the registered owner of a used vehicle, or by the National Highway
824 Traffic Safety Administration to the registered owner of a used vehicle,
825 stating that the vehicle is subject to a federal safety recall for a defect or
826 noncompliance and including an unconditional instruction to the
827 recipient of the notification to not drive the vehicle until the remedy for
828 the recall is complete, and (3) "value of the used motor vehicle" means
829 the average trade-in value of the year, make and model of the used
830 motor vehicle determined using nationally recognized industry data or
831 pricing guides that reflect current national and regional used motor
832 vehicle market conditions.

833 (b) If a manufacturer or federal agency issues a recall and either a
834 stop-sale order or a do-not-drive order on a used vehicle and the parts
835 or a remedy are not available to perform a recall service or repair on the
836 used vehicle not later than thirty days after issuing the recall, a new
837 vehicle dealer that is franchised to sell and service new vehicles of the
838 manufacturer is entitled to compensation from the manufacturer and
839 may file a claim with the manufacturer for each used vehicle subject to
840 the recall which the dealer (1) has in its used vehicle inventory on the
841 date on which the stop-sale order or do-not-drive order is issued, or (2)
842 takes into its used car inventory as a consumer trade-in related to the

843 sale of a new vehicle after the date on which the stop-sale order or do-
844 not-drive order is issued or as a return of a leased motor vehicle.

845 (c) Any such claim for compensation shall be in a form as prescribed
846 by the manufacturer. The manufacturer may prescribe the manner in
847 which a dealer shall demonstrate eligibility for such compensation,
848 including, but not limited to, the documentation required to show the
849 inventory status of a used vehicle, provided such demonstration of
850 eligibility or documentation is not unduly burdensome.

851 (d) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section,
852 compensation for a used motor vehicle pursuant to this section shall be
853 calculated at a rate of not less than one per cent of the value of the used
854 motor vehicle per month, beginning thirty days after the date on which
855 the stop-sale order or do-not-drive order is issued to the dealer and
856 continuing until the earlier of the date: (1) The parts or a remedy for the
857 recall service or repair are made available to the dealer; or (2) the dealer
858 sells, trades or otherwise disposes of the used vehicle.

859 (e) Compensation due to a new vehicle dealer is limited to the amount
860 equal to the value of the used motor vehicle for which the compensation
861 is paid.

862 (f) A manufacturer may, in lieu of compensating a new vehicle dealer
863 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section: (1)
864 Compensate the dealer pursuant to a national recall compensation
865 program, if the amount of compensation owed to the dealer under the
866 program is not less than the amount of compensation owed to the dealer
867 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section; or (2) enter
868 into an agreement with the dealer for an alternative form or amount of
869 compensation.

870 (g) A manufacturer may not take any action to offset or reduce the
871 amount of compensation owed to a new vehicle dealer pursuant to this
872 section, including, without limitation, through a charge-back program,
873 any reduction in an amount owed to the new vehicle dealer under an

874 incentive program or the removal of the new vehicle dealer from an
875 incentive program, if such action is taken, in whole or in part, because
876 the new vehicle dealer filed a claim for compensation pursuant to this
877 section. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any action
878 taken by a manufacturer that is applied uniformly to all new vehicle
879 dealers of the same line and make of vehicles in this state.

880 (h) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, any
881 compensation provided to a new vehicle dealer pursuant to this section
882 is exclusive and may not be combined with any other state or federal
883 recall compensation remedy.

884 Sec. 23. Subsection (j) of section 42-133s of the general statutes is
885 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
886 *1, 2026*):

887 (j) All claims by dealers under this section for such labor and parts,
888 [and] all claims for compensation relative to any sales incentive,
889 marketing and advertising programs and all claims for compensation
890 pursuant to the provisions of section 22 of this act shall be paid not later
891 than thirty days after approval by the manufacturer or distributor,
892 provided manufacturers or distributors retain the right to audit such
893 claims and to charge-back the dealer for false or unsubstantiated claims
894 for a period of one year following payment. A manufacturer or
895 distributor shall not deny a claim submitted under this subsection or
896 charge-back such a claim or payment following a timely audit based
897 solely on the dealer's failure to comply with a claim processing
898 procedure, a clerical error or other administrative technicality, provided
899 such failure does not call into question the legitimacy of the claim. The
900 manufacturer or distributor shall allow the dealer to resubmit such
901 claim according to reasonable manufacturer or distributor guidelines
902 not later than thirty days after the initial claim denial or charge-back. If
903 there is evidence of fraud, the provisions of this subsection shall not
904 limit the right of a manufacturer or distributor to audit a dealer for
905 longer periods of time and charge-back the dealer for any fraudulent
906 claim. Dealers shall be required to maintain defective parts for a period

907 of not longer than ninety days following submission of claims. All such
908 claims shall be either approved or disapproved not later than thirty days
909 after their receipt on forms, and in the manner specified by, the
910 manufacturer or distributor. Any claim not disapproved in writing or
911 by means of electronic transmission not later than thirty days after
912 receipt shall be deemed approved and payment shall be made within
913 thirty days.

914 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) With respect to consumer
915 data, a manufacturer, distributor or a third party acting on behalf of a
916 manufacturer or distributor:

917 (1) Shall comply with, and shall not cause a dealer to violate, any
918 applicable restrictions on reuse or disclosure of the consumer data
919 established by federal or state law;

920 (2) Shall, upon the request of the dealer, provide a written statement
921 to the dealer describing the established procedures adopted by such
922 manufacturer, distributor or third party acting on behalf of the
923 manufacturer or distributor that meet or exceed any federal or state
924 requirements to safeguard the consumer data, including, but not limited
925 to, the requirements in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 USC 6801 et
926 seq., as amended from time to time;

927 (3) Shall, upon the written request of the dealer, provide a written list
928 of the consumer data obtained from the dealer and all persons to whom
929 any consumer data has been provided by the manufacturer, distributor
930 or a third party acting on behalf of the manufacturer or distributor
931 during the preceding six months. The dealer may make such a request
932 not more than once every six months. The list shall indicate the specific
933 fields of consumer data that were provided to each person, except such
934 list shall not be required to include: (A) A person to whom consumer
935 data was provided, or the specific consumer data provided to such
936 person, if the person was, at the time such consumer data was provided,
937 a service provider, subcontractor or consultant acting in the course of
938 performance of services on behalf of or for the benefit of the

939 manufacturer, distributor, third party or dealer, provided the
940 manufacturer, distributor, third party or dealer has entered into an
941 agreement with such person requiring that such person comply with the
942 safeguard requirements of applicable state and federal law, including,
943 but not limited to, the requirements in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15
944 USC 6801 et seq., as amended from time to time; and (B) a person to
945 whom consumer data was provided, or the specific consumer data
946 provided to such person, if the dealer has previously consented in
947 writing to such person receiving such consumer data and the dealer has
948 not withdrawn such consent in writing;

949 (4) May not require that a dealer grant the manufacturer, distributor
950 or third party acting on behalf of the manufacturer or distributor direct
951 or indirect access to such dealer's data management system to obtain
952 consumer data. A manufacturer, distributor or a third party acting on
953 behalf of the manufacturer or distributor shall permit a dealer to furnish
954 consumer data in a widely accepted file format, such as comma
955 delimited, and through a third-party vendor selected by the dealer. A
956 manufacturer, distributor or a third party acting on behalf of the
957 manufacturer or distributor may access or obtain consumer data
958 directly from a dealer's data management system with the express
959 consent of the dealer. The consent shall be in the form of a written
960 document that (A) is separate from the franchise agreement, (B) is
961 executed by the dealer, and (C) may be withdrawn by the dealer upon
962 thirty days' written notice to the manufacturer or distributor. For
963 incentive programs beginning on or after October 1, 2026, such consent
964 shall not be required as a condition to a motor vehicle dealer's
965 participation in an incentive program unless such consent is necessary
966 to obtain consumer data to implement the program; and

967 (5) Shall indemnify the dealer for any third-party claims asserted
968 against or damages incurred by the dealer to the extent caused by access
969 to, use of or disclosure of consumer data in violation of the provisions
970 of this section by the manufacturer, distributor or a third party to whom
971 the manufacturer or distributor has provided consumer data.

972 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of the
973 manufacturer or distributor to require that the dealer provide, or use in
974 accordance with the law, such customer information related solely to
975 such manufacturer's or distributor's own vehicle makes to the extent
976 necessary to do any of the following:

977 (1) Satisfy any safety or recall notice obligations or other legal notice
978 obligations on the part of the manufacturer;

979 (2) Complete the sale and delivery of a new motor vehicle to a
980 customer;

981 (3) Validate and pay customer or dealer incentives;

982 (4) Submit to the manufacturer or distributor claims for any services
983 supplied by the dealer for any claim for warranty parts or repairs;

984 (5) Market analysis;

985 (6) Evaluate sales and service customer satisfaction with the dealer,
986 including surveys; or

987 (7) Reasonable marketing purposes that benefit the dealer.

988 Sec. 25. Section 42-133bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
989 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

990 Notwithstanding the terms, provisions or conditions of any franchise
991 agreement or other agreement between a manufacturer or distributor
992 and a dealer, no manufacturer or distributor shall require that a dealer:

993 (1) Order or accept delivery of any new motor vehicle, part or
994 accessory, equipment or any other commodity not required by law in
995 connection with warranty service or a recall campaign or voluntarily
996 ordered by the dealer, except that the provisions of this subdivision shall
997 not affect terms or provisions of a franchise requiring dealers to market
998 a representative line of motor vehicles which the manufacturer or
999 distributor is publicly advertising;

1000 (2) Order or accept delivery of any new motor vehicle with special
1001 features, accessories or equipment not included in the list price of such
1002 motor vehicles as publicly advertised by the manufacturer or
1003 distributor;

1004 (3) Pay all or part of the cost of an advertising campaign or contest,
1005 or purchase any promotional materials, training material, showroom or
1006 other display decorations or materials at the expense of the new motor
1007 vehicle dealer without the consent of the new motor vehicle dealer;

1008 (4) Enter into any agreement with the manufacturer or distributor or
1009 do any other act prejudicial to the dealer under threat of termination or
1010 cancellation of a franchise or agreement between the dealer and the
1011 manufacturer or distributor, except that this subdivision shall not
1012 preclude the manufacturer or distributor from insisting on compliance
1013 with the reasonable terms or provisions of the franchise or agreement,
1014 and notice in good faith to any dealer of the dealer's violation of such
1015 terms or provisions shall not constitute a violation of sections 42-133r to
1016 42-133ee, inclusive, as amended by this act;

1017 (5) Change the capital structure of the dealer or the means by which
1018 the dealer finances the operation of the dealership provided the dealer
1019 meets reasonable capital standards established by the manufacturer or
1020 distributor in accordance with uniformly applied criteria, and provided
1021 further that no change in the capital structure shall cause a change in the
1022 principal management or have the effect of a sale of the franchise
1023 without the consent of the manufacturer or distributor and such consent
1024 shall not be unreasonably withheld;

1025 (6) Refrain from participation in the management of, investment in,
1026 or acquisition of any other line of new motor vehicles or related
1027 products, provided this subdivision shall not apply unless the dealer
1028 maintains a reasonable line of credit for each line make of new motor
1029 vehicle, the dealer remains in compliance with any reasonable facilities
1030 requirements of the manufacturer or distributor, and no change is made
1031 in the principal management of the dealer;

1032 (7) Prospectively assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver or
1033 estoppel which would relieve any person from liability to be imposed
1034 by sections 42-133r to 42-133ee, inclusive, as amended by this act, or
1035 require any controversy between a dealer and a manufacturer or
1036 distributor, to be referred to any forum other than the Superior Court or
1037 the United States District Court.];

1038 (8) Construct, renovate or make substantial alterations to the dealer's
1039 facilities unless the manufacturer or distributor can demonstrate that
1040 such construction, renovation or alteration requirements are reasonable
1041 and justifiable in light of current and reasonably foreseeable projections
1042 of economic conditions, financial expectations, availability of additional
1043 vehicle allocation and such dealer's market for the sale of vehicles.]

1044 Sec. 26. Subdivision (31) of section 14-1 of the 2026 supplement to the
1045 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1046 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1047 (31) "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle equipped with operable foot
1048 pedals and an electric motor of [fewer] not more than seven hundred
1049 fifty watts of power that is either a class 1, class 2 or class 3 bicycle.
1050 "Electric bicycle" does not include a dirt bike or an all-terrain vehicle;

1051 Sec. 27. Subdivision (59) of section 14-1 of the 2026 supplement to the
1052 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1053 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1054 (59) "Motor-driven cycle" means (A) a one-wheeled vehicle with a
1055 floorboard that can be stood upon while riding or with foot rests for the
1056 operator; and (B) any of the following vehicles that have a seat height of
1057 not less than twenty-six inches and a gasoline, electric or hybrid motor
1058 that has a capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston
1059 displacement or a wattage not exceeding three thousand seven hundred
1060 watts; [or that produces five brake horsepower or less:] (i) A motorcycle,
1061 except an auticycle; (ii) a motor scooter, except an electric scooter; or
1062 (iii) a bicycle with attached motor, except an electric bicycle;

1063 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 1-1h of the general statutes is
1064 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1065 *2026*):

1066 (b) (1) An identity card shall indicate its date of expiration, contain a
1067 picture of the applicant and specify the applicant's height, sex and eye
1068 color.

1069 (2) An original identity card shall expire within a period not
1070 exceeding seven years following the date of the applicant's next
1071 birthday. Any person who holds an identity card may be notified by the
1072 commissioner before its expiration and may renew such card in such
1073 manner as the commissioner shall prescribe. Upon renewal of an
1074 identity card, the commissioner may issue an identity card for a period
1075 to be determined by the commissioner, provided such period does not
1076 exceed eight years. The fee for the renewal of an identity card that
1077 expires eight years from the date of issuance shall be thirty-two dollars.
1078 The commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for an
1079 identity card that expires less than eight years from the date of issuance.
1080 The commissioner shall not provide notification by mail to the holder of
1081 an identity card if the United States Postal Service has determined that
1082 mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for such person that
1083 is in the records of the department.

1084 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-36d, the
1085 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, waive any
1086 requirement that an applicant appear in person for a new photograph
1087 or digital image in connection with (A) the renewal of an identity card,
1088 or (B) the issuance of an identity card to a person who holds or has held
1089 a motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to section 14-36, as
1090 amended by this act. The commissioner may grant such waiver if the
1091 applicant is sixty-five years of age or older or has a disability or medical
1092 condition that substantially impairs mobility or the ability to appear in
1093 person at the department, as determined by the commissioner and the
1094 applicant meets all other requirements for such renewal or issuance of
1095 an identity card. In lieu of requiring a new photograph or digital image

1096 for such renewal or issuance of an identity card, the commissioner may
1097 use the most recent photograph or digital image of the applicant on file
1098 with the department. The commissioner may require documentation as
1099 deemed necessary to establish eligibility for such waiver. The
1100 commissioner may deny such waiver if the commissioner determines
1101 such renewal or issuance of an identity card without a new photograph
1102 or digital image would compromise the integrity of an identity card
1103 issued under this section or facilitate fraud or misuse. If the
1104 commissioner provides for such renewal or issuance of an identity card,
1105 the commissioner shall establish procedures to renew or issue such
1106 identity card by mail or electronic communication with the department.
1107 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require the
1108 commissioner to grant a waiver to an applicant. If a waiver is granted,
1109 nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require the renewed or
1110 issued identity card be compliant with 6 CFR 37, as amended from time
1111 to time.

1112 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) On and after January 1, 2027,
1113 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish and maintain a
1114 publicly accessible and searchable electronic portal on the Internet web
1115 site of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of providing
1116 information concerning (1) motor vehicles subjected to nonconsensual
1117 towing or transporting, as defined in section 14-66 of the general
1118 statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) motor vehicles taken into
1119 custody and stored pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of section 14-150 of
1120 the general statutes. The goal of the portal shall be to enable the
1121 members of the public to determine whether a motor vehicle has been
1122 towed or taken into custody and if applicable, the location where such
1123 motor vehicle is stored. The portal shall (A) be available twenty-four
1124 hours per day, (B) not require the creation of a personal account for
1125 access to search such information, and (C) permit any wrecker service,
1126 owner or keeper of any garage, storage facility or other place where a
1127 towed or transported motor vehicle is stored, organized police
1128 department or parking authority to submit information electronically to
1129 such portal.

1130 (b) When initially designing such portal and when implementing any
1131 material modifications, redesigns or significant maintenance updates to
1132 such portal, the commissioner shall consult with the Towing Advisory
1133 Council, established under section 39 of this act, to ensure the portal is
1134 easily operated and accessible when submitting, and searching for,
1135 information on towed and stored motor vehicles. The commissioner
1136 shall consider whether the portal may be used to permit a wrecker
1137 service to electronically file forms prescribed by the commissioner,
1138 including a notice of tow, and whether such electronic filing may be
1139 used in lieu of mailing such forms.

1140 (c) On and after January 1, 2027, each wrecker service or the owner or
1141 keeper of any garage, storage facility or other place where a towed or
1142 transported motor vehicle is stored shall, not later than forty-eight hours
1143 from the time such motor vehicle was towed or transported, submit
1144 electronically to the portal information sufficient to identify such motor
1145 vehicle, the location where such motor vehicle is stored, the identity and
1146 contact information for such wrecker service or owner or keeper and
1147 any other information as the commissioner, in consultation with the
1148 Towing Advisory Council, may prescribe.

1149 (d) Each such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall update the
1150 portal with information as prescribed by the commissioner to reflect
1151 changes in the status of any such stored motor vehicle.

1152 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 14-51a and 14-64 of the
1153 general statutes, the commissioner may not impose a civil penalty for a
1154 wrecker service or owner or keeper who is unable to electronically
1155 submit information to the portal in accordance with the provisions of
1156 this section due to a technological issue with the portal, an electrical
1157 outage or a temporary loss of Internet connectivity at the wrecker
1158 service's or owner's or keeper's place of business, provided such
1159 wrecker service or owner or keeper documents such issue, outage or loss
1160 and electronically submits information to the portal as soon as possible
1161 after such issue is resolved or electrical service or Internet connectivity
1162 is restored.

1163 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a wrecker service
1164 or owner or keeper who stores a motor vehicle (1) that was towed with
1165 the consent of the owner or operator, or (2) subject to repossession.

1166 Sec. 30. Section 14-66e of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1167 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1168 *passage*):

1169 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1170 (1) "Police-ordered towing" means towing or transporting and
1171 recovery of a motor vehicle without the prior consent of authorization
1172 of the owner or operator of the motor vehicle performed pursuant to the
1173 provisions of section 14-150, as amended by this act, section 14-307 or
1174 any other order of a police officer or traffic authority;

1175 (2) "Oversize or overweight motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle,
1176 combination of motor vehicle and trailer or commercial vehicle
1177 combination, including each such motor vehicle's load, whose
1178 dimensions or weight does not conform to the provisions of sections 14-
1179 262, 14-262a, 14-264, 14-267a and 14-269 or any other requirement
1180 specified in the general statutes;

1181 (3) "Winching" means the process of moving a motor vehicle by the
1182 use of chains, nylon slings or additional lengths of winch cable from a
1183 position that is not accessible for direct hookup for towing a motor
1184 vehicle;

1185 (4) "Nonconsensual towing or transporting" and "recovery" have the
1186 same meanings as provided in section 14-66, as amended by this act; and

1187 (5) "Light-duty motor vehicle", "medium-duty motor vehicle" and
1188 "heavy-duty motor vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in
1189 section 14-66d, as amended by this act.

1190 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish and publish
1191 a schedule of rates and charges for the provision of police-ordered

1192 towing that includes:

1193 (1) A base hourly rate that may be charged for towing or transporting
1194 services provided to (A) a light-duty motor vehicle, (B) a medium-duty
1195 motor vehicle, (C) a heavy-duty motor vehicle, and (D) an oversize or
1196 overweight motor vehicle. The commissioner shall identify the services
1197 and equipment involved in the provision of such towing or transporting
1198 services that are included in such base hourly rate;

1199 (2) An hourly rate for winching services, provided such winching
1200 service is performed on a vehicle that is located off a paved portion of a
1201 highway;

1202 (3) Hourly rates or charges for each type of specialized equipment
1203 used in connection with the provision of police-ordered towing that are
1204 not included in the base hourly rate established pursuant to subdivision
1205 (1) of this subsection. Such rates or charges shall account for the cost of
1206 each such type of specialized equipment and a reasonable profit margin;

1207 (4) Hourly rates for labor that is not included in such base hourly rate;
1208 and

1209 (5) A charge for necessary administrative services.

1210 (c) The schedule of rates and charges established pursuant to the
1211 provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be just and reasonable
1212 and reflect the reasonable operating costs of wrecker services that
1213 perform police-ordered towing. In establishing such rates and charges,
1214 the commissioner shall consider factors, including, but not limited to,
1215 the most recent transportation producer price index published by the
1216 United States Department of [Transportation] Labor, Bureau of Labor
1217 Statistics, rates set by other jurisdictions, rates for consensual towing of
1218 motor vehicles, the cost of equipment required by regulations adopted
1219 pursuant to section 29-23a, as amended by this act, and the cost of
1220 workers' compensation insurance, unemployment compensation and
1221 insurance premiums.

1222 (d) Not later than [ninety] sixty days after receipt of a proposed
1223 schedule of rates and charges and any supporting documentation from
1224 the Police-Ordered Towing Council pursuant to section 14-66f, as
1225 amended by this act, the commissioner shall (1) hold a public hearing
1226 for the purpose of obtaining additional information concerning such
1227 proposed schedule, and (2) establish and publish a schedule of rates and
1228 charges for the provision of police-ordered towing in accordance with
1229 subsection (e) of this section. The commissioner shall post notice of any
1230 such public hearing on the Internet web site of the Department of Motor
1231 Vehicles and give notice to each member of the Police-Ordered Towing
1232 Council not less than fourteen days prior to any such public hearing. If
1233 the commissioner amends the proposed schedule and does not issue a
1234 preliminary schedule of rates and charges pursuant to subsection (e) of
1235 this section, the commissioner shall provide a written explanation to the
1236 council of the reason for such amendment.

1237 (e) If the commissioner establishes a schedule of rates and charges
1238 that (1) adjusts the amount of any rate or charge such that the amount is
1239 more than ten per cent greater than or less than the rates and charges in
1240 the proposed schedule by the Police-Ordered Towing Council pursuant
1241 to subsection (e) of section 14-66f, as amended by this act, or (2)
1242 eliminates or adds any charge for specialized equipment in the
1243 proposed schedule by said council pursuant to subdivision (3) of
1244 subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall issue a preliminary
1245 schedule of rates and charges. The commissioner shall post such
1246 preliminary schedule on the Internet web site of the Department of
1247 Motor Vehicles and provide notice of such preliminary schedule to each
1248 member of the council. The commissioner shall provide for a period of
1249 not less than fifteen days of public comment on such preliminary
1250 schedule. Following the close of such public comment period, the
1251 commissioner shall review any comments received, consider whether or
1252 not to modify the preliminary schedule, prepare a written response to
1253 such comments and post such response on the department's Internet
1254 web site and provide a copy of such response to each member of the
1255 council. Thereafter, the commissioner shall establish and publish a final

1256 schedule of rates and charges.

1257 (f) Any schedule of rates and charges established pursuant to
1258 subsection (b) of this section shall be effective for a period of three years.
1259 On January first of the second year and January first of the third year of
1260 such three-year period, the rates and charges in effect during the
1261 immediately preceding year shall be increased by a percentage equal to
1262 the average of (1) the annual increase in the consumer price index for all
1263 urban consumers for the preceding calendar year as published by the
1264 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and (2)
1265 the increase in the transportation producer price index in the preceding
1266 calendar year as published by the United States Department of Labor,
1267 Bureau of Labor Statistics. The commissioner shall calculate such
1268 increase and publish the adjusted rates and charges on the Internet web
1269 site of the Department of Motor Vehicles not later than December first
1270 preceding the effective date of such adjusted rates and charges.

1271 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) Upon the publication of a schedule pursuant to the provisions
1272 of this section, no wrecker service shall (1) charge more than the rates
1273 and charges contained in such schedule, or (2) charge for services that
1274 are not included in such schedule.

1275 (h) Any person aggrieved by any action of the commissioner under
1276 the provisions of this section may appeal therefrom in accordance with
1277 section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial
1278 district of New Britain.

1279 Sec. 31. Section 14-66f of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1280 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1281 *October 1, 2026*):

1282 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1283 (1) "Police-ordered towing" and "oversize or overweight motor
1284 vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-66e, as
1285 amended by this act; and

1286 (2) "Light-duty motor vehicle", "medium-duty motor vehicle" and
1287 "heavy-duty motor vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in
1288 section 14-66d, as amended by this act.

1289 (b) There is established a Police-Ordered Towing Council within the
1290 Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative purposes only. Such
1291 council shall (1) advise the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles concerning
1292 policies affecting police-ordered towing, and (2) develop a proposed
1293 schedule of rates and charges for the provision of police-ordered towing
1294 of light-duty, medium-duty, heavy-duty and oversize or overweight
1295 motor vehicles.

1296 (c) [The] On and after October 1, 2026, the council shall consist of the
1297 following members: (1) Three representatives of an organization in the
1298 state that represents towing and recovery professionals, appointed by
1299 the Governor; (2) two representatives of an organization in the state that
1300 represents the commercial trucking industry, appointed by the
1301 Governor; (3) one representative of an association of police chiefs in the
1302 state, appointed by the Governor; (4) one representative of an
1303 association of fire chiefs in the state, appointed by the Governor; (5) one
1304 representative of the insurance industry, appointed by the Governor;
1305 [and (6) the Commissioners of Transportation, Emergency Services and
1306 Public Protection and Energy and Environmental Protection and the
1307 Insurance Commissioner, or their designees] (6) one consumer
1308 advocate, appointed by the Governor; (7) one employee of the
1309 Department of Transportation with experience that is related to the
1310 work of the council, designated by the Commissioner of Transportation;
1311 (8) one employee of the Department of Emergency Services and Public
1312 Protection with experience that is related to the work of the council,
1313 designated by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
1314 Protection; (9) one employee of the Department of Energy and
1315 Environmental Protection with experience that is related to the work of
1316 the council, designated by the Commissioner of Energy and
1317 Environmental Protection; and (10) one employee of the Insurance
1318 Department with experience that is related to the work of the council,

1319 designated by the Insurance Commissioner.

1320 (d) [Appointments] All initial appointments to the council shall be
1321 made not later than August 1, 2025, and the initial appointments made
1322 pursuant to subdivisions (6) to (10), inclusive, of subsection (c) of this
1323 section shall be made not later than October 15, 2026. Each member
1324 appointed shall serve for a term of three years and may serve until such
1325 member's successor is appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
1326 [Governor] appointing authority not later than thirty days after the date
1327 of such vacancy. The chairperson of the council shall be appointed by
1328 the Governor and shall convene the first meeting of the council not later
1329 than September 15, 2025.

1330 (e) The council shall (1) on or before January 1, 2026, consider the
1331 factors set forth in subsection (c) of section 14-66e, as amended by this
1332 act, and submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a proposed
1333 schedule of rates and charges for the provision of police-ordered towing
1334 of light-duty, medium-duty, heavy-duty and oversize or overweight
1335 motor vehicles; (2) in the period of time between June 1, 2028, and
1336 September 1, 2028, inclusive, and every three years thereafter, review
1337 and consider adjustments to the rates and charges published in
1338 accordance with section 14-66e, as amended by this act, and submit such
1339 recommended adjustments, if any, to the commissioner; (3) recommend
1340 specific procedures for determining whether a service performed by a
1341 wrecker service in the provision of police-ordered towing was required;
1342 (4) request information from other parties to assist with the work of the
1343 council and, in the discretion of the council, hold public hearings for the
1344 purpose of obtaining information; and (5) make any additional
1345 recommendations to the Department of Motor Vehicles that the council
1346 deems appropriate.

1347 Sec. 32. Section 14-66d of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1348 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1349 *passage*):

1350 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1351 (1) "Private-property trespass towing" means the towing or
1352 transporting of a motor vehicle without the prior consent or
1353 authorization of the owner or operator of the motor vehicle performed
1354 in accordance with the provisions of section 14-145, as amended by this
1355 act;

1356 (2) "Light-duty motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a gross
1357 vehicle weight rating of less than ten thousand pounds;

1358 (3) "Medium-duty motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including
1359 any cargo, with a gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand pounds or
1360 more but not more than twenty-six thousand pounds;

1361 (4) "Heavy-duty motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including any
1362 cargo, with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than twenty-six
1363 thousand pounds;

1364 (5) "Drop fee" means the fee payable for the release of a motor vehicle
1365 that has been connected to a wrecker but not yet removed from private
1366 property from which such motor vehicle is to be towed;

1367 (6) "After-hours redemption fee" means the fee payable for
1368 redeeming a motor vehicle from a motor vehicle storage facility outside
1369 the wrecker service's hours of operation; and

1370 (7) "Nonconsensual towing or transporting" has the same meaning as
1371 provided in section 14-66, as amended by this act.

1372 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish and publish
1373 a schedule of rates and charges for the provision of private-property
1374 trespass towing and the storage of motor vehicles. Such schedule shall
1375 be effective on January 1, 2026, and shall include (1) flat rates for towing
1376 services provided to light-duty, medium-duty and heavy-duty motor
1377 vehicles, (2) a fee for additional labor, (3) a drop fee, (4) a mileage fee,
1378 (5) storage rates, and (6) an after-hours redemption fee. Not later than
1379 November 1, 2025, the commissioner shall hold one public hearing for
1380 the purpose of obtaining information to establish the schedule.

1381 (c) Such flat rates shall include the first two miles of transportation
1382 performed by such wrecker service. No wrecker service may charge a
1383 mileage fee for more than thirteen additional miles of transportation
1384 provided to a motor vehicle subject to private-property trespass towing.

1385 (d) Such storage rates and the after-hours redemption fee shall apply
1386 to the storage of light-duty, medium-duty and heavy-duty motor
1387 vehicles subject to nonconsensual towing or transporting.

1388 (e) The schedule of rates and charges established pursuant to the
1389 provisions of this section shall be just and reasonable and reflect the
1390 reasonable operating costs of wrecker services that perform private-
1391 property trespass towing and store motor vehicles. In establishing such
1392 rates and charges, the commissioner shall consider factors, including,
1393 but not limited to, the most recent transportation producer price index
1394 published by the United States Department of [Transportation] Labor,
1395 Bureau of Labor Statistics, rates set by other jurisdictions and the cost of
1396 fuel, wreckers, motor vehicle parts, equipment, personnel, workers'
1397 compensation insurance, unemployment compensation and insurance
1398 premiums.

1399 (f) Any schedule of rates and charges established pursuant to
1400 subsection (b) of this section shall be effective for a period of three years.
1401 For any three-year schedule of rates and charges established on or after
1402 January 1, 2029, on January first of the second year and January first of
1403 the third year of such three-year period, the rates and charges in effect
1404 during the immediately preceding year shall be increased by a
1405 percentage equal to the average of (1) the annual increase in the
1406 consumer price index for all urban consumers for the preceding
1407 calendar year as published by the United States Department of Labor,
1408 Bureau of Labor Statistics, and (2) the increase in the transportation
1409 producer price index in the preceding calendar year as published by the
1410 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The
1411 commissioner shall calculate such increase and publish the adjusted
1412 rates and charges on the Internet web site of the Department of Motor
1413 Vehicles not later than December first preceding the effective date of

1414 such adjusted rates and charges.

1415 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) In the period of time between July 1, 2028, and October 1,
1416 2028, inclusive, and every three years thereafter, the commissioner shall
1417 hold one public hearing for the purpose of reconsidering the schedule
1418 of rates and charges established pursuant to the provisions of subsection
1419 (b) of this section. The commissioner shall post notice of any such public
1420 hearing on the Internet web site of the Department of Motor Vehicles
1421 and give written or electronic notice to each member of the Towing
1422 Advisory Council, established pursuant to section 39 of this act, not less
1423 than fourteen days prior to any such public hearing. The commissioner
1424 may amend such established schedule if, after consideration of the
1425 factors set forth in subsection (e) of this section and the testimony
1426 received at the public hearing, the commissioner determines that such
1427 established schedule is no longer just and reasonable and does not
1428 reflect the reasonable operating costs of wrecker services that perform
1429 private-property trespass towing. If the commissioner amends such
1430 schedule, such amended schedule shall be effective the January first
1431 following each public hearing held pursuant to the provisions of this
1432 subsection.

1433 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Upon the publication of a schedule pursuant to the
1434 provisions of this section, no wrecker service shall (1) charge more than
1435 the rates and charges contained in such schedule, or (2) charge for
1436 services that are not included in such schedule.

1437 (h) The uniform rates and charges for the nonconsensual towing or
1438 transporting and storage of motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight
1439 rating of less than ten thousand pounds established and published by
1440 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 14-66 of the
1441 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2025, shall
1442 continue to be effective on and after October 1, 2025, until December 31,
1443 2025, inclusive, and no wrecker service shall charge more than such
1444 published rates and charges during such period.]

1445 (i) Any person aggrieved by any action of the commissioner under

1446 the provisions of this section may appeal therefrom in accordance with
1447 section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial
1448 district of New Britain.

1449 Sec. 33. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 14-63 of the 2026
1450 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1451 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1452 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive, process and
1453 investigate complaints from customers of dealers and repairers
1454 concerning the operations of and services provided by any such dealer
1455 or repairer, including the provision of nonconsensual towing or
1456 transporting, recovery or storage of motor vehicles. The commissioner
1457 may permit a dealer or repairer to stipulate to a complaint and waive
1458 such dealer or repairer's right to an administrative hearing under the
1459 provisions of chapter 54. No complaint regarding the provision of
1460 police-ordered towing shall be brought but within two years from the
1461 date of such police-ordered tow.

1462 Sec. 34. Subsection (c) of section 14-66 of the 2026 supplement to the
1463 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1464 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1465 (c) (1) Each wrecker used for towing or transporting motor vehicles
1466 shall be registered as a wrecker by the commissioner for a fee of one
1467 hundred twenty-five dollars. Each such registration shall be renewed
1468 biennially according to renewal schedules established by the
1469 commissioner so as to effect staggered renewal of all such registrations.
1470 If the adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration of any
1471 registration more or less than two years from its issuance, the
1472 commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such registration fee.

1473 (2) Prior to the adoption of any (A) new internal policies or
1474 procedures or modifications to existing internal policies or procedures
1475 concerning or affecting wrecker services, or (B) new forms or
1476 modifications to existing forms prescribed by the commissioner for use

1477 in the business of operating a wrecker, the commissioner shall consult
1478 with the Towing Advisory Council, established pursuant to section 39
1479 of this act. The commissioner shall provide not less than sixty days of
1480 written or electronic notice to each wrecker service who registered a
1481 wrecker pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection prior to the
1482 implementation of any such policy, procedure or form.

1483 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 29-23a of the 2026 supplement to the
1484 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1485 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1486 (a) The Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
1487 Services and Public Protection shall establish, within its patrol
1488 jurisdiction, a rotational system for summoning wrecker services, as
1489 defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act, for the purpose of
1490 towing or transporting motor vehicles which are disabled, inoperative
1491 or wrecked in the event the owners or operators of such vehicles are
1492 incapacitated, unavailable or leave the procurement of wrecker service
1493 to the officer at the scene of an accident or the location of a disabled
1494 vehicle. Any such wrecker service may participate in such system,
1495 provided (1) such wrecker service fulfills certain qualifications,
1496 including certification by the Towing and Recovery Association of
1497 America or a certification program approved by the Commissioner of
1498 Emergency Services and Public Protection, and the wrecker service's
1499 equipment meets safety and mechanical standards established by the
1500 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the
1501 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, [and] (2) the wrecker service's
1502 business is located so as to provide prompt and efficient service, and (3)
1503 (A) any individual owner of a wrecker service who engages in towing
1504 or transporting motor vehicles under the rotational system completes
1505 training provided by the Department of Transportation concerning
1506 traffic incident management not later than July 1, 2027, or prior to
1507 beginning participation in the rotational system, whichever is later, and
1508 (B) any employee of a wrecker service who engages in towing or
1509 transporting motor vehicles for a wrecker service participating in the

1510 rotational system completes such training not later than July 1, 2027, or
1511 within one year after the date such employee is hired or engages in
1512 towing or transporting motor vehicles for such wrecker service,
1513 whichever is later.

1514 Sec. 36. Section 7-282g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1515 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1516 *October 1, 2026*):

1517 (a) If the owner or operator of a disabled vehicle is present at the
1518 scene of an accident or at the location of the disabled vehicle and is able
1519 to respond, the municipal police officer shall inquire whether such
1520 owner or operator wishes to choose a wrecker service, as defined in
1521 section 14-1, as amended by this act, for the purposes of towing or
1522 transporting the disabled vehicle. If such owner or operator wishes to
1523 do so and such chosen wrecker service is on a rotational system
1524 maintained by the municipality, if any, the police officer shall notify the
1525 chosen wrecker service. If such chosen wrecker service cannot be
1526 contacted or is unable or unwilling to respond in a timely manner as
1527 determined by the municipal police officer, the municipal police officer
1528 shall (1) summon the next available wrecker service on the rotational
1529 system if maintained by the municipality, or (2) summon a wrecker
1530 service as chosen by such municipal police officer.

1531 (b) (1) Any individual owner of a wrecker service who engages in
1532 towing or transporting motor vehicles under a rotational system
1533 maintained by a municipality shall complete training provided by the
1534 Department of Transportation concerning traffic incident management
1535 not later than July 1, 2027, or prior to beginning participation in such
1536 rotational system, whichever is later.

1537 (2) Any employee of a wrecker service who engages in towing or
1538 transporting motor vehicles for a wrecker service participating in a
1539 rotational system maintained by a municipality shall complete such
1540 training not later than July 1, 2027, or not later than one year after the
1541 date such employee is hired or engages in towing or transporting motor

1542 vehicles for such wrecker service, whichever is later.

1543 Sec. 37. Section 14-150c of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1544 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1545 *October 1, 2026*):

1546 (a) Whenever a motor vehicle is taken into custody and stored
1547 pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of section 14-150, or is subject to
1548 nonconsensual towing or transporting, as defined in section 14-66, as
1549 amended by this act, the wrecker service or owner or keeper of any
1550 garage, storage facility or other place where such motor vehicle is stored
1551 shall have a lien upon such motor vehicle for towing or storage charges,
1552 or both, imposed by such wrecker service or owner or keeper that result
1553 from towing or storing a motor vehicle.

1554 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of section 14-150, if such
1555 wrecker service or owner or keeper [makes a determination in good
1556 faith that the current market value of the stored motor vehicle does not
1557 exceed one thousand five hundred dollars and] determines such stored
1558 motor vehicle is fifteen or more model years old and has been stored for
1559 a period of not less than [~~fifteen~~] thirty days, such wrecker service or
1560 owner or keeper shall, unless an application filed by the owner of such
1561 motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-150, as amended
1562 by this act, is pending and the owner of such motor vehicle has notified
1563 such wrecker service or owner or keeper that such application for
1564 hearing has been filed, send a notice of intent to sell [that complies] in
1565 accordance with subsection (c) of this section to the Commissioner of
1566 Motor Vehicles, the owner of such motor vehicle and any known
1567 lienholder of record of such motor vehicle at the end of such [~~fifteen-~~
1568 ~~day~~] thirty-day period. Upon approval by the commissioner of the
1569 notice of intent to sell, the commissioner shall issue such wrecker service
1570 or owner or keeper an affidavit of compliance. Such wrecker service or
1571 owner or keeper shall sell such motor vehicle not less than five business
1572 days after the mailing date of the notice of [intent] proposed sale and
1573 apply the proceeds of the sale toward the towing and storage charges
1574 imposed by such wrecker service or owner or keeper.

1575 (2) If such wrecker service or owner or keeper [makes a determination
1576 in good faith that the current market value of the stored motor vehicle
1577 exceeds one thousand five hundred dollars and if] determines such
1578 motor vehicle is less than fifteen model years old and has been stored
1579 for a period of not less than [forty-five] thirty days, such wrecker service
1580 or owner or keeper shall, unless an application filed by the owner
1581 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-150, as amended by this act, is
1582 pending and the owner of such motor vehicle has notified such wrecker
1583 service or owner or keeper that such application for a hearing has been
1584 filed, send a notice of intent to sell [that complies] in accordance with
1585 subsection (c) of this section to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the
1586 owner of such motor vehicle and any known lienholder of record of
1587 such motor vehicle at the end of such [forty-five-day] thirty-day period.
1588 Upon approval by the commissioner of the notice of intent to sell, the
1589 commissioner shall issue such wrecker service or owner or keeper an
1590 affidavit of compliance. Such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall
1591 sell such motor vehicle at public auction for cash, at the place of business
1592 of such wrecker service or owner or keeper not less than five business
1593 days after the mailing date of the notice of [intent to sell] proposed sale.
1594 Such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall provide notice of any
1595 such public auction (A) by submitting electronic information regarding
1596 such notice to the portal established pursuant to section 29 of this act,
1597 and (B) by publishing such notice in a newspaper of general circulation
1598 or by prominently posting such notice on such wrecker service's or
1599 owner's or keeper's Internet web site for its business. Such owner or
1600 keeper shall apply the proceeds of such sale toward the towing and
1601 storage charges imposed by such wrecker service or owner or keeper,
1602 the expenses related to such sale and any debt or obligation incurred by
1603 the officer who placed such motor vehicle in storage in accordance with
1604 section 14-150, as amended by this act. At any public auction held
1605 pursuant to this section, such wrecker service or owner or keeper may
1606 set a minimum bid equal to the amount of such wrecker service's or
1607 owner's or keeper's charges with respect to the tow and storage of the
1608 motor vehicle. If no such bid is made, such wrecker service or owner or
1609 keeper may sell or dispose of such vehicle.

1610 [(3) In determining the current market value of the stored motor
1611 vehicle pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of this
1612 subsection, the wrecker service may deduct for an observed defect or
1613 missing major component part, as defined in section 14-149a.]

1614 (c) (1) The notice of intent to sell described in subsection (b) of this
1615 section shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) the make, model
1616 and vehicle identification number of the stored motor vehicle, (B) the
1617 date such motor vehicle was left with such wrecker service or owner or
1618 keeper and by whom, (C) the registration number if any number plates
1619 are on such motor vehicle, [(D) the retail market value of such motor
1620 vehicle as determined by the wrecker service or owner or keeper, and
1621 (E)] and (D) a statement to the owner and known lienholder that (i) the
1622 stored motor vehicle will be sold if not redeemed in a timely manner,
1623 (ii) such motor vehicle may be redeemed until the point-of-sale, (iii) any
1624 proceeds of such sale, after deducting the amount due to such wrecker
1625 service or owner or keeper and any expenses of the officer who placed
1626 such motor vehicle in storage, if applicable, will be held in an escrow
1627 account and paid to the owner of such motor vehicle or such owner's
1628 legal representatives, if claimed by such owner or legal representatives
1629 not later than one year from the date of such sale, and (iv) if such
1630 proceeds are not claimed within said period of time, such proceeds will
1631 escheat to the state. Such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall
1632 provide such notice and a copy of the consumer bill of rights regarding
1633 towing, developed pursuant to section 14-66g, as amended by this act,
1634 to the motor vehicle owner and lienholder by [certified mail, return
1635 receipt requested] regular mail, postage prepaid.

1636 (2) Such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall also provide a copy
1637 of the notice of intent to sell to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in
1638 a form and manner determined by the commissioner. Such notice of
1639 intent to sell shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ten dollars and any
1640 other information, such as photographs of the stored motor vehicle, that
1641 the commissioner may prescribe. Such notice of intent to sell shall be
1642 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined

1643 in section 1-200. The commissioner may send a copy of such notice of
1644 intent to sell electronically to the owner or lienholder of such motor
1645 vehicle.

1646 (3) Any sale of a stored motor vehicle under the provisions of this
1647 section shall be void, unless such wrecker service or owner or keeper
1648 [provides the notices required by this subsection] sends the notice of
1649 intent to sell and a copy of such notice in accordance with the provisions
1650 of subsection (b) of this section and this subsection, except as provided
1651 in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

1652 (4) A wrecker service or owner or keeper need not send such notice
1653 of intent to sell or a notice of proposed sale, as described in subsection
1654 (e) of this section, to the owner of the motor vehicle if (A) the owner of
1655 such motor vehicle has notified such wrecker service or owner or keeper
1656 in writing that such individual does not currently own such motor
1657 vehicle or does not wish to receive subsequent notifications regarding
1658 the sale and disposition of such motor vehicle, or (B) the notice of tow
1659 to the motor vehicle owner was returned as undeliverable. In any case
1660 where such wrecker service or owner or keeper need not send such
1661 notice of intent to sell or notice of a proposed sale, such wrecker service
1662 or owner or keeper shall (i) retain the written notification described in
1663 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision or the undelivered notice of tow
1664 for a period of three years, and (ii) update the portal established
1665 pursuant to section 29 of this act as prescribed by the commissioner.

1666 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to sell, the commissioner shall
1667 review such notice and determine if the owner of the motor vehicle has
1668 filed a customer complaint concerning such wrecker service or owner or
1669 keeper pursuant to section 14-63, as amended by this act. The
1670 commissioner shall not approve such proposed sale until any such
1671 customer complaint is resolved. If the commissioner approves such
1672 proposed sale, the commissioner shall issue such wrecker service or
1673 owner or keeper an affidavit of compliance.

1674 (e) (1) Upon receipt of an affidavit of compliance by the

1675 commissioner, such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall mail a
1676 notice of proposed sale to the motor vehicle owner and known
1677 lienholder by [certified mail, return receipt requested] regular mail,
1678 postage prepaid, that indicates the date, time and place of the proposed
1679 sale of such motor vehicle, except as provided in subdivision (4) of
1680 subsection (c) of this section. Not less than five business days after the
1681 mailing date of the notice of proposed sale, such wrecker service or
1682 owner or keeper may proceed to sell such motor vehicle pursuant to the
1683 provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section.

1684 (2) In addition to the thirty-day period immediately following the
1685 date such motor vehicle was placed in storage under [subdivision (1) of]
1686 subsection (b) of this section, [or a sixty-day period immediately
1687 following the date such motor vehicle was placed in storage under
1688 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section,] the wrecker service may
1689 only charge up to ten additional days of storage for such motor vehicle
1690 after receipt of the affidavit of compliance issued by the commissioner.

1691 (f) At the time of a sale conducted in accordance with the provisions
1692 of this section, such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall provide
1693 the purchaser of such motor vehicle with the affidavit of compliance
1694 issued by the commissioner.

1695 (g) Not later than fifteen days after the sale of a motor vehicle in
1696 accordance with the provisions of this section, such wrecker service or
1697 owner or keeper of such garage shall (1) report the sale price, towing
1698 and storage charges, repair charges, if any, expenses related to the sale,
1699 any proceeds, the buyer's name and address, identification of the vehicle
1700 and such other information as may be required in regulations adopted
1701 pursuant to section 14-150d, to the commissioner, (2) deposit the
1702 proceeds of such sale, after deducting the amount due to such wrecker
1703 service or owner or keeper and any expenses of the officer who placed
1704 such motor vehicle in storage, if applicable, into an escrow account, and
1705 (3) upon receipt of a claim by the prior owner of such motor vehicle or
1706 such owner's legal representatives not later than one year from the date
1707 of such sale, pay such sale proceeds to the prior owner or such owner's

1708 legal representatives. If such sale proceeds are not claimed within said
1709 period of time, such sale proceeds shall escheat to the state as unclaimed
1710 property and the wrecker service or owner or keeper shall be subject to
1711 the requirements of part III of chapter 32, including all obligations of a
1712 holder of unclaimed property. Not later than ten days after filing any
1713 report and paying any funds to the Treasurer as required by part III of
1714 chapter 32, such wrecker service or owner or keeper shall provide
1715 evidence to the commissioner, in a form and manner determined by the
1716 commissioner, that such report was submitted and funds have
1717 escheated.

1718 [(h) In no event shall such wrecker service or owner or keeper sell a
1719 motor vehicle that has not been (1) stored for at least thirty days if the
1720 current market value of such motor vehicle does not exceed one
1721 thousand five hundred dollars, or (2) stored for at least sixty days if the
1722 current market value of such motor vehicle exceeds one thousand five
1723 hundred dollars.]

1724 Sec. 38. Subsection (f) of section 14-145 of the 2026 supplement to the
1725 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1726 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1727 (f) (1) (A) Not later than two hours after an unauthorized motor
1728 vehicle is towed or otherwise removed by a wrecker service, or a
1729 repossessed motor vehicle is towed or otherwise removed by a wrecker
1730 service or an exempt entity, as described in subsection (g) of section 14-
1731 66, the wrecker service or the exempt entity shall notify the local police
1732 department or resident state trooper serving the municipality where the
1733 tow or removal was conducted and specify the time the motor vehicle
1734 was towed or removed, the location from which the vehicle was
1735 removed and the location at which the vehicle is stored. Such
1736 notification shall be submitted, in writing, or transmitted by facsimile or
1737 electronic mail and the record of such notification shall be retained by
1738 such wrecker service or exempt entity in accordance with the provisions
1739 of section 14-66b. No such wrecker service or exempt entity may charge
1740 a storage fee for an unauthorized or repossessed motor vehicle for the

1741 time it is stored prior to notification of the local police department or
1742 resident state trooper by the wrecker service or exempt entity.

1743 (B) If such motor vehicle remains unclaimed forty-eight hours after
1744 the notification pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
1745 wrecker service or owner of the garage where such motor vehicle is
1746 stored or the exempt entity shall immediately complete a notice of
1747 [such] tow, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor
1748 Vehicles, and mail a copy of such form by regular mail, postage prepaid,
1749 and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and all
1750 lienholders of record. If the motor vehicle is not claimed by its owner
1751 within [the time periods specified in subsection (b) of section 14-150c]
1752 thirty days, the wrecker service or owner of the garage where such
1753 motor vehicle is stored or the exempt entity may dispose of such motor
1754 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of section 14-150c, as amended
1755 by this act.

1756 (2) The local police department or resident state trooper, not later
1757 than forty-eight hours after receiving notification of a tow or removal of
1758 an unauthorized motor vehicle pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
1759 subsection, shall enter the vehicle identification number into the
1760 National Crime Information Center database and the Connecticut On-
1761 Line Law Enforcement Communications Teleprocessing System to
1762 determine whether such motor vehicle has been reported as stolen. If
1763 such motor vehicle has been reported as stolen, the local police
1764 department or resident state trooper shall immediately notify the
1765 department that reported the vehicle as stolen.

1766 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a Towing
1767 Advisory Council to advise the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1768 concerning laws, regulations and best practices relating to the
1769 provisions of nonconsensual towing or transporting and the storage,
1770 redemption and sale of towed motor vehicles.

1771 (b) The council shall consist of the following members, appointed by
1772 the commissioner: (1) Two employees of the Department of Motor

1773 Vehicles with experience that is related to the work of the council; (2)
1774 three towing and recovery professionals in the state, with the advice and
1775 consent of an organization that represents the majority of the towing
1776 and recovery professionals in the state; (3) two members of a law
1777 enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes; (4)
1778 two consumer advocates; and (5) two representatives of the insurance
1779 industry. The commissioner shall schedule the first meeting of the
1780 council not later than September 1, 2026. At such first meeting, the
1781 council shall select the chairperson from among the members of the
1782 council. The council may consult with any other agencies, officials or
1783 interested parties that the council deems appropriate to complete the
1784 work of the council.

1785 (c) Appointments to the council shall be made not later than August
1786 1, 2026. Each member appointed shall serve for a term of three years and
1787 may serve until such member's successor is appointed. Any vacancy
1788 shall be filled by the commissioner not later than thirty days after the
1789 date of such vacancy.

1790 Sec. 40. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Towing Advisory Council,
1791 established pursuant to section 39 of this act, shall study ways to (1)
1792 ensure motor vehicle owners receive notices when their motor vehicles
1793 are subjected to nonconsensual tow, (2) enhance the ability of such
1794 owners to redeem their towed motor vehicles, and (3) modernize and
1795 improve the process of selling motor vehicles at public auction,
1796 including the feasibility of conducting such auctions online or by third
1797 parties, and recommend amendments to the general statutes or the
1798 regulations adopted pursuant to section 14-65 of the general statutes to
1799 effectuate such modernization and improvements. The council, in
1800 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
1801 shall submit the following to the joint standing committee of the General
1802 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation: (A)
1803 An interim report on its findings and recommendations not later than
1804 January 1, 2027, and (B) a final report on its findings and
1805 recommendations not later than January 1, 2028.

1806 Sec. 41. Section 14-66g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1807 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1808 *October 1, 2026*):

1809 (a) [Not later than September 1, 2025, the] The Commissioner of
1810 Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall
1811 develop, and thereafter revise as necessary, a consumer bill of rights
1812 regarding towing that includes, but is not limited to, (1) a summary of
1813 the rights and responsibilities of a motor vehicle owner or operator if
1814 such motor vehicle is subject to nonconsensual towing or transporting,
1815 as defined in section 14-66, as amended by this act; (2) when a wrecker
1816 service shall be available for the purpose of vehicle redemption and
1817 removing any personal property from within a stored motor vehicle; (3)
1818 the schedule of rates and charges that a wrecker service may charge for
1819 private-property trespass towing, as defined in section 14-66d, as
1820 amended by this act, police-ordered towing, as defined in section 14-
1821 66e, as amended by this act, and storage; (4) a description of the records
1822 and photographs that an owner or operator may request from the
1823 wrecker service pursuant to the provisions of section 14-145, as
1824 amended by this act; (5) a warning that a wrecker service may sell towed
1825 vehicles pursuant to section 14-150c, as amended by this act; [and] (6)
1826 information on filing a customer complaint with the commissioner
1827 pursuant to section 14-63, as amended by this act; and (7) on and after
1828 January 1, 2027, the Internet web site address of the portal established
1829 pursuant to section 29 of this act and a brief description of the
1830 information that may be obtained at such web site. The commissioner
1831 shall, at a minimum, revise the consumer bill of rights each time the
1832 commissioner publishes a schedule of rates and charges for the
1833 provision of private-property trespass towing in accordance with
1834 section 14-66d, as amended by this act, or police-ordered towing in
1835 accordance with section 14-66e, as amended by this act. The
1836 commissioner shall publish the consumer bill of rights in English and
1837 Spanish and make the consumer bill of rights available for public
1838 dissemination.

1839 (b) On and after October 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1840 shall post the consumer bill of rights regarding towing on the Internet
1841 web site of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Attorney General
1842 shall post such bill of rights on the Internet web site of the Attorney
1843 General.

1844 (c) On and after October 1, [2025] 2026, a wrecker service shall (1) post
1845 the consumer bill of rights at the wrecker service's place of business,
1846 [and] (2) make copies of such bill of rights available for distribution to
1847 customers who visit such place of business, and (3) include with each
1848 notice of tow mailed to the motor vehicle owner and lienholders of
1849 record (A) such bill of rights, and (B) an itemized towing bill that (i)
1850 states the charges owed for towing and transporting and the daily
1851 storage rate, and (ii) includes a statement that charges for storage will
1852 continue to accrue at such daily storage rate until the motor vehicle is
1853 redeemed and charges for necessary administrative services will be
1854 accessed at the time of redemption. If a wrecker service maintains an
1855 Internet web site for its business, the wrecker service shall prominently
1856 post such bill of rights on such Internet web site.

1857 Sec. 42. Subsection (e) of section 14-150 of the 2026 supplement to the
1858 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1859 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1860 (e) Within forty-eight hours of the time that a motor vehicle is taken
1861 into custody and stored pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section,
1862 the affixing department or parking authority shall [give written notice]
1863 provide a notice of tow and a copy of the consumer bill of rights,
1864 developed pursuant to section 14-66g, as amended by this act, both by
1865 regular mail, postage prepaid, and by certified mail, return receipt
1866 requested, to the owner and any lienholders of such motor vehicle, if
1867 such motor vehicle appears on the records of the Department of Motor
1868 Vehicles [. The wrecker service that took such motor vehicle into
1869 custody shall make a reasonable effort to identify the owner or
1870 lienholders of such motor vehicle and send written notice by certified
1871 mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and any lienholders of such

1872 motor vehicle] and submit electronic information concerning such
 1873 motor vehicle to the portal established pursuant to section 29 of this act.
 1874 The notice of tow provided by the affixing department [,] and parking
 1875 authority [and wrecker service] shall state: (1) That the motor vehicle
 1876 has been taken into custody and stored, (2) the location of storage of the
 1877 motor vehicle, (3) that, unless title has already vested in the municipality
 1878 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, such motor vehicle may be
 1879 sold in accordance with section 14-150c, as amended by this act, and (4)
 1880 that the owner has a right to contest the validity of such taking by
 1881 submitting an application, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner
 1882 of Motor Vehicles, to the hearing officer named in such notice within ten
 1883 days from the date of such notice. Such application forms shall be made
 1884 readily available to the public at all offices and on the Internet web site
 1885 of the Department of Motor Vehicles, parking authorities authorized
 1886 under an ordinance adopted pursuant to section 7-204a to enforce
 1887 parking regulations and state and local police departments.

1888 Sec. 43. (*Effective from passage*) The Police-Ordered Towing Council
 1889 shall study and make recommendations concerning the operational
 1890 considerations of towing and storing electric vehicles, as defined in
 1891 section 16-19ee of the general statutes. Such study shall include, but
 1892 need not be limited to, (1) a comparison of the operating costs of towing
 1893 and storing electric vehicles with the costs of towing and storing motor
 1894 vehicles operated by an internal combustion engine, and (2) whether the
 1895 hourly rate established pursuant to section 14-66e of the general
 1896 statutes, as amended by this act, reflects the operating costs of towing
 1897 and storing electric vehicles. Not later than January 1, 2027, the council
 1898 shall submit the results of the study and any recommendations to the
 1899 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 1900 matters relating to transportation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-253a(b) to (d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-253c(a)

Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	14-36a(d)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-1(32)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-153b
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13a-175p(2)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-10(a)(2)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-10(f)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-10(h)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	15-144(a)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	15-144(h)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	14-15e(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	14-52a
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	14-73(a)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-178
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)(139)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-36(c)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-62a
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-62(b)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-133r
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-133cc(23) and (24)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-133s(j)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-133bb
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-1(31)
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-1(59)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	1-1h(b)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	14-66e
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-66f
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	14-66d
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-63(b)(2)
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-66(c)
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-23a(a)
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	7-282g
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-150c
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