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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW PROPOSALS."

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

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 Section 13b-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 (a) The executive director may approve airports, heliports, vertiports,
6 restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities. Any
7 municipality or person acquiring property for the purpose of
8 constructing or establishing an airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted
9 landing area shall, prior to such acquisition, apply to the executive
10 director for a certificate of approval of the site selected and the general
11 purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, to ensure
12 that the property and its use shall conform to minimum standards of
13 safety and shall serve the public interest. Any proposed airport,
14 heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility
15 at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are expected to be
16 made by aircraft in any year shall be approved by the executive director

17 before it shall be licensed to be used or operated. The executive director
18 shall make no charge for approval certificates of proposed property
19 acquisition for airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted landing area
20 purposes.

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

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

50 period. Any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other
 51 air navigation facility at which thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs
 52 are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be registered with
 53 the executive director pursuant to this subsection before it is to be used
 54 or operated. Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of any
 55 registration fee in connection with airports owned or operated by such
 56 municipalities.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2026	13b-46