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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-253a of the 2026 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (d) (1) Any placard issued pursuant to this section shall be displayed
5 by hanging it from the front windshield rearview mirror of the vehicle
6 when utilizing a parking space reserved for persons who are blind and
7 persons with disabilities. If there is no rearview mirror in such vehicle,
8 the placard shall be displayed in clear view on the dashboard of such
9 vehicle.

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

15 (3) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the

16 Accessible Parking Advisory Council established under section 14-253c,
17 as amended by this act, shall redesign the removable windshield
18 placard such that the date of expiration is printed in conspicuous
19 boldface font and prominent when such placard is viewed from outside
20 the motor vehicle. On and after January 1, 2027, any placard issued
21 pursuant to this section shall be the redesigned placard. Any placard
22 issued prior to January 1, 2027, that is otherwise valid, shall remain
23 valid, according to its terms, until the expiration of such placard.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-253c of the 2026 supplement to the
25 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
26 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

27 (a) There is established an Accessible Parking Advisory Council,
28 which shall be within the Department of Motor Vehicles for
29 administrative purposes only. The advisory board shall: (1) Develop a
30 strategy to detect, deter and prevent fraud and misuse from occurring
31 with regard to the issuance and use of removable windshield placards
32 for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities from occurring
33 without adversely impacting persons who are blind and persons with
34 disabilities, (2) review the laws in other states concerning the issuance
35 and use of such removable windshield placards, (3) recommend best
36 practices for policies and regulations regarding the application for, and
37 issuance and use of, removable windshield placards and the
38 enforcement of subsection (l) of section 14-253a, (4) identify and make
39 recommendations regarding streetscape issues that interfere with the
40 ability of a person who is blind or person with disabilities to access and
41 use public and private areas reserved for exclusive use by persons who
42 are blind or persons with disabilities, (5) make educational materials
43 available to [medical] health care professionals, as defined in section 14-
44 253a, as amended by this act, law enforcement officers and the general
45 public regarding the proper issuance and use of such removable
46 windshield placards, [and] (6) review the status of such removable
47 windshield placards issued to persons who are blind and persons with
48 disabilities prior to January 1, 2010, for the lifetime of such persons, and

49 (7) not later than December 1, 2026, develop, and thereafter revise as
50 needed, a one-hour video presentation for health care professionals
51 concerning the requirements to obtain a removable windshield placard
52 with an emphasis on the certification issued by a health care
53 professional.

54 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 20-10b of the general statutes is
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
56 *1, 2027*):

57 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of this
58 section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a minimum of
59 fifty contact hours of continuing medical education within the
60 preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing medical
61 education shall (1) be in an area of the physician's practice; (2) reflect the
62 professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs
63 of the public; and (3) during the first renewal period in which continuing
64 medical education is required and not less than once every six years
65 thereafter, include at least one contact hour of training or education in
66 each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases, including, but not
67 limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human
68 immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, including, but not
69 limited to, prescribing controlled substances and pain management, and
70 screening for inflammatory breast cancer and gastrointestinal cancers,
71 including colon, gastric, pancreatic and neuroendocrine cancers and
72 other rare gastrointestinal tumors, and, for registration periods
73 beginning on or after [October 1, 2022] January 1, 2027, such risk
74 management continuing medical education may also include screening
75 for endometriosis, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural
76 competency, including, but not limited to, the effects of systemic racism,
77 explicit and implicit bias, racial disparities, and the experiences of
78 transgender and gender diverse persons on patient diagnosis, care and
79 treatment, [and] (F) behavioral health, provided further that such
80 behavioral health continuing medical education may include, but not be
81 limited to, at least two contact hours of training or education during the

82 first renewal period in which continuing education is required and not
83 less than once every six years thereafter, on (i) suicide prevention, or (ii)
84 diagnosing and treating (I) cognitive conditions, including, but not
85 limited to, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, delirium, related cognitive
86 impairments and geriatric depression, or (II) mental health conditions,
87 including, but not limited to, mental health conditions common to
88 veterans and family members of veterans, and (G) the completion of the
89 video presentation concerning the requirements to obtain a removable
90 windshield placard developed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-
91 253c, as amended by this act. Training for mental health conditions
92 common to veterans and family members of veterans shall include best
93 practices for determining whether a patient is a veteran or family
94 member of a veteran, screening for conditions such as post-traumatic
95 stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and suicide
96 prevention training. For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing
97 medical education activities include, but are not limited to, courses
98 offered or approved by the American Medical Association, American
99 Osteopathic Association, Connecticut Hospital Association,
100 Connecticut State Medical Society, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical
101 Society, county medical societies or equivalent organizations in another
102 jurisdiction, educational offerings sponsored by a hospital or other
103 health care institution or courses offered by a regionally accredited
104 academic institution, [or] a state or local health department or the
105 Accessible Parking Advisory Council established pursuant to section
106 14-253c, as amended by this act. The commissioner, or the
107 commissioner's designee, may grant a waiver for not more than ten
108 contact hours of continuing medical education for a physician who
109 engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of the
110 Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to section
111 20-8a, engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member
112 of a medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-8a, or assists the
113 department with its duties to boards and commissions as described in
114 section 19a-14.

115 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 20-12j of the general statutes is
116 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
117 *1, 2027*):

118 (b) Each person holding a license as a physician assistant shall,
119 annually, during the month of such person's birth, renew such license
120 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of a fee of one
121 hundred fifty-five dollars, on a form to be provided by the department
122 for such purpose, giving such person's name in full, such person's
123 residence and business address and such other information as the
124 department requests. No such license shall be renewed unless the
125 department is satisfied that the practitioner (1) has met the mandatory
126 continuing medical education requirements of the National
127 Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or a successor
128 organization for the certification or recertification of physician assistants
129 that may be approved by the department; (2) has passed any
130 examination or continued competency assessment the passage of which
131 may be required by said commission for maintenance of current
132 certification by said commission; (3) has completed not less than one
133 contact hour of training or education in prescribing controlled
134 substances and pain management in the preceding two-year period; and
135 (4) for registration periods beginning on and after January 1, [2022] 2027,
136 during the first renewal period and not less than once every six years
137 thereafter, (A) earn not less than two contact hours of training or
138 education screening for post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide,
139 depression and grief and suicide prevention training administered by
140 the American Academy of Physician Associates, or the American
141 Academy of Physician Associates' successor organization, a hospital or
142 other licensed health care institution or a regionally accredited
143 institution of higher education, and (B) earn not less than one contact
144 hour of training by completing the video presentation concerning the
145 requirements to obtain a removable windshield placard developed
146 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-253c, as amended by this act.

147 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 20-94a of the 2026 supplement to the

148 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
149 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

150 (c) Any person who obtains a license pursuant to subsection (b) of
151 this section shall be eligible to renew such license annually provided
152 [he] such person presents the department with evidence that [he] such
153 person received at least fifteen contact hours, or its equivalent, eight
154 hours of which shall be in pharmacology, of continuing education
155 related to [his] such person's nurse practitioner specialty in the
156 preceding licensure year. On and after January 1, 2027, during the first
157 renewal period and not less than once every six years thereafter, one
158 such contact hour shall be the completion of the video presentation
159 concerning the requirements to obtain a removable windshield placard
160 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-253c, as amended by
161 this act. If an individual licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
162 subsection becomes eligible at any time for certification as a nurse
163 practitioner by one of the national certifying bodies specified in
164 subsection (a) of this section, the individual shall apply for certification,
165 and upon certification so notify the department, and apply to be
166 licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in accordance with
167 subsection (a) of this section.

168 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is
169 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
170 *1, 2026*):

171 (d) (1) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q"
172 indicates eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall
173 signify that the holder [either] has been trained to operate fire apparatus
174 in accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire
175 Prevention and Control, [or] has qualifying military training and
176 experience as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection or has
177 recognition for a credential, endorsement or classification issued by
178 another state as described in subdivision (3) of this subsection. Except
179 as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, no such

180 endorsement shall be issued to any person until such person
181 demonstrates personally to the commissioner, or the commissioner's
182 designee, including the Connecticut Fire Academy, any regional fire
183 school or the chief local fire official of any municipality as defined in
184 section 7-323j, by means of testing in a representative vehicle that such
185 person possesses the skills necessary for operation of fire apparatus.

186 (2) If the holder of a license of any class is (A) a veteran who applies
187 to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement not later than two years after
188 the date of discharge from the military and who, not more than two
189 years prior to such discharge, met the conditions and limitations set
190 forth in 49 CFR 383.77(a)(2) or 49 CFR 383.77(b)(2), as amended from
191 time to time, or (B) a member of the armed forces or the National Guard
192 who applies to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement and who meets
193 the conditions and limitations set forth in 49 CFR 383.77(a)(2) or 49 CFR
194 383.77(b)(2), as amended from time to time, the commissioner shall
195 waive the requirement under subdivision (1) of this subsection to
196 demonstrate that such veteran or member possesses the skills necessary
197 for operation of fire apparatus. The commissioner shall prescribe the
198 form and manner by which such veteran or member shall apply for such
199 waiver. As used in this subparagraph, "veteran" and "armed forces"
200 have the same meanings as provided in section 27-103.

201 (3) If the holder of an out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license
202 with a credential, endorsement or classification that permits such person
203 to operate fire apparatus in such other state applies to the commissioner
204 for a "Q" endorsement, the commissioner shall waive the requirement
205 under subdivision (1) of this subsection if the commissioner, in
206 consultation with the Commissioner on Fire Prevention and Control,
207 finds such license with a credential, endorsement or classification was
208 issued by such other state with standards substantially equivalent to or
209 exceeding the standards of this state.

210 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is
211 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

212 1, 2026):

213 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural person,
214 such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on the
215 certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who shall
216 assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the owner
217 and upon the making of an application pursuant to this subsection. The
218 owner making such designation shall have all rights of ownership of
219 such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the beneficiary shall have
220 no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and an
221 application is made pursuant to this subsection. Not later than [sixty]
222 one hundred twenty days after the death of the owner, the beneficiary
223 may [make application] apply to the commissioner for the issuance of a
224 certificate of title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle
225 in the beneficiary's name. Such application shall be accompanied by: (1)
226 The original certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is
227 designated pursuant to this subsection; (2) a death certificate for the
228 deceased owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the
229 commissioner may require; (4) the transfer fee required by subsection
230 (c) of this section; and (5) any applicable fees for registration, title and
231 number plates as required under this chapter and chapter 247. If the
232 beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period
233 specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no right to obtain
234 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection after
235 the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain
236 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this subsection shall
237 be subordinate to the rights of each lienholder whose security interest
238 in such motor vehicle is duly recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The
239 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to
240 implement the provisions of this subsection.

241 Sec. 8. Subdivision (32) of section 14-1 of the 2026 supplement to the
242 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
243 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

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

251 Sec. 9. Section 14-153b of the general statutes is repealed and the
252 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

253 (a) For the purposes of this section, "passenger motor vehicle" does
254 not include (1) a passenger motor vehicle classified as full-size elite,
255 premium, premium elite, luxury, luxury elite, oversized, [or] special,
256 open air all-terrain, sport or convertible by ACRISS, formerly known as
257 the Association of Car Rental Industry System Standards, or a successor
258 to its functions, or (2) a sport utility vehicle designed to transport six or
259 more passengers.

260 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person, firm
261 or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing passenger
262 motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of thirty days or less, shall
263 require any customer to show proof that such customer holds a credit
264 card as a condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle; provided
265 such person, firm or corporation may require that a customer, seeking
266 to rent for cash, apply for approval to rent up to three business days
267 before the expected rental and that such customer provide both suitable
268 identification and a reasonable deposit.

269 (c) No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting
270 or leasing passenger motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of
271 thirty days or less, shall require an additional driver of any customer to
272 show proof that the additional driver holds a credit card or debit card
273 as a condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle to the customer,
274 provided such additional driver shows proof of a valid motor vehicle

275 operator's license and the customer shows proof that the customer holds
276 a credit card or debit card.

277 Sec. 10. Section 14-15d of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
278 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
279 *October 1, 2026*):

280 (a) Each electronic issuance licensee, licensed pursuant to section 14-
281 15e, shall, not later than ten days after the electronic issuance of a
282 certificate of registration or certificate of title, submit to the
283 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles an application together with all
284 necessary documents required to obtain a certificate of registration or
285 certificate of title for the vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
286 If such licensee fails to provide the department with such necessary
287 documents, the department shall not process the application and shall
288 inform such licensee of the failure to submit a completed application.

289 (b) Any electronic issuance licensee who files such applications
290 electronically shall provide a form, as prescribed by the commissioner,
291 to the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle that is the subject of such
292 application. Such form shall include (1) the amount of any fee charged
293 by such licensee to file such application electronically, (2) a statement
294 that such licensee is not affiliated with the department, (3) information
295 regarding how such owner or lessee may file a complaint with the
296 department concerning a transaction performed pursuant to this
297 section, and (4) any other information prescribed by the commissioner.
298 Such licensee shall require such owner or lessee to acknowledge the
299 information contained in such form by obtaining such owner or lessee's
300 signature on such form.

301 (c) [No] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
302 no electronic issuance licensee who files an application electronically
303 pursuant to this section shall charge the owner or lessee of the motor
304 vehicle that is the subject of any such application a fee in excess of
305 twenty-five dollars to file such application electronically with the

306 department.

307 (2) An electronic issuance licensee may charge more than a twenty-
308 five-dollar fee for additional services provided to an owner or lessee of
309 the motor vehicle that is the subject of application when such owner or
310 lessee is not located in the state. Such additional services are limited to
311 expedited processing and compliance consultations and shall be
312 separately stated and agreed to by such owner or lessee in writing prior
313 to the performance of such additional services. If an electronic issuance
314 licensee maintains an Internet web site for its business, the electronic
315 issuance licensee shall prominently post the availability of such additional
316 services and the associated fees on such Internet web site.

317 (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
318 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

319 Sec. 11. Subdivision (2) of section 13a-175p of the general statutes is
320 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
321 *1, 2026*):

322 (2) "Eligible bridge" means a bridge located within one or more
323 municipalities in the state, [the physical condition of which requires it]
324 or a structure located within one or more municipalities in the state with
325 a clear span of more than six feet in width that includes a permanent
326 overhead structure that encloses a public right-of-way, that the
327 commissioner determined needs to be removed, replaced,
328 reconstructed, rehabilitated or improved [as determined by the
329 commissioner] due to the physical condition of such bridge or structure.

330 Sec. 12. Section 14-289k of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
331 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
332 *October 1, 2026*):

333 (a) Except as provided in this section, the rider of an electric bicycle
334 shall be afforded the same rights and privileges and subject to the same
335 duties as the rider of a bicycle.

336 (b) Except as provided in this section or where prohibited by local
337 ordinance, an electric bicycle may be ridden where bicycles are
338 permitted to travel.

339 (c) A class 3 electric bicycle shall not be ridden on a bicycle trail or
340 path or multiuse trail or path.

341 (d) Except where permitted by local ordinance, a class 2 electric
342 bicycle shall not be ridden on a bicycle trail or path or multiuse trail or
343 path designated for nonmotorized traffic if such trail or path has a
344 natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no
345 surfacing materials have been added.

346 (e) No [person] child under the age of sixteen shall (1) ride a class 3
347 electric bicycle, [Any person under the age of sixteen may] or (2) sit as
348 a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle, [provided] unless such bicycle
349 is equipped or designed to carry a passenger and such child is wearing
350 protective headgear as described in subsection (f) of this section. Failure
351 to comply with this subsection shall not be a violation or an offense.
352 Failure of such child to wear protective headgear when a passenger on
353 a class 3 electric bicycle shall not be considered to be contributory
354 negligence on the part of the parent or the child nor shall such failure be
355 admissible in any civil action. A law enforcement officer may issue a
356 verbal warning to the parent or guardian of a child that such child has
357 failed to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

358 (f) No person who is sixteen years of age or older shall ride or sit as a
359 passenger on an electric bicycle unless such person is wearing protective
360 headgear that conforms to the minimum specifications established for
361 bicycle helmets by the American National Standards Institute, the
362 United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, the American
363 Society for Testing and Materials or the Snell Memorial Foundation's
364 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling, as amended from
365 time to time.

366 (g) The provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section shall

367 not apply to any police officer, firefighter or emergency medical
368 technician engaged in the performance of the duties of such officer,
369 firefighter or technician.

370 (h) [Violation] Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a
371 violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-253a(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-253c(a)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	20-10b(b)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	20-12j(b)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-94a(c)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-36a(d)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-16(b)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-1(32)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-153b
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-15d
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13a-175p(2)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-289k

Statement of Purpose:

To revise various motor vehicle statutes regarding removable windshield placards, firefighter driving reciprocity, motor vehicle registration upon the death of the owner of the vehicle, the definition of electric scooter, car rental classifications, electric issuance licensees, the local bridge program and electric bicycles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]