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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO OPERATE AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS."

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

3 "Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 4a-67d of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (d) [(1)] On and after January 1, 2030, at least thirty per cent of all
7 buses purchased or leased by the state shall be zero-emission buses.

8 [(2) On and after January 1, 2024, the state shall cease to procure,
9 purchase or lease any diesel-fueled transit bus.]

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 4b-13a of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

12 *passage*):

13 (c) No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space equipped with
14 a state agency electric vehicle charging station unless such person is
15 charging a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle,
16 except such person may park a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery
17 electric vehicle in such a parking space without charging such vehicle at
18 the discretion of the state agency that designated the state agency
19 electric vehicle charging station as available for public use.

20 Sec. 3. Section 4b-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 (a) As used in this section, (1) "electric vehicle charging station" has
23 the same meaning as provided in section 16-19f, (2) "level two electric
24 vehicle charging station" means an electric vehicle charging station that
25 supplies two hundred eight to two hundred forty volt alternating
26 current, [and] (3) "direct current fast charging station" means an electric
27 vehicle charging station that utilizes direct current electricity providing
28 forty kilowatts or greater, and (4) "electric vehicle capable parking
29 space" means a parking space that has equipment installed during
30 construction to support future implementation of charging, including,
31 but not limited to, the raceways and electrical panel space necessary for
32 the installation of an electric vehicle charging station.

33 (b) On and after [January 1, 2023] July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of
34 Administrative Services shall require each new [construction of a] state
35 facility [, the total project costs of which exceed] that will include public
36 parking spaces and is projected to cost more than one hundred thousand
37 dollars [,] to be [installed with level two electric vehicle charging
38 stations in] constructed such that at least [twenty] eight per cent of the
39 designated parking spaces for cars [or light duty trucks] at such new
40 state facility are electric vehicle capable parking spaces.

41 (c) Not later than January 1, 2029, and every three years thereafter,
42 the Commissioners of Administrative Services, Transportation and

43 Energy and Environmental Protection shall jointly submit
44 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
45 regarding the electric vehicle capable parking space requirements
46 established in subsection (b) of this section to the joint standing
47 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
48 relating to government administration, transportation and the
49 environment. Such recommendations shall propose an appropriate
50 requirement for future electric vehicle charging infrastructure at new
51 state facilities. In proposing such appropriate requirement, the
52 commissioners shall consider: (1) The current public prevalence of
53 electric vehicles and the market conditions for purchasing such vehicles;
54 (2) the expected future growth in electric vehicle ownership by state
55 employees and the public; (3) the current and future utilization of
56 electric vehicle charging spaces at state facilities; (4) similar
57 requirements for new construction in neighboring states and in
58 nationally recognized model building codes; and (5) the state goals for
59 the reduction of pollution from the transportation sector, including, but
60 not limited to, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

61 [(c)] (d) On and after January 1, 2023, a municipality shall require
62 each new construction of a commercial building or multiunit residential
63 building with thirty or more designated parking spaces for cars or light
64 duty trucks to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure that is
65 capable of supporting level two electric vehicle charging stations or
66 direct current fast charging stations in at least ten per cent of such
67 parking spaces. A municipality may, through its legislative body,
68 require any such commercial building or multiunit residential building
69 to include such electric vehicle charging infrastructure in more than ten
70 per cent of such parking spaces.

71 Sec. 4. Section 2 of public act 25-90 is repealed and the following is
72 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

73 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, unless
74 otherwise required by federal law, the provisions of this section shall
75 govern the issuance of any state approval for district improvements

76 concerning the Port Eastside Infrastructure Improvement District
77 established pursuant to section 1 of [this act] public act 25-90. If the
78 district enters into a written agreement with any public entity for work
79 to be performed in connection with the district improvements,
80 including, but not limited to, obtaining a permit, license or
81 governmental approval, acquiring real property or construction of
82 sewer, water, steam or other utility connections, any administrative
83 action taken by such public entity in connection with such work shall be
84 governed by the provisions of this section unless otherwise required by
85 federal law or any other agreement to which such public entity is bound.

86 (b) Any approval for district improvements shall be issued by the
87 commissioner with jurisdiction over such approval, or such other state
88 official as such commissioner shall designate, and no other agency,
89 commission, council, committee, panel or other body other than such
90 commissioner, unless specifically designated by such commissioner,
91 shall have jurisdiction over any such approval. No notice of a tentative
92 or final determination regarding any such approval and no notice of any
93 such approval shall be required except as provided in this section.

94 (c) Any application for an approval for district improvements
95 required by any applicable provision of the general statutes shall be
96 submitted to the commissioner having jurisdiction as provided in this
97 subsection. The commissioner shall, to the extent practicable in the
98 discretion of the commissioner, adopt a master process to consider
99 multiple licenses, permits, approvals and administrative actions
100 pursuant to this section. Unless denied by the commissioner, any license
101 or permit shall be issued, approval shall be granted as requested and
102 administrative action shall be taken not later than ten business days
103 after the date of submission of any such application unless a hearing is
104 required to be held concerning such application. Such application shall
105 be deemed granted as requested on the eleventh business day after a
106 hearing is held on such application unless the commissioner has denied
107 such application or approved such application with conditions. Any
108 requirement for a permit or inspection by the State Building Inspector

109 or State Fire Marshal shall be satisfied if the district obtains a
110 certification from an engineer or other appropriate professional duly
111 certified or licensed in the state certifying that the work in connection
112 with the district improvements, to the extent such work is subject to
113 approval by the State Building Inspector or State Fire Marshal, is in
114 compliance with the State Building Code or fire code and safety
115 regulations, as applicable.

116 (d) Any hearing regarding all or part of the district improvements
117 shall be conducted by the commissioner. Notice of any such hearing
118 shall be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the
119 town of East Hartford not more than ten and not less than five days
120 before such hearing.

121 (e) Any application, documentation or other records (1) submitted to
122 a commissioner, and (2) pertaining to an application for an approval for
123 district improvements, together with all records of the proceedings of
124 the commissioner relating to any such application, shall be a public
125 record and shall be made, maintained and disclosed in accordance with
126 the provisions of chapter 14 of the general statutes.

127 (f) In rendering a decision on any application for an approval for
128 district improvements, a commissioner shall weigh all competent
129 material and substantial evidence presented by the applicant and the
130 public. The commissioner shall issue written findings and
131 determinations upon which any such decision is based. Such findings
132 and determinations shall consist of evidence presented, including such
133 information as the commissioner deems appropriate, provided such
134 information, to the extent applicable, relates to any major adverse health
135 or environmental impact of the overall district improvements. The
136 commissioner may reverse or modify any order or action at any time
137 upon the commissioner's own motion. The procedure for such reversal
138 or modification shall be the same as the procedure for the original
139 proceeding.

140 (g) Any administrative action taken by any commissioner in

141 connection with the district improvements may be appealed by a party
142 aggrieved by such action to the superior court for the judicial district of
143 Hartford in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183 of the
144 general statutes. Such appeal shall be brought not more than ten days
145 after the date the commissioner mails to the parties to the proceeding a
146 notice of such order, decision or action by certified mail, return receipt
147 requested. The appellant shall serve a copy of the appeal on each party
148 listed in the final order, decision or action at the address shown in such
149 decision. Failure to make such service within the ten days on parties
150 other than the commissioner who rendered the final order, decision or
151 action may not, in the discretion of the court, deprive the court of
152 jurisdiction over the appeal. Not later than ten days following the
153 service of such appeal, or within such further time as may be allowed
154 by the court, the commissioner who rendered such decision shall cause
155 any portion of the record that had not been transcribed to be transcribed
156 and shall cause the original or a certified copy of the entire record of the
157 proceeding appealed from to be transmitted to the reviewing court. The
158 record shall include the commissioner's findings of fact and conclusions
159 of law, separately stated. If more than one commissioner has jurisdiction
160 over the matter, such commissioners shall issue joint findings of fact and
161 conclusions of law. The appeal shall state the reasons upon which such
162 appeal is predicated and, notwithstanding any provisions of the general
163 statutes, shall not stay the development of the improvements. The
164 commissioner who rendered the decision shall appear as the
165 respondent. Appeals to the superior court shall be privileged matters
166 and shall be heard as soon after the return date as practicable. The court
167 shall render its decision not later than twenty-one days after the date
168 that the entire record with the transcript is filed with the court by the
169 commissioner who rendered the decision.

170 (h) (1) In an appeal pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, the court
171 shall not substitute its judgment for that of the commissioner as to the
172 weight of the evidence presented on a question of fact. The court shall
173 affirm the decision of the commissioner unless the court finds that
174 substantial rights of the party appealing the decision have been

175 materially prejudiced because the administrative findings, inferences,
176 conclusions or decisions of the commissioner are: (A) In violation of
177 constitutional or statutory provisions, (B) in excess of the statutory
178 authority of the commissioner, (C) made upon unlawful procedure, (D)
179 affected by an error of law, (E) clearly erroneous in view of the reliable,
180 probative and substantial evidence on the whole record, or (F) arbitrary,
181 capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly
182 unwarranted exercise of discretion.

183 (2) If the court finds material prejudice, it may sustain the appeal, and
184 upon sustaining an appeal may render a judgment that modifies the
185 decision of the commissioner, orders particular action of the
186 commissioner or orders the commissioner to take such action as may be
187 necessary to effect a particular action. The commissioner may issue a
188 permit consistent with such judgment. An applicant may file an
189 amended application, and the commissioner may consider such
190 amended application for an approval for district improvements
191 following such court action.

192 [(i) Except as provided in this section, the district improvements shall
193 be exempt from the provisions of sections 14-311 to 14-314d, inclusive,
194 of the general statutes.]

195 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section and
196 sections 6 to 10, inclusive, of this act:

197 (1) "Department" means the Department of Transportation;

198 (2) "Personally identifiable information" means information created
199 or maintained by the department, a municipality or a vendor that
200 identifies or describes an owner and includes, but need not be limited
201 to, the owner's address, telephone number, number plate, photograph,
202 bank account information, credit card number, debit card number or the
203 date, time, location or direction of travel on a highway;

204 (3) "Vendor" means a person selected by the department (A) to
205 provide services to the department described in sections 6 to 10,

206 inclusive, of this act; (B) who operates, maintains, leases or licenses a
207 dynamic part-time lane control system; or (C) who is authorized to
208 review and assemble the recorded images captured by the dynamic
209 part-time lane control system;

210 (4) "Dynamic part-time lane control system" means a device having
211 one or more motor vehicle sensors connected to a camera system
212 capable of producing recorded images that indicate the date, time and
213 location of the image of each motor vehicle allegedly operating in
214 violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section
215 10 of this act;

216 (5) "Dynamic part-time lane control system operator" means a person
217 who is trained and certified to operate a dynamic part-time lane control
218 system;

219 (6) "Dynamic part-time lane" means any lane or shoulder of a
220 highway temporarily designated for a specific use by the Office of the
221 State Traffic Administration to control and manage traffic;

222 (7) "Authorized emergency vehicle", "driver", "highway", "number
223 plate" and "owner" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-1
224 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

225 (8) "Official traffic control devices" has the same meaning as provided
226 in section 14-297 of the general statutes; and

227 (9) "High occupancy vehicle lane" has the same meaning as provided
228 in section 14-238b of the general statutes.

229 (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may designate any
230 lane or shoulder of a highway as a dynamic part-time lane to be used (1)
231 as a high occupancy vehicle lane, (2) as a dedicated lane for bus rapid
232 transit or other motor or service bus usage, (3) as a dedicated lane for
233 authorized emergency vehicles responding to an emergency call, (4) to
234 redirect an opposing lane of a highway into a one-way lane, or (5) as is
235 necessary to maintain the function of the state's highway system. The

236 office may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
237 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this
238 subsection.

239 (c) The Department of Transportation may establish a program to
240 operate dynamic part-time lane control systems within a dynamic part-
241 time lane designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. A
242 dynamic part-time lane control system shall be used in a manner to only
243 record images of motor vehicles that are allegedly operating in violation
244 of the provisions of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under
245 section 10 of this act. Any recorded images collected as part of a dynamic
246 part-time lane control system shall not be used for any surveillance
247 purposes.

248 (d) A dynamic part-time lane control system may be used provided
249 (1) such system is operated by a dynamic part-time lane control system
250 operator, (2) if, in accordance with the manual of uniform traffic control
251 devices as approved and revised by the Office of the State Traffic
252 Administration, at least two conspicuous road signs are placed at a
253 reasonable distance in advance of a dynamic part-time lane, (3) the first
254 road sign described in subdivision (2) of this subsection indicates the
255 reason said office designated such lane as a dynamic part-time lane, (4)
256 the second road sign described in subdivision (2) of this subsection
257 indicates that the dynamic part-time lane control system is operational
258 or is not operational, (5) an appropriate sign is conspicuously placed at
259 the end of a highway dynamic part-time lane with a dynamic part-time
260 lane control system that is operational, and (6) a notice identifying the
261 location of a dynamic part-time lane control system is available on the
262 Internet web site of the department.

263 (e) The Department of Transportation may (1) enter into agreements
264 with vendors for the design, operation or maintenance, or any
265 combination thereof, of dynamic part-time lane control systems, and (2)
266 retain and employ consultants and assistants on a contract or other basis
267 for rendering legal, financial, professional, technical or other assistance
268 and advice necessary for the design, operation and maintenance of

269 dynamic part-time lane control systems. If a vendor provides, deploys
270 or operates a dynamic part-time lane control system, the vendor's fee
271 may not be contingent on the number of violations issued or fines paid
272 pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of this act or an ordinance
273 adopted under section 10 of this act.

274 (f) The Commissioner of Transportation may adopt regulations, in
275 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
276 implement the provisions of this section and sections 6 to 10, inclusive,
277 of this act and establish standards and procedures for dynamic part-
278 time lanes and dynamic part-time lane control systems.

279 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) When a dynamic part-
280 time lane is used as a high occupancy vehicle lane pursuant to section 5
281 of this act, no person may operate a motor vehicle in such dynamic part-
282 time lane unless such person is (A) traveling with one or more
283 passengers in such person's motor vehicle, or (B) operating a blood
284 transport vehicle in accordance with the provisions of section 14-238b of
285 the general statutes.

286 (2) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a dedicated lane for bus
287 rapid transit service or other motor or service bus usage pursuant to
288 section 5 of this act, no person (A) may operate a motor vehicle in such
289 dynamic part-time lane unless such person is operating such vehicle in
290 accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of
291 subsection (a) of section 14-296bb of the general statutes, or (B) may stop
292 or park in such dynamic part-time lane unless such person is obeying
293 the direction indicated by an official traffic control device or the
294 direction of a law enforcement officer.

295 (3) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a dedicated lane for an
296 authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency pursuant to
297 section 5 of this act, no person may operate a motor vehicle in such
298 dynamic part-time lane unless such person is (A) operating an
299 authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency call, or (B)
300 obeying the direction of a law enforcement officer.

301 (4) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a dedicated lane to
302 redirect an opposing lane of a highway into a one-way lane or to
303 maintain the function of the state's highway system pursuant to section
304 5 of this act, no person may operate a motor vehicle in such dynamic
305 part-time lane unless such person is obeying the direction indicated by
306 an official traffic control device or the direction of a law enforcement
307 officer.

308 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle identified by a dynamic part-time
309 lane control system as violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this
310 section shall, (1) for a first violation, be fined seventy-five dollars, and
311 (2) for a second or subsequent violation that occurs within one year of
312 the date of such owner's most recent violation, be fined not more than
313 two hundred dollars. Any subsequent violation occurring more than
314 one year after such owner's most recent violation shall be considered a
315 first violation.

316 (c) The owner shall be liable for any fine imposed pursuant to
317 subsection (b) of this section unless the driver of the motor vehicle
318 received a citation from a law enforcement officer at the time of the
319 violation. In the case of a motor vehicle that is leased for more than thirty
320 days and identified by a dynamic part-time lane control system as
321 violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the lessee shall
322 be considered the owner of such motor vehicle for the purposes of this
323 section and section 7 and subsection (b) of section 8 of this act.

324 (d) All amounts received from fines imposed pursuant to subsection
325 (b) of this section shall be deposited into the Special Transportation
326 Fund, established pursuant to section 13b-68 of the general statutes and
327 maintained pursuant to article thirty-second of the amendments to the
328 Constitution of the state. The provisions of this subsection shall not
329 apply to any amounts received from fines imposed pursuant to an
330 ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

331 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) Whenever a dynamic
332 part-time lane control system detects and produces recorded images of

333 a motor vehicle allegedly committing a violation of section 6 of this act,
334 a sworn member or authorized member of the Division of State Police
335 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
336 shall review the recorded images provided by such system. Whenever
337 a dynamic part-time lane control system detects and produces recorded
338 images of a motor vehicle allegedly committing a violation of an
339 ordinance adopted by a municipality under section 10 of this act, a
340 sworn member or employee of the municipality's police department or
341 an employee of the municipality designated by the traffic authority of
342 such municipality shall review the recorded images provided by such
343 system.

344 (2) If, after the review conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
345 subsection, such member or employee determines that there are
346 reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, such
347 member or employee may issue a notice of violation for the alleged
348 violation. Such notice of violation shall be sworn or affirmed by such
349 member or employee and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts
350 contained in the notice. Such notice of violation shall include written
351 verification that the dynamic part-time lane control system was
352 operating correctly at the time of the alleged violation and specify the
353 date of the most recent inspection that confirms the dynamic part-time
354 lane control system to be operating properly.

355 (3) A dynamic part-time lane control system operator shall complete
356 training offered by the manufacturer of such system, or the
357 manufacturer's representative, including training on any devices critical
358 to the operation of such system or the procedures for setting up, testing
359 and operating such system. Upon completion of the training, the
360 manufacturer or manufacturer's representative shall issue a signed
361 certificate to the dynamic part-time lane control system operator. Such
362 signed certificate shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding
363 for an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or in any hearing
364 conducted pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as
365 amended by this act, as applicable.

366 (4) A dynamic part-time lane control system operator shall complete
367 and sign a daily log for a dynamic part-time lane control system. Such
368 daily log shall (A) state the date, time and location of such system's set-
369 up, (B) state that the dynamic part-time lane control system operator
370 successfully performed, and the dynamic part-time lane control system
371 passed, the testing specified by the manufacturer of the dynamic part-
372 time lane control system, (C) be kept on file at the principal office of the
373 operator, and (D) be admitted in any court proceeding for an alleged
374 violation of section 6 of this act or in any hearing conducted pursuant to
375 section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, as
376 applicable.

377 (b) A dynamic part-time lane control system shall undergo an annual
378 calibration check performed at a calibration laboratory. The calibration
379 laboratory shall issue a signed certificate of calibration after the annual
380 calibration check. Such signed certificate of calibration shall be kept on
381 file and admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for an alleged
382 violation of section 6 of this act or in any hearing conducted pursuant to
383 section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, as
384 applicable.

385 (c) The notice of violation for the alleged violation of section 6 of this
386 act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act shall include,
387 but need not be limited to, (1) a copy of the recorded image showing the
388 vehicle with its number plate visible, (2) the registration number and
389 state of issuance of the vehicle registration, (3) verification that the
390 dynamic part-time lane control system was operating correctly at the
391 time of the alleged violation and the date of the most recent calibration
392 check, and (4) the date, time and location of the alleged violation.

393 (d) In the case of an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or an
394 ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act involving a motor vehicle
395 registered in the state, the notice of violation shall be mailed not later
396 than thirty days after the commission of the alleged violation or after the
397 identity of the owner is ascertained, whichever is later, to the address of
398 the owner that is in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

399 (e) In the case of an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or an
400 ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act involving a motor vehicle
401 registered in another jurisdiction, the notice of the violation shall be
402 mailed not later than thirty days after the identity of the owner is
403 ascertained to the address of the owner that is in the records of the
404 official in the other jurisdiction issuing such registration.

405 (f) A notice of violation shall be invalid unless mailed to an owner not
406 later than ninety days after the alleged violation of section 6 of this act
407 or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

408 (g) The notice of violation shall be sent by first class mail. A manual
409 or automatic record of mailing prepared by the dynamic part-time lane
410 control system operator in the ordinary course of business shall be
411 prima facie evidence of mailing and shall be admissible in any court
412 proceeding as to the facts contained in the notice.

413 (h) A violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under
414 section 10 of this act shall not (1) be included in any driver control record
415 maintained pursuant to section 14-1111 of the general statutes, (2) be
416 subject to merit rating for insurance purposes, or (3) authorize the
417 imposition of surcharge points in the provision of motor vehicle
418 insurance coverage.

419 (i) The following defenses shall be available to the owner of a motor
420 vehicle identified by a dynamic part-time lane control system as
421 allegedly violating section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under
422 section 10 of this act: (1) The violation took place during a period of time
423 in which the motor vehicle had been reported as being stolen to a law
424 enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes,
425 and had not been recovered prior to the time of the violation, and (2) the
426 dynamic part-time lane control system used to determine the violation
427 was not in compliance with the provisions of this section relating to tests
428 for accuracy, certification or calibration.

429 (j) An owner who receives a notice of violation of section 6 of this act

430 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall follow the procedures set
431 forth in section 51-164n of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
432 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an owner who is
433 alleged to have violated an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this
434 act.

435 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) The Department of Motor
436 Vehicles shall provide the Department of Transportation and any
437 vendor with information regarding the owner of a motor vehicle
438 identified by a part-time lane control system as allegedly violating the
439 provisions of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section
440 10 of this act. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to,
441 the make and number plate of such motor vehicle and the name and
442 address of the owner of such motor vehicle.

443 (b) If an owner fails to (1) pay the fine imposed for a violation or
444 conviction of section 6 of this act, (2) submit a plea of not guilty by the
445 answer date, or (3) appear for any scheduled court appearance at the
446 time and place assigned, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may
447 refuse to register or suspend the registration of the motor vehicle
448 operated at the time of such violation.

449 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) No personally identifiable
450 information shall be sold or disclosed by the department, a municipality
451 or a vendor to any person or entity except where the disclosure is made
452 in connection with the charging, collection and enforcement of the fines
453 imposed pursuant to section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under
454 section 10 of this act.

455 (b) No personally identifiable information shall be stored or retained
456 by the department, a municipality or a vendor unless such information
457 is necessary for the collection and enforcement of the fines imposed
458 pursuant to section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section
459 10 of this act.

460 (c) The department, a municipality or a vendor shall destroy

461 personally identifiable information and other data that specifically
462 identifies a motor vehicle and relates to a violation of section 6 of this
463 act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act not later than
464 thirty days after any fine is imposed or the resolution of a trial or hearing
465 conducted for the alleged commission of such violation, whichever is
466 later, except the department, a municipality or a vendor may retain a
467 portion of personally identifiable information for the limited purpose of
468 determining whether a person committed a second or subsequent
469 violation of said section or such ordinance. The department,
470 municipality or vendor shall destroy any retained portion of personally
471 identifiable information not later than one year after the date of such
472 person's most recent violation.

473 (d) Personally identifiable information shall not be deemed a public
474 record, for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in
475 section 1-200 of the general statutes.

476 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) Any municipality
477 operating a bus in a dynamic part-time lane may participate in the
478 program to operate dynamic part-time control systems established
479 pursuant to section 6 of this act, provided such municipality (1) adopts
480 an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this section, and (2)
481 enters into an agreement with the Department of Transportation
482 concerning the design, installation, operation and maintenance of such
483 dynamic part-time lane control systems.

484 (b) Any ordinance adopted under this section shall specify the
485 following: (1) That an owner of a motor vehicle commits a violation of
486 the ordinance if the person operating such motor vehicle does so in
487 violation of subsection (a) of section 6 of this act and such operation is
488 detected by a dynamic part-time lane control system operated by the
489 Department of Transportation on behalf of the municipality; (2) a fine,
490 if any, to be imposed against the owner of a motor vehicle committing a
491 violation of such ordinance, provided the amount of such fine is not
492 more than seventy-five dollars for a first violation and not more than
493 two hundred dollars for a second or subsequent violation that occurs

494 within one year of the date of such owner's most recent violation; (3) the
495 payment of any such fine may be made by electronic means; and (4) the
496 defenses available to the owner of a motor vehicle allegedly committing
497 a violation of such ordinance, which shall include, but need not be
498 limited to, the defenses listed in subsection (i) of section 7 of this act.
499 Any subsequent violation occurring more than one year after such
500 owner's most recent violation shall be considered a first violation.

501 (c) Any municipality that adopts an ordinance under this section shall
502 also adopt a citation hearing procedure pursuant to section 7-152c of the
503 general statutes, as amended by this act, with regard to alleged
504 violations of such ordinance.

505 (d) Any funds received by the municipality from fines imposed
506 pursuant to an ordinance adopted under this section shall be deposited
507 into the general fund of the municipality or in any special fund
508 designated by the municipality.

509 (e) No person shall be subject to the fine in subsection (b) of section 6
510 of this act and a fine for the violation of an ordinance adopted under this
511 section because of the same offense.

512 Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 7-152c of the general statutes is
513 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
514 *1, 2027*):

515 (c) Any such municipality, at any time within twelve months from
516 the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines,
517 penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued under any ordinance
518 adopted pursuant to section 7-148, 14-279c, 14-307c, 14-307j or 22a-226d
519 or section 10 of this act, for an alleged violation thereof, shall send notice
520 to the person cited. Such notice shall inform the person cited: (1) Of the
521 allegations against such person and the amount of the fines, penalties,
522 costs or fees due; (2) that such person may contest such person's liability
523 before a citation hearing officer by delivering in person or by mail
524 written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if such person

525 does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be
526 entered against such person; and (4) that such judgment may issue
527 without further notice. For purposes of this section, notice shall be
528 presumed to have been properly sent if such notice was mailed to such
529 person's last-known address on file with the tax collector. If the person
530 to whom such notice is issued is a registrant, the municipality may
531 deliver such notice in accordance with section 7-148ii, provided nothing
532 in this section shall preclude a municipality from providing notice in
533 another manner permitted by applicable law.

534 Sec. 12. Section 3-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the
535 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

536 (a) Whenever an emergency situation exists because of extreme
537 weather conditions or other acts of nature, other than as is provided in
538 section 28-9, requiring the restriction of movement of persons and
539 vehicles upon the streets and highways of the state, the Governor may
540 issue an order pursuant to section 3-1 designating the persons and
541 vehicles which shall be permitted to move and the routes which they
542 shall follow.

543 (b) [Violation of an order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this
544 section shall be an infraction.] Any person who violates the provisions
545 of subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than two hundred
546 fifty dollars.

547 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2026 supplement to
548 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
549 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

550 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
551 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
552 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 3-6a, as amended by this act, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-
553 14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c) of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148,
554 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-
555 197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-

556 170aa, subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a,
557 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision
558 (3), (5) or (6) of section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c,
559 12-487, 13a-26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b,
560 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f,
561 subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a)
562 of section 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of
563 section 13b-324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or
564 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or
565 14-4, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
566 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
567 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
568 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
569 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
570 subsection (g) of section 14-80, as amended by this act, subsection (f) or
571 (i) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of
572 section 14-100a, section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-
573 146, 14-152, 14-153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i,
574 section 14-213b or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection
575 (d) of section 14-224, section 14-240 or 14-250, subdivision (2) of
576 subsection (e) of section 14-251, section 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264,
577 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a,
578 subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of
579 section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h)
580 of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-289l, 14-
581 291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, as amended by this act, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d,
582 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a,
583 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-
584 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,
585 section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of
586 section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h,
587 section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of
588 section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section
589 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of
590 section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107,

591 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287,
592 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340,
593 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231,
594 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b)
595 of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610,
596 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of
597 section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2,
598 subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision
599 (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26, subsection (a) of
600 section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77,
601 subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154,
602 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b,
603 subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-415a, 21a-
604 421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-430,
605 section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-
606 36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of
607 subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m,
608 subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89,
609 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-
610 118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-
611 279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b),
612 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344,
613 subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection (d) of section 22-344d,
614 section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414,
615 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250,
616 section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or
617 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449,
618 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
619 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
620 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-
621 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or
622 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,
623 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,
624 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of
625 section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141,

626 subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-
627 224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-
628 232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-
629 287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16,
630 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or
631 (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of
632 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section
633 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a,
634 section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89,
635 subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12,
636 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-47 or
637 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-
638 52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70,
639 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-
640 273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412,
641 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57,
642 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-
643 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq,
644 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764,
645 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-470 or 42-480,
646 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634
647 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-
648 81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection
649 (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21,
650 section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-
651 362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-
652 290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331,
653 subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of
654 section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422
655 or 53-450, [or] subsection (i) of section 54-36a or section 6 of this act, or
656 (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of
657 any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-
658 484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or
659 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes,
660 the health code or an ordinance described in subdivision (5) of this

661 subsection, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not
662 exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
663 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
664 pursuant to section 7-152c, as amended by this act, or (5) a violation of
665 any ordinance adopted by a town, city or borough pursuant to section
666 14-224a, 14-390 or 14-390m for which the penalty does not exceed two
667 thousand dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established a
668 payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section
669 7-152c, as amended by this act, shall follow the procedures set forth in
670 this section.

671 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 163
672 between the intersection of Connecticut Route 32 traveling in a
673 northwesterly direction to the intersection of Connecticut Route 82 in
674 the town of Montville shall be designated as the "Kevin Ryan Memorial
675 Highway".

676 Sec. 15. Section 13b-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
677 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

678 (a) The executive director may approve airports, heliports, vertiports,
679 restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities. Any
680 municipality or person acquiring property for the purpose of
681 constructing or establishing an airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted
682 landing area shall, prior to such acquisition, apply to the executive
683 director for a certificate of approval of the site selected and the general
684 purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, to ensure
685 that the property and its use shall conform to minimum standards of
686 safety and shall serve the public interest. Any proposed airport,
687 heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility
688 at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are expected to be
689 made by aircraft in any year shall be approved by the executive director
690 before it shall be licensed to be used or operated. The executive director
691 shall make no charge for approval certificates of proposed property
692 acquisition for airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted landing area
693 purposes.

694 (b) The executive director may (1) license [airports, heliports,
695 vertiports, restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities]
696 any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area and other air
697 navigation facility at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs
698 are expected to be made by aircraft in any year, and (2) renew such
699 licenses. When a certificate of approval of an airport, heliport, vertiport,
700 [or] restricted landing area or other air navigation facility has been
701 issued by the executive director, the executive director may grant a
702 license for operation and use. On and after [July 1, 1995] October 1, 2026,
703 the executive director shall charge a fee of [one hundred fifty] three
704 hundred dollars for each license or renewal thereof. Each such license
705 shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance.
706 Each licensee shall certify, on a form provided by the executive director,
707 that the licensed facility shall comply with all applicable federal, state
708 and local laws and regulations during the license period. Municipalities
709 shall be exempt from the payment of any license fee in connection with
710 airports owned or operated by such municipalities.

711 (c) The executive director may (1) register any airport, heliport,
712 vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which
713 thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by
714 aircraft in any year, and (2) renew such registrations. On and after
715 October 1, 2026, the executive director shall charge a fee of one hundred
716 dollars for each registration or renewal thereof. Each such registration
717 shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance.
718 Each registrant shall certify, on a form provided by the executive
719 director, (A) that the registered facility shall comply with all applicable
720 federal, state and local laws and regulations during the registration
721 period, and (B) that there will be thirty-six or fewer landings and
722 takeoffs by aircraft at such facility in any year during the registration
723 period. Any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other
724 air navigation facility at which thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs
725 are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be registered with
726 the executive director pursuant to this subsection before it is to be used
727 or operated. Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of any

728 registration fee in connection with airports owned or operated by such
729 municipalities.

730 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) No municipality or officer or employee thereof and no person
731 shall operate an airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or
732 other air navigation facility for which approval has not been granted,
733 and a license has not been issued, by the executive director in
734 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section or
735 registration has not been issued by the executive director in accordance
736 with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. The provisions of
737 this section shall not apply to any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted
738 landing area or other air navigation facility owned by the federal
739 government within this state. Any person who violates the provisions
740 of this subsection shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

741 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any heliport in operation prior to October 1, 1985, shall be
742 deemed licensed for operation and use and the executive director shall
743 issue an original license for any such heliport upon the written request
744 of the person who controls and operates such heliport. Such heliports
745 shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter concerning the renewal
746 or revocation of licenses, inspection and review of air navigation
747 facilities and any other provision of this chapter except those concerning
748 the initial approval or licensing of such facilities. Such heliports shall be
749 subject to any rule or procedure adopted by the authority in accordance
750 with the provisions of this chapter except those concerning the initial
751 approval or licensing of any air navigation facility.

752 Sec. 16. Section 13b-31h of the general statutes is repealed and the
753 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

754 (a) The Department of Transportation shall develop, and thereafter
755 revise as necessary, guidelines governing tree and vegetation
756 management, removal and replacement along state highways for use by
757 its employees and contractors when undertaking maintenance and
758 construction projects. The goal of the guidelines shall be to ensure the
759 impacts of maintenance and construction projects on the environment,

760 landscape and noise pollution are balanced or outweighed by measures
761 taken to avoid and minimize the impacts.

762 (b) Such guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to,
763 provisions addressing (1) the safety of the traveling public; (2) general
764 roadside vegetation management activities performed by the
765 department, including, but not limited to, mowing, herbicide
766 application, grassing, replanting with native species whenever
767 practicable, limb management, tree removal and debris removal; (3)
768 beautification, enhancements and the effect on scenic roads designated
769 pursuant to section 13b-31c; (4) visibility enhancement; and (5) the
770 environmental impact of such work, including (A) preventing invasive
771 tree, brush or plant species' growth and impact, (B) storm water run-off,
772 (C) erosion, (D) replanting of vegetation species to expand and improve
773 pollinator habitats, as described in section 22-90b, and (E) reduced
774 mowing. Such guidelines shall apply to construction projects financed,
775 in whole or in part, with federal funds to the extent such guidelines do
776 not conflict with federal laws and regulations.

777 (c) Such guidelines shall not apply to the removal of any trees or
778 vegetation necessary to maintain public safety or that is performed
779 because of a weather-related civil preparedness emergency declared
780 pursuant to section 28-9.

781 (d) [On or before January 1, 2024] Not later than February 1, 2027, the
782 Commissioner of Transportation shall consider the results of the study
783 and recommendations conducted pursuant to section 63 of public act
784 24-151, as amended by this act, by the Department of Natural Resources
785 and the Environment at The University of Connecticut concerning the
786 carbon sequestration by trees and other vegetation along highways and
787 other areas in the state, and determine the need, if any, for revisions to
788 the guidelines adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. If the
789 commissioner determines a revision to such guidelines is not warranted,
790 the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the
791 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
792 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

793 transportation and the environment explaining the reasons for such
794 determination. If the commissioner revises such guidelines in response
795 to the results of such study, the commissioner shall submit such revised
796 guidelines to [the] such joint standing committees, [of the General
797 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and
798 the environment,] in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.
799 [The] Such joint standing committees [shall] may hold a joint public
800 hearing on such revised guidelines and the commissioner shall present
801 such revised guidelines at the public hearing, if any.

802 Sec. 17. Section 63 of public act 24-151 is repealed and the following
803 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

804 (a) The Department of Transportation shall provide a grant from
805 available resources to the Department of Natural Resources and the
806 Environment at The University of Connecticut for the purpose of
807 studying the carbon sequestration by trees and other vegetation along
808 highways and other areas in the state.

809 (b) The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at
810 The University of Connecticut shall (1) submit an interim report, not
811 later than January 1, 2025, and a final report, not later than [July 1, 2025]
812 October 1, 2026, concerning the [department's findings] results of such
813 study and any recommendations to the Department of Transportation
814 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
815 cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the environment,
816 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
817 and (2) present either or both such reports at [a] any hearing held jointly
818 by said joint standing committees.

819 Sec. 18. Section 13b-116 of the general statutes is amended by adding
820 subdivisions (8) to (11), inclusive, as follows (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

821 (NEW) (8) "Telemetric monitoring" means the continuous, automated
822 collection and evaluation of operational and system performance data
823 that is generated by a digital network during a prearranged ride.

824 (NEW) (9) "Safety anomaly" means an unexpected or irregular event
825 detected through a digital network that deviates from performance
826 baselines established by a transportation network company that may
827 indicate a potential risk to the safety of a rider or driver, including, but
828 not limited to, high-force decelerations or structural vibrations
829 consistent with a motor vehicle accident, significant departures from the
830 path of the prearranged ride or prolonged periods of inactivity on the
831 digital network.

832 (NEW) (10) "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as provided in
833 section 10a-55m.

834 (NEW) (11) "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in
835 section 22-345.

836 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 13b-118 of the 2026 supplement to
837 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
838 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

839 (a) (1) A transportation network company shall provide for real-time
840 messaging between the company and the transportation network
841 company driver through the company's digital network when the driver
842 is using the digital network. Such messaging shall be available in both
843 English and Spanish.

844 (2) After a potential transportation network company rider submits a
845 request for a prearranged ride, the transportation network company
846 shall display to the rider through its digital network: [a] (A) A picture
847 of the transportation network company driver and the license plate
848 number of the transportation network company vehicle that will be
849 used to provide the prearranged ride before the rider enters such
850 vehicle, and (B) a notification identifying any safety features available
851 through the digital network that may be used during a prearranged
852 ride. Each transportation network company shall, at a minimum,
853 provide the following safety features: (i) A location sharing feature that
854 allows a rider to share information about a prearranged ride with a third

855 party, (ii) an emergency assistance interface or other means to contact a
856 public safety answering point, as defined in section 28-25, during a
857 prearranged ride, (iii) an optional audio recording feature that may be
858 utilized during a prearranged ride, provided such feature includes
859 notice to the driver and is implemented in compliance with applicable
860 state and federal laws governing the recording of communications, and
861 (iv) the availability of support and resources twenty-four hours a day to
862 manage any incidents, accidents or emergencies that occur during a
863 prearranged ride.

864 (3) On each offer for a prearranged ride presented to a transportation
865 network company driver, the transportation network company shall
866 demarcate on any such offer whether the potential transportation
867 network company rider requesting such prearranged ride, or the third
868 party requesting a prearranged ride on behalf of a potential rider, has
869 been verified by the company. The company shall designate an
870 individual as verified if the company has authenticated the individual's
871 identity through the submission of a valid photograph, the comparison
872 of the individual's account information with records maintained by
873 another party or any other method that reasonably enables the company
874 to confirm the identity of the individual. A driver's decision to decline
875 an offer for a prearranged ride where the potential rider or requesting
876 third party is not designated as verified shall not, by itself, constitute
877 grounds for suspension, deactivation or other disciplinary action
878 against the driver by the company.

879 [(3)] (4) A transportation network company driver shall display on a
880 transportation network company vehicle a removable decal at all times
881 when the driver is connected to a digital network or is engaged in the
882 provision of a prearranged ride. Such decal shall be: (A) Issued by the
883 transportation network company; (B) sufficiently large so as to be
884 readable during daylight hours at a distance of at least fifty feet; (C)
885 reflective, illuminated or otherwise visible in darkness; and (D)
886 displayed on the passenger side of the transportation network company
887 vehicle if such decal is illuminated.

888 (5) A transportation network company shall, through its digital
889 network, (A) implement and maintain a telemetric monitoring system
890 capable of providing an emergency assistance interface with the
891 opportunity to contact a public safety answering point, and (B) permit a
892 third party pursuant to an agreement with such company to receive,
893 review and respond in real time to verified safety requests generated by
894 the digital network relating to a safety anomaly occurring during a
895 prearranged ride.

896 Sec. 20. Subsection (c) of section 13b-118 of the 2026 supplement to
897 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
898 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

899 (c) (1) A transportation network company shall adopt, maintain and
900 enforce a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of the age, color,
901 creed, destination, intellectual or physical disability, national origin,
902 race, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity with respect to
903 transportation network company riders, potential transportation
904 network company riders and transportation network company drivers.
905 A transportation network company shall notify all drivers who use the
906 company's digital network of such policy.

907 (2) No transportation network company may take or threaten to take
908 any retaliatory action, including suspending or banning access to its
909 digital network, against a transportation network company driver
910 solely because such driver filed a complaint with such company.

911 (3) A transportation network company shall adopt, maintain and
912 enforce a service animal nondiscrimination policy. Such policy, at a
913 minimum, shall: (A) Prohibit any transportation network company
914 driver using the company's digital network from canceling or refusing
915 to provide a prearranged ride to a potential rider on the basis that the
916 rider is accompanied by a service animal, regardless of any allergy, fear
917 or religious or cultural objection to such service animal, (B) require the
918 company to display, through its digital network, an option to a potential
919 rider to (i) disclose before a prearranged ride that such potential rider is

920 accompanied by a service animal, and (ii) report any instance in which
921 a driver cancels or refuses to provide a prearranged ride to such
922 potential rider in violation of applicable laws relating to the
923 accommodation of service animals and the company's service animal
924 nondiscrimination policy, (C) require the company, through its digital
925 network, to notify any driver who attempts to cancel or refuse to
926 provide a prearranged ride to a potential rider who has disclosed that
927 such potential rider is accompanied by a service animal that any such
928 cancellation or refusal may (i) violate applicable laws relating to the
929 accommodation of service animals and the company's service animal
930 nondiscrimination policy, and (ii) result in a permanent ban from
931 accessing the company's digital network, (D) require the company to
932 investigate and respond to each reported instance of a driver canceling
933 or refusing a prearranged ride on the basis that the rider is accompanied
934 by a service animal and to maintain records of such reports and the
935 company's investigation and response for a period of not less than three
936 years from the date of the reported cancellation or refusal, (E) require
937 the company to permanently ban a driver from accessing the company's
938 digital network if a driver violates the company's service animal
939 nondiscrimination policy, and (F) require the company, through its
940 digital network, to provide periodic reminders to drivers with an active
941 account on such digital network of the rights of riders with disabilities
942 and the applicability of laws relating to the accommodation of service
943 animals.

944 Sec. 21. Section 13b-119 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
945 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
946 *January 1, 2027*):

947 (a) Prior to permitting an individual to act as a transportation
948 network company driver on its digital network, the transportation
949 network company shall:

950 (1) Require the individual to submit an application to the company
951 that includes information regarding the individual's name, address,
952 date of birth, motor vehicle operator's license number and motor vehicle

953 registration;

954 (2) (A) Conduct, or have a consumer reporting agency regulated
955 under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act conduct, a driving record
956 check and a local, state and national criminal history records check,
957 including a search of state and national sexual offender registry
958 databases provided such databases are accessible to the public, or (B)
959 arrange for the fingerprinting of the individual to be submitted to the
960 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records
961 check and to the State Police Bureau of Identification for a state criminal
962 history records check conducted in accordance with section 29-17a;

963 (3) Disclose to such individual, electronically or in writing, (A) the
964 insurance coverage, including the types of coverage and any coverage
965 limits, that the company provides while a transportation network
966 company driver is connected to the company's digital network or is
967 engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride, and (B) that a
968 transportation network company driver's personal automobile
969 insurance policy might not provide coverage while such driver is
970 connected to the company's digital network, available to receive a
971 request for a prearranged ride or engaged in the provision of a
972 prearranged ride; and

973 (4) Inform such individual, electronically or in writing, (A) that such
974 individual may enroll in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance
975 Program pursuant to section 31-49m and obtain information about such
976 program from the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority
977 established in section 31-49f, (B) of the requirements to become qualified
978 to provide prearranged rides that originate in a neighboring state, and
979 (C) of the transportation network company's deactivation process for
980 transportation network company drivers. For the purposes of this
981 subdivision, "deactivation process" means procedures a transportation
982 network company undertakes to materially restrict a transportation
983 network company driver's access to the digital network, including
984 blocking access to the digital network, suspending a driver from the
985 digital network or changing a driver's status on the digital network from

986 eligible to provide prearranged rides to ineligible to provide
987 prearranged rides.

988 (b) (1) A transportation network company shall conduct, or have a
989 consumer reporting agency regulated under the federal Fair Credit
990 Reporting Act conduct, a local, state and national criminal history
991 records check, including a search of state and national sexual offender
992 registry databases, or arrange for the fingerprinting of the individual to
993 be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national
994 criminal history records check and to the State Police Bureau of
995 Identification for a state criminal history records check conducted in
996 accordance with section 29-17a, at least once every [three years] year
997 after permitting an individual to act as a transportation network
998 company driver.

999 (2) A transportation network company shall provide, and require
1000 each transportation network company driver to complete, an annual
1001 training concerning sexual assault prevention and driver education.
1002 Such training shall include information regarding the prevention,
1003 identification and reporting of sexual assault and instruction regarding
1004 appropriate interactions with transportation network company riders.

1005 (c) (1) No transportation network company shall permit an individual
1006 to act as a transportation network company driver on its digital network
1007 if such individual: (A) Has, during the three years prior to the date of
1008 such individual's application to be a transportation network company
1009 driver, (i) committed more than three moving violations, as defined in
1010 section 14-111g, (ii) committed one serious traffic violation, as defined
1011 in section 14-1, as amended by this act, or (iii) had his or her motor
1012 vehicle operator's license suspended pursuant to section 14-227b; (B) has
1013 been convicted, within seven years prior to the date of such individual's
1014 application, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud,
1015 sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, acts of
1016 violence or acts of terror; (C) is included in the state sexual offenders
1017 registry or the United States Department of Justice National Sex
1018 Offender Public Website; (D) does not possess a Connecticut motor

1019 vehicle operator's license or a motor vehicle operator's license issued by
1020 a reciprocal state; (E) does not possess proof of registration for each
1021 motor vehicle such individual proposes to use as a transportation
1022 network company vehicle; [or] (F) is not at least nineteen years of age;
1023 or (G) fails to submit to a periodic identity verification when requested
1024 by the transportation network company through its digital network
1025 when such driver is connected to and active on the digital network. For
1026 the purposes of this subsection, "reciprocal state" means a state that
1027 permits transportation network company drivers who possess a
1028 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license to provide a prearranged
1029 ride that originates in such state.

1030 (2) An individual who is permitted to act as a transportation network
1031 company driver shall report to the transportation network company not
1032 later than twenty-four hours after the occurrence of any of the following:
1033 (A) The commission of a fourth moving violation, as defined in section
1034 14-111g, during the past three years; (B) the commission of one serious
1035 traffic violation, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act; (C)
1036 the suspension of his or her motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to
1037 section 14-227b; (D) the conviction of driving under the influence of
1038 drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to
1039 commit a felony, acts of violence or acts of terror; (E) inclusion in the
1040 state sexual offenders registry or the United States Department of Justice
1041 National Sex Offender Public Website; (F) failure to possess an
1042 operator's license; or (G) failure to possess proof of registration for a
1043 transportation network company vehicle. Each transportation network
1044 company that receives a report pursuant to this subdivision or becomes
1045 aware of such occurrence shall prohibit the individual from acting as a
1046 transportation network company driver on the company's digital
1047 network until the individual meets the qualifications of this section to
1048 be a transportation network company driver.

1049 (3) Not later than five days after a transportation network company
1050 permanently completes an investigation and, as a result of such
1051 investigation, permanently bans a transportation network company

1052 driver's access to the company's digital network due to a sexual assault
1053 or assault resulting in another person's death that was connected to the
1054 driver's use of such digital network, such transportation network
1055 company shall notify, or cause to be notified, each registered
1056 transportation network company in the state of such ban and the
1057 driver's first and last name, date of birth and motor vehicle operator's
1058 license number.

1059 (d) (1) A transportation network company shall adopt a policy that a
1060 transportation network company driver shall not use or be under the
1061 influence of drugs or alcohol while the driver is connected to the
1062 company's digital network or engaged in the provision of a prearranged
1063 ride. The company shall provide notice of such policy on its Internet
1064 web site, and include procedures for a transportation network company
1065 rider to report a complaint about a driver whom the rider reasonably
1066 suspects was using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol while
1067 engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride.

1068 (2) Upon the company's receipt of a complaint by a rider alleging a
1069 violation of such policy, the company shall suspend the driver's access
1070 to the company's digital network as soon as possible and conduct an
1071 investigation into the reported incident. The suspension shall last until
1072 completion of the investigation. If the investigation confirms the driver
1073 used or was under the influence of drugs or alcohol while engaged in
1074 the provision of a prearranged ride or while connected to the company's
1075 digital network, the company shall ban the driver's access to the digital
1076 network on a permanent basis.

1077 (3) The company shall maintain all records related to the enforcement
1078 of such policy for a period of not less than three years from the date that
1079 a complaint by a rider is received by the company.

1080 (e) A transportation network company shall adopt a policy that
1081 prohibits a transportation network company driver from providing a
1082 prearranged ride when such driver's ability to operate a transportation
1083 network company motor vehicle is impaired by illness, fatigue or any

1084 other condition that would likely preclude safe operation of such
1085 vehicle.

1086 (f) A transportation network company driver shall: (1) Comply with
1087 all applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination against transportation
1088 network company riders or potential transportation network company
1089 riders on the basis of age, color, creed, destination, intellectual or
1090 physical disability, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation or
1091 gender identity; (2) comply with all applicable laws relating to the
1092 accommodation of service animals and accommodate service animals
1093 without imposing additional charges for such accommodation; (3)
1094 comply with the policies adopted by the transportation network
1095 company pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 13b-
1096 118, as amended by this act, and subsections (d) and (e) of this section;
1097 (4) not impose additional charges for providing prearranged rides to
1098 persons with physical disabilities because of such disabilities; and (5)
1099 not solicit or accept a request for transportation unless the request is
1100 accepted through the transportation network company's digital
1101 network. [For the purposes of this subsection, "service animal" has the
1102 same meaning as provided in section 22-345.]

1103 (g) (1) Any person who holds himself or herself out to be a
1104 transportation network company driver who is not permitted by a
1105 transportation network company to use its digital network shall be
1106 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

1107 (2) The state shall remit to a municipality fifty per cent of the fine
1108 amount received for a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection with
1109 respect to each summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk of the
1110 Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of
1111 the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall,
1112 on or before the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each
1113 year, certify to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter
1114 under this subsection to each municipality served by the office of the
1115 clerk or official.

1116 (h) (1) A transportation network company vehicle shall (A) have four
1117 doors; (B) not be older than twelve model years old; and (C) be designed
1118 to transport no more than eight passengers, including the driver.

1119 (2) Before any motor vehicle is used by a transportation network
1120 company driver as a transportation network company vehicle, and
1121 every two years thereafter, the driver shall certify to the transportation
1122 network company that the following equipment is in good working
1123 order: (A) Foot brakes; (B) emergency brakes; (C) steering mechanism;
1124 (D) windshield; (E) rear window and other glass; (F) windshield wipers;
1125 (G) headlights; (H) tail lights; (I) turn indicator lights; (J) brake lights;
1126 (K) front seat adjustment mechanism; (L) doors; (M) horn; (N)
1127 speedometer; (O) bumpers; (P) muffler and exhaust system; (Q)
1128 condition of tires, including tread depth; (R) interior and exterior
1129 rearview mirrors; and (S) seat safety belts and air bags for driver and
1130 passengers. The transportation network company shall maintain such
1131 certification for not less than three years.

1132 Sec. 22. Subsection (e) of section 13b-117 of the 2026 supplement to
1133 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1134 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

1135 (e) Not later than [January 1, 2026] February 1, 2027, and annually
1136 thereafter, each transportation network company registered in the state
1137 shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Transportation, in a form
1138 and manner prescribed by the commissioner. Each such report shall use
1139 aggregate data from the preceding year and include the following
1140 information: (1) The average fare collected from transportation network
1141 company riders, (2) the total time transportation network company
1142 drivers spent providing prearranged rides, and (3) the total
1143 compensation paid to transportation network company drivers for the
1144 provision of prearranged rides.

1145 Sec. 23. Section 13b-23c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1147 The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a matching grant
1148 program for the purpose of assisting municipalities to modernize
1149 existing traffic signal equipment and operations to (1) make such
1150 equipment and operations capable of utilizing transit signal priority and
1151 responsive to congestion, and [to] (2) reduce idling. Applications shall
1152 be submitted annually to the commissioner at such times and in such
1153 manner as the commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall
1154 develop the eligibility criteria for participation in the program and
1155 determine the amount a municipality shall be required to provide to
1156 match any such grant. The commissioner shall give preference to
1157 applications [submitted by two or more municipalities and establish
1158 incentives for projects undertaken by two or more municipalities]
1159 involving projects located in heavily congested areas.

1160 Sec. 24. Subsection (g) of section 21 of public act 20-1, as amended by
1161 section 344 of public act 22-118 and section 74 of public act 23-205, is
1162 amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

1163 (g) For the Department of Transportation: For construction, repair or
1164 maintenance of highways, roads, bridges, noise barriers or bus and rail
1165 facilities and equipment, not exceeding \$130,000,000, provided not more
1166 than \$75,000,000 shall be used for a matching grant program established
1167 pursuant to section 13b-23c of the general statutes, as amended by this
1168 act, to assist municipalities to modernize existing traffic signal
1169 equipment and operations.

1170 Sec. 25. Section 22a-201d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1171 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

1172 (a) As used in this section, (1) "zero-emission school bus" has the same
1173 meaning as provided in 42 USC 16091(a)(8), as amended from time to
1174 time, (2) "alternative fuel school bus" means a school bus that reduces
1175 emissions and is operated entirely or in part using liquefied natural gas,
1176 compressed natural gas, hydrogen, propane or biofuels, [and (3)
1177 "environmental justice community" has the same meaning as provided
1178 in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a] (3) "distressed municipality" means

1179 a municipality that is a distressed municipality under the provisions of
1180 subsection (b) of section 32-9p on July 1, 2026, (4) "carrier" has the same
1181 meaning as provided in section 14-212, and (5) "biodiesel" has the same
1182 meaning as provided in section 32-324.

1183 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, [(1) on and
1184 after January 1, 2035, one hundred per cent of the school buses that
1185 provide transportation for all school districts in the state shall be zero-
1186 emission school buses or alternative fuel school buses, and (2)] on and
1187 after January 1, 2040, [one hundred] ninety per cent of the school buses
1188 that provide transportation for [all school districts] each school district
1189 in the state shall be zero-emission school buses.

1190 (2) Not later than July 1, 2035, each municipality that is not a
1191 distressed municipality shall submit a plan and schedule to the
1192 commissioner that outlines how such municipality will achieve
1193 compliance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1194 (c) (1) On and after [January 1, 2030, one hundred] July 1, 2035, fifty
1195 per cent of the school buses that provide transportation for [school
1196 districts entirely within an environmental justice community as of July
1197 1, 2022, or in an area that encompasses at least one environmental justice
1198 community as of July 1, 2022,] each school district in a distressed
1199 municipality shall be zero-emission school buses.

1200 (2) Not later than July 1, 2029, each distressed municipality shall
1201 submit a plan and schedule to the Commissioner of Energy and
1202 Environmental Protection that outlines how such distressed
1203 municipality will achieve compliance with the provisions of subdivision
1204 (1) of this subsection.

1205 (d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
1206 consultation with the Connecticut Green Bank, shall establish and
1207 administer a grant program for the purpose of providing [matching] a
1208 portion of the funds necessary for municipalities, school districts and
1209 school bus operators [to submit federal grant applications in order] to

1210 maximize federal, state or other sources of funding or financing for the
1211 purchase or lease of zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle
1212 charging or fueling infrastructure. Applications for such grants shall be
1213 filed with the commissioner at such time and in such manner as the
1214 commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall give preference to
1215 applications concerning the purchase or lease of a zero-emission school
1216 bus that will be operated [primarily in an environmental justice
1217 community. The commissioner shall determine the amount a
1218 municipality, school district or school bus operator shall be required to
1219 provide to match such grant] in a distressed municipality.

1220 (e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
1221 within available funds and appropriations, provide administrative and
1222 technical assistance to municipalities, school districts and school bus
1223 operators that are transitioning to the use of zero-emission school buses,
1224 applying for federal grants for such buses and installing electric vehicle
1225 charging and fueling infrastructure.

1226 Sec. 26. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The executive director of the
1227 Connecticut Port Authority, or the executive director's designee, shall
1228 convene a working group to study and make recommendations
1229 regarding (1) potential state policies and incentives to encourage the
1230 utilization of freight rail and sea lanes and ports for the transportation
1231 of goods within the state, including, but not limited to, construction
1232 materials, metals and industrial materials, agricultural and food
1233 products and municipal solid waste, as defined in section 22a-207 of the
1234 general statutes, (2) opportunities to expand freight rail and port
1235 infrastructure within the state, and (3) the environmental, economic and
1236 transportation impacts of increasing the utilization of freight rail and sea
1237 lanes and ports.

1238 (b) The working group shall consist of the Commissioners of
1239 Transportation, Energy and Environmental Protection and Economic
1240 and Community Development, or the commissioners' respective
1241 designees, and any other member invited to participate by the executive
1242 director of the Connecticut Port Authority, including, but not limited to,

1243 representatives of organizations representing the interests of
1244 manufacturers in the state, representatives of freight rail carriers,
1245 collectors of solid waste and recyclable items and any other member as
1246 deemed necessary by the executive director of the Connecticut Port
1247 Authority. The executive director shall serve as chairperson of the
1248 working group and shall schedule the first meeting of the working
1249 group not later than September 1, 2026.

1250 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the executive director of the
1251 Connecticut Port Authority shall submit, in accordance with the
1252 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of such
1253 study and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
1254 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1255 transportation. The working group shall terminate on the date that the
1256 executive director submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is
1257 later.

1258 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

1259 (1) "Removal" means the clearing of an encampment, or a portion
1260 thereof, by the Department of Transportation or an agent or contractor
1261 of the department and includes, but is not limited to, requiring persons
1262 to vacate the property and collecting, relocating, discarding or disposing
1263 of any structures or materials used for habitation and personal property;

1264 (2) "Encampment" means any outdoor location where one or more
1265 persons sleep or reside using tents, tarps, bedding or other temporary
1266 shelter or structures for the purposes of habitation. "Encampment" does
1267 not include a campground or other location that is designated or
1268 authorized for recreational camping by a federal, state or municipal
1269 agency or by a private property owner and where camping occurs;

1270 (3) "State highway right-of-way" means land owned or controlled by
1271 the Department of Transportation for highway purposes, including the
1272 traveled way, shoulders, medians, slopes, drainage areas and areas
1273 beneath or adjacent to bridges and overpasses. "State highway right-of-

1274 way" does not include any land owned or controlled by the department
1275 improved with a safety rest area, service plaza, bus shelter or commuter
1276 parking facility pursuant to section 13b-29 of the general statutes; and

1277 (4) "Personal property" means an item that can reasonably be
1278 identified as belonging to a person, has apparent value or utility and is
1279 not hazardous.

1280 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, prior to the
1281 removal of an encampment located upon any state highway right-of-
1282 way, the Department of Transportation shall provide at least fourteen
1283 days' written notice that specifies the date and time such removal will
1284 take place and that no person or personal property is permitted to
1285 remain on the state highway right-of-way after such date. The
1286 department shall, at a minimum, post any such notice at the apparent
1287 place of ingress and egress to the encampment and at any apparent
1288 common area of the encampment. Such notice shall be printed in
1289 English and Spanish. When posting such notice, the department may
1290 provide oral or written notice to any person present at the encampment.

1291 (c) The notice required by subsection (b) of this section shall not be
1292 required if the Commissioner of Transportation determines the removal
1293 of an encampment is necessary to respond to any transportation
1294 operations or infrastructure emergency or a public safety emergency.
1295 The commissioner shall document, in writing, the reasons for such
1296 determination.

1297 Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "removal",
1298 "encampment" and "personal property" have the same meanings as
1299 provided in section 27 of this act.

1300 (b) The Commissioners of Transportation and Mental Health and
1301 Addiction Services shall jointly study and make recommendations
1302 regarding best practices and standards to adhere to when responding
1303 to, managing or removing an encampment upon any state highway
1304 right-of-way.

1305 (c) Such study shall, at a minimum, identify: (1) Best practices from
1306 other states or municipalities regarding (A) the provision of advance
1307 notices concerning the removal of an encampment to a person residing
1308 at such encampment, including methods and reasonable timeframes for
1309 providing such notices and the frequency of such notices, and (B) the
1310 treatment of personal property during a removal of an encampment, (2)
1311 procedures for outreach and engagement by trained personnel that
1312 ensure respect for the personal dignity and property of persons at such
1313 encampments, (3) appropriate state and local agencies to offer
1314 immediate assistance and support to such persons for emergency
1315 shelters, transitional housing or permanent housing, social services or
1316 other interventions prior to and during the removal of an encampment,
1317 (4) guidance, training or technical assistance that could be provided to
1318 state and local agencies and municipalities regarding humane and
1319 effective practices for responding to, managing and removing such
1320 encampments, and (5) ways to ensure coordination with the
1321 municipality where the encampment is located, community-based
1322 organizations serving persons experiencing homelessness, local
1323 housing authorities, other local service providers and the local law
1324 enforcement agency, as appropriate, prior to the removal of an
1325 encampment.

1326 (d) Not later than January 15, 2027, the Commissioners of
1327 Transportation and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall jointly
1328 submit, in accordance with provisions of section 11-4a of the general
1329 statutes, the results of such study and any recommendations to the joint
1330 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1331 matters relating to transportation.

1332 Sec. 29. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 15-13 of the general statutes
1333 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1334 *October 1, 2026*):

1335 (c) Each pilot shall, upon the granting of a license, [pay a fee of thirty
1336 dollars to said authority and shall] give a bond of one thousand dollars
1337 to the Treasurer and the Treasurer's successors in office, with surety, to

1338 the acceptance of the authority, conditioned for the faithful performance
1339 of [his or her] such pilot's duties as a pilot, upon which bond suit may
1340 be brought in the name of said Treasurer for the benefit of any person
1341 who may suffer loss or damage, by reason of the ignorance, neglect or
1342 misconduct of such pilot in the discharge of such pilot's duties. [The
1343 authority shall increase such fee by fifty per cent July 1, 1985, by an
1344 additional fifty per cent effective July 1, 1989, by an additional twenty-
1345 five per cent effective July 1, 1991, and by an additional twenty-five per
1346 cent effective July 1, 1993.]

1347 (d) Each license shall expire on the last day of December following its
1348 issuance and may be renewed upon application, [and payment of the
1349 fee required by subsection (c) of this section,] renewal of the bond
1350 required under subsection (c) of this section and proof of current federal
1351 licensure as required in subsection (a) of this section.

1352 Sec. 30. Subsection (d) of section 13b-59 of the general statutes is
1353 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1354 *1, 2026*):

1355 (d) "License, permit and fee revenues" means (1) all fees and other
1356 charges required by, or levied pursuant to sections 12-487, 13b-80 and
1357 13b-97, subsection (b) of section 14-12, sections 14-16a, 14-21c, 14-44h
1358 and 14-44i, subsection (v) of section 14-49, subsections (b) and (f) of
1359 section 14-50, subdivisions (7) to (9), inclusive, of subsection (a) of
1360 section 14-50a, sections 14-52, 14-58, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e) of
1361 section 14-73, sections 14-96q and 14-103a, subsection (a) of section 14-
1362 164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, subsection (d) of section 14-270,
1363 sections 14-319 and 14-320 and sections 13b-410a to 13b-410c, inclusive;
1364 (2) all aeronautics, waterways, and other fees and charges required by,
1365 or levied pursuant to sections 13a-80 and 13a-80a [,] and subsection (b)
1366 of section 13b-42; [and subsections (c) and (d) of section 15-13;] and (3)
1367 all motor vehicle related fines, penalties or other charges, as defined in
1368 subsection (g) of this section;

1369 Sec. 31. Section 14-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1371 (a) Each motor vehicle and the devices on such vehicle shall be
1372 operated, equipped, constructed and adjusted to prevent unnecessary
1373 or unusual noise.

1374 (b) (1) Each motor vehicle operated by an internal combustion engine
1375 shall be equipped, except as hereinafter provided, with a muffler or
1376 mufflers designed to prevent excessive, unusual or unnecessary exhaust
1377 noise. The muffler or mufflers shall be maintained by the owner in good
1378 working order and shall be in use whenever the motor vehicle is
1379 operated.

1380 (2) No person, including a motor vehicle dealer or repairer or a
1381 motorcycle dealer, shall install, and no person shall use, on a motor
1382 vehicle, a muffler or mufflers lacking interior baffle plates or other
1383 effective muffling devices, a gutted muffler, a muffler cutout or a
1384 straight exhaust except when the motor vehicle is operated in a race,
1385 contest or demonstration of speed or skill as a public exhibition
1386 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-164a, or any mechanical device
1387 which will amplify the noise emitted by the vehicle.

1388 (3) No person, including a motor vehicle dealer or repairer or a
1389 motorcycle dealer, shall remove all or part of any muffler on a motor
1390 vehicle except to repair or replace the muffler or part for the more
1391 effective prevention of noise.

1392 (4) No person shall use on the exhaust system or tail pipe of a motor
1393 vehicle any extension or device which will cause excessive or unusual
1394 noise.

1395 (c) The engine of every motor vehicle shall be equipped and adjusted
1396 to prevent excessive fumes or exhaust smoke.

1397 (d) All pipes carrying exhaust gases from the motor shall be
1398 constructed of, and maintained with, leak-proof metal. Exhaust pipes
1399 shall be directed from the muffler or mufflers toward the rear of the

1400 vehicle and shall be approximately parallel with the longitudinal axis of
1401 the vehicle and approximately parallel to the surface of the roadway, or
1402 shall be directed from the muffler upward to a location above the cab or
1403 body of the vehicle so that fumes, gases and smoke are directed away
1404 from the occupants of the vehicle. Exhaust pipes on a passenger vehicle
1405 shall extend to the extreme rear end of the vehicle's body, not including
1406 the bumper and its attachments to the body, or shall be attached to the
1407 vehicle in such a way that the exhaust pipes direct the exhaust gases to
1408 either side of the vehicle ensuring that fresh ambient air is located under
1409 the vehicle at all times. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt
1410 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish
1411 safety standards for passenger vehicles equipped with exhaust pipes
1412 located in front of the rear axle.

1413 (e) Every motor vehicle shall, when operated on a highway, be
1414 equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of emitting
1415 sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than
1416 two hundred feet, but no horn or other warning device shall emit an
1417 unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle.

1418 (f) (1) No vehicle shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use on
1419 a vehicle, any siren, whistle or bell as a warning signal device, except as
1420 otherwise permitted by this section.

1421 (2) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal
1422 device which is so arranged that it cannot be used by the driver as an
1423 ordinary warning signal.

1424 (3) Any authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren,
1425 whistle or bell, capable of emitting sound audible under normal
1426 conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred feet and of a
1427 type approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such signal shall
1428 not be used unless the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency
1429 call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the
1430 law, in which event the driver of the vehicle shall sound the signal when
1431 reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the

1432 approach of the vehicle.

1433 (g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
1434 fined one [hundred fifty] thousand dollars for each offense.

1435 Sec. 32. Section 14-296aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1436 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1437 (a) For purposes of this section: [, the following terms have the
1438 following meanings:

1439 (1) "Mobile telephone" means a cellular, analog, wireless or digital
1440 telephone capable of sending or receiving telephone communications
1441 without an access line for service.

1442 (2) "Using" or "use" means holding a hand-held mobile telephone to,
1443 or in the immediate proximity of, the user's ear.

1444 (3) "Hand-held mobile telephone" means a mobile telephone with
1445 which a user engages in a call using at least one hand.

1446 (4) "Hands-free accessory" means an attachment, add-on, built-in
1447 feature, or addition to a mobile telephone, whether or not permanently
1448 installed in a motor vehicle, that, when used, allows the vehicle operator
1449 to maintain both hands on the steering wheel.

1450 (5) "Hands-free mobile telephone" means a hand-held mobile
1451 telephone that has an internal feature or function, or that is equipped
1452 with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of
1453 such hand-held mobile telephone, by which a user engages in a call
1454 without the use of either hand, whether or not the use of either hand is
1455 necessary to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.

1456 (6) "Engage in a call" means talking into or listening on a hand-held
1457 mobile telephone, but does not include holding a hand-held mobile
1458 telephone to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.

1459 (7) "Immediate proximity" means the distance that permits the

1460 operator of a hand-held mobile telephone to hear telecommunications
1461 transmitted over such hand-held mobile telephone, but does not require
1462 physical contact with such operator's ear.]

1463 (1) "Hands-free mode" means the operation of a mobile electronic
1464 device by which a user engages in a voice communication or receives
1465 audio without touching or holding such device, except to activate,
1466 deactivate or initiate with a single touch or swipe of the user's hand.

1467 ~~[(8)]~~ (2) "Mobile electronic device" means any hand-held or other
1468 portable electronic equipment capable of providing data
1469 communication between two or more persons, including, but not
1470 limited to, a mobile telephone, a text messaging device, a paging device,
1471 a personal digital assistant, a laptop computer, equipment that is
1472 capable of playing a video game or a digital video disk, [or] equipment
1473 on which digital photographs are taken or transmitted, equipment to
1474 display a video or moving image or any combination thereof. [, but]
1475 "Mobile electronic device" does not include any audio equipment or any
1476 equipment installed in a motor vehicle for the purpose of providing
1477 navigation, emergency assistance to the operator of such motor vehicle
1478 or video entertainment to the passengers in the rear seats of such motor
1479 vehicle.

1480 ~~[(9)]~~ (3) "Operating a motor vehicle" means operating a motor vehicle
1481 on any highway, [as defined in section 14-1,] including being
1482 temporarily stationary due to traffic, road conditions or a traffic control
1483 sign or signal, but not including being parked on the side or shoulder of
1484 any highway where such vehicle is safely able to remain stationary.

1485 (4) "Highway", "commercial motor vehicle" and "authorized
1486 emergency vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-
1487 1, as amended by this act.

1488 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and
1489 subsections (c) and (d) of this section, no person shall operate a motor
1490 vehicle upon a highway [, as defined in section 14-1, while using a hand-

1491 held mobile telephone to engage in a call or while using] while (A)
1492 holding or supporting a mobile electronic device [. An operator of a
1493 motor vehicle who types, sends or reads a text message with a hand-
1494 held mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a
1495 motor vehicle shall be in violation of this section, except that if] with any
1496 part of such person's body; (B) using a mobile electronic device, unless
1497 such device is being used in a hands-free mode; (C) reading, viewing or
1498 typing a text message or other nonvoice message or communication on
1499 a mobile electronic device; or (D) a video or moving image on a mobile
1500 electronic device or an installed screen or other device of a similar nature
1501 is visible to such person while seated in the normal operating position,
1502 unless such video or moving image is (i) a map generated by a
1503 navigation system or application on such device or screen and such
1504 device or screen is mounted on or affixed to the motor vehicle's
1505 windshield, dashboard or center console in a manner that does not
1506 impede the operation of the motor vehicle, or (ii) used to assist such
1507 person while backing or parking, to enhance or supplement such
1508 person's view of the roadway or to assist such person in object detection.
1509 If such operator is driving a commercial motor vehicle, [as defined in
1510 section 14-1,] such operator shall be charged with a violation of
1511 subsection (e) of this section.

1512 [(2) An operator of a motor vehicle who holds a hand-held mobile
1513 telephone to, or in the immediate proximity of, his or her ear while
1514 operating a motor vehicle is presumed to be engaging in a call within
1515 the meaning of this section. The presumption established by this
1516 subdivision is rebuttable by evidence tending to show that the operator
1517 was not engaged in a call.]

1518 [(3)] (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as
1519 authorizing the seizure or forfeiture of [a hand-held mobile telephone
1520 or] a mobile electronic device, unless otherwise provided by law.

1521 [(4) Subdivision] (3) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this
1522 subsection shall not apply to: (A) [The use of a hand-held mobile
1523 telephone] Holding or using a mobile electronic device for the sole

1524 purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an
1525 emergency situation: An emergency response operator; a hospital,
1526 physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company; a fire
1527 department; or a police department, [or] (B) any of the following
1528 persons while in the performance of their official duties and within the
1529 scope of their employment: A peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9)
1530 of section 53a-3, a firefighter or an operator of an ambulance or
1531 authorized emergency vehicle [, as defined in section 14-1,] or a member
1532 of the armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 27-103,
1533 while operating a military vehicle, or (C) [the use of] using a hand-held
1534 radio by a person with an amateur radio station license issued by the
1535 Federal Communications Commission in emergency situations for
1536 emergency purposes only. [, or (D) the use of a hands-free mobile
1537 telephone.]

1538 (c) No [person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other
1539 electronic device, including those with hands-free accessories, or a
1540 mobile electronic device, while operating] school bus operator shall
1541 operate a school bus that is carrying passengers [, except that this
1542 subsection shall not apply when such person: (1) Places an emergency
1543 call to school officials; (2)] while using a mobile electronic device,
1544 including when such device is in hands-free mode, unless such school
1545 bus operator: (1) Holds or uses a hand-held mobile telephone as
1546 [provided in] permitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision [(4)] (3)
1547 of subsection (b) of this section; [(3)] (2) uses a [hand-held mobile
1548 telephone or] mobile electronic device in a manner similar to a two-way
1549 radio to allow real-time communication with a school official, an
1550 emergency response operator, a hospital, physician's office or health
1551 clinic, an ambulance company, a fire department or a police department;
1552 or [(4)] (3) uses a mobile electronic device with a video display, provided
1553 such device (A) is used as a global positioning system or to provide
1554 navigation, (B) is securely attached inside the school bus near such
1555 [person] operator, and (C) has been approved for such use by the
1556 Department of Motor Vehicles.

1557 (d) No person under eighteen years of age shall [use any hand-held
1558 mobile telephone, including one with a hands-free accessory, or]
1559 operate a motor vehicle upon a highway while using a mobile electronic
1560 device, [while operating a motor vehicle on a public highway] including
1561 when such device is in hands-free mode, except as [provided in]
1562 permitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision [(4)] (3) of subsection
1563 (b) of this section.

1564 (e) No person shall [use a hand-held mobile telephone or other
1565 electronic device or type, read or send text or a text message with or
1566 from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a
1567 commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, except for the
1568 purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an
1569 emergency situation: An emergency response operator; a hospital;
1570 physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company; a fire
1571 department or a police department] operate a commercial motor vehicle
1572 in violation of the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
1573 section, except as permitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3)
1574 of subsection (b) of this section.

1575 (f) Except as provided in subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this
1576 section, no person shall (1) engage in any activity not related to the
1577 actual operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that interferes with the
1578 safe operation of such vehicle on any highway, [as defined in section 14-
1579 1] or (2) fail to maintain a proper lookout while operating a motor
1580 vehicle.

1581 (g) Any law enforcement officer who issues a summons for a
1582 violation of this section shall record on such summons the specific
1583 nature of any distracted driving behavior observed by such officer.

1584 (h) Any person who violates this section shall be fined two hundred
1585 dollars for a first violation, three hundred seventy-five dollars for a
1586 second violation and six hundred twenty-five dollars for a third or
1587 subsequent violation.

1588 (i) An operator of a motor vehicle who commits a moving violation,
1589 as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-111g, while engaged in any
1590 activity prohibited by this section shall be fined in accordance with
1591 subsection (h) of this section, in addition to any penalty or fine imposed
1592 for the moving violation.

1593 (j) The state shall remit to a municipality twenty-five per cent of the
1594 fine amount received for a violation of this section with respect to each
1595 summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk of the Superior Court
1596 or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior
1597 Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on or before
1598 the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each year, certify
1599 to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this
1600 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or
1601 official.

1602 (k) A record of any violation of this section shall appear on the
1603 driving history record or motor vehicle record, as defined in section 14-
1604 10, of any person who commits such violation, and the record of such
1605 violation shall be available to any motor vehicle insurer in accordance
1606 with the provisions of section 14-10.

1607 Sec. 33. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the 2026
1608 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1609 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1610 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously
1611 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or whose
1612 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two
1613 years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the
1614 applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, a
1615 motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner
1616 as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to
1617 operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant has applied,
1618 has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor vehicles to
1619 ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory

1620 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
1621 road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle
1622 operator's license shall include a question concerning highway work
1623 zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle
1624 under section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less
1625 than one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile
1626 [telephones and] electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the
1627 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa, as
1628 amended by this act. If any such applicant has held a license from a state,
1629 territory or possession of the United States where a similar examination
1630 is required, the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination.
1631 If any such applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two
1632 years after the date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such
1633 discharge, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the
1634 same class as that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member
1635 of the armed forces or the National Guard who currently holds a
1636 military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for
1637 which such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of
1638 the examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle
1639 license, the commissioner shall waive the driving skills test for such
1640 applicant and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive the
1641 knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant meets the
1642 conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time. For
1643 the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" and "armed forces" have the
1644 same meanings as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner
1645 is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the
1646 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or
1647 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and
1648 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to
1649 operate.

1650 Sec. 34. Subdivision (88) of section 14-1 of the 2026 supplement to the
1651 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1652 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1653 (88) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the
1654 following offenses: (A) Excessive speeding, involving a single offense in
1655 which the speed is fifteen miles per hour or more above the posted
1656 speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219; (B) reckless driving
1657 in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too closely in violation of
1658 section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic lane changes, in
1659 violation of section 14-236; (E) using a [hand-held mobile telephone or
1660 other electronic device or typing, reading or sending text or a text
1661 message with or from a mobile telephone or] mobile electronic device in
1662 violation of subsection (e) of section 14-296aa, as amended by this act,
1663 while operating a commercial motor vehicle; (F) driving a commercial
1664 motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license in violation of
1665 section 14-36a or 14-44a; (G) failure to carry a commercial driver's
1666 license in violation of section 14-44a; (H) failure to have the proper class
1667 of license or endorsement, or violation of a license restriction in violation
1668 of section 14-44a; or (I) a violation of any provision of chapter 248, by an
1669 operator who holds a commercial driver's license or learner's permit that
1670 results in the death of another person;

1671 Sec. 35. Subdivision (15) of subsection (a) of section 42-110x of the
1672 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1673 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1674 (15) "Video game console" (A) means any computing device,
1675 including, but not limited to, any console machine, handheld console
1676 device or similar device or system, that is primarily used by consumers
1677 to play video games, (B) includes, but is not limited to, the components
1678 and peripherals of any computing device described in subparagraph (A)
1679 of this subdivision, and (C) does not include any (i) general or all-
1680 purpose computing device, (ii) desktop, laptop or tablet computer, or
1681 (iii) [hand-held] mobile telephone. [, as defined in section 14-296aa.]

1682 Sec. 36. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
1683 study and make recommendations regarding parking access challenges
1684 faced by home health agencies, as defined in section 19a-490 of the
1685 general statutes, while delivering services in residential settings. Such

1686 study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an assessment of
1687 parking restrictions, time limits, permit requirements and enforcement
1688 practices affecting home health agencies, (2) an analysis of geographic
1689 areas in the state where parking limitations most significantly impact
1690 the delivery of home health care services, and (3) a review of parking
1691 accommodation programs in other jurisdictions, including temporary
1692 permits and designated home health agency parking and enforcement
1693 exemptions.

1694 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

1695 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
1696 one of whom is an employee of a home health agency and one of whom
1697 has expertise in municipal parking policy or enforcement;

1698 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
1699 whom is a member of a local traffic authority of a municipality with a
1700 population of one hundred thousand or more, as determined by the
1701 most recent decennial census, and one of whom has expertise in
1702 municipal planning, transportation or urban policy;

1703 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
1704 Representatives, who is a representative of a home health care agency,
1705 as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes;

1706 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
1707 member of a municipal parking authority;

1708 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
1709 Representatives, who is a representative of an association representing
1710 the interests of home health agencies;

1711 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
1712 representative of a state-wide organization representing the interests of
1713 municipalities; and

1714 (7) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a

1715 representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of patients
1716 receiving home health care services and one of whom is a representative
1717 of a labor organization representing home health agency workers.

1718 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
1719 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
1720 of the General Assembly.

1721 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
1722 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
1723 be filled by the appointing authority.

1724 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
1725 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
1726 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
1727 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
1728 days after the effective date of this section.

1729 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
1730 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1731 transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

1732 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
1733 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
1734 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1735 transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
1736 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
1737 submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

1738 *Sec. 37. (Effective from passage)* (a) For the purposes of supporting the
1739 administration of section 22a-201d of the general statutes, as amended
1740 by this act, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
1741 shall establish a working group to evaluate and make recommendations
1742 regarding the increased use of alternative fuels and technologies,
1743 including, but not limited to, biodiesel, propane and electric school
1744 buses, for use in school bus fleets in the state.

1745 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
1746 the commissioner's designee, shall convene and serve as chairperson of
1747 the working group. The working group shall include the following
1748 members: (1) The Commissioners of Public Health, Education and
1749 Transportation, or the commissioners' respective designees; (2) the chief
1750 executive officer of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the chief executive
1751 officer's designee, (3) one representative of a school transportation
1752 provider operating in the state; (4) one representative of a municipality
1753 or local or regional board of education; (5) one representative of the
1754 alternative fuels industry; (6) one representative of an environmental
1755 organization with expertise in air quality; (7) one representative of a
1756 state-wide or regional coalition with expertise in clean transportation
1757 and alternative fuel deployment; and (8) such other individuals as the
1758 commissioner deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the working
1759 group.

1760 (c) The working group shall:

1761 (1) Review the use of alternative fuels and technologies, including,
1762 but not limited to, biodiesel, propane and electric school buses, in school
1763 bus fleets in the state and other jurisdictions. Such review shall include
1764 identifying relevant case studies and best practices;

1765 (2) Evaluate the technical, operational, environmental and economic
1766 considerations associated with the expanded use of alternative fuels and
1767 technologies in school bus fleets, including, but not limited to: (A)
1768 Emissions performance, including impacts on criteria air pollutants and
1769 greenhouse gas emissions; (B) fuel availability and supply constraints;
1770 (C) costs and potential cost savings, including lifecycle costs; (D)
1771 operational performance, including performance in cold weather
1772 conditions; (E) impacts on engine durability and maintenance; (F)
1773 manufacturer warranty considerations; (G) fuel procurement and
1774 contracting practices for school districts and school transportation
1775 providers; and (H) a comparative assessment of such alternative fuels
1776 and technologies, including, but not limited to, renewable diesel and
1777 zero-emission school buses, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22a-

1778 201d of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

1779 (3) Identify pathways and barriers to the adoption of alternative fuels
1780 and technologies in school bus fleets, including infrastructure,
1781 contractual, regulatory and economic considerations;

1782 (4) Develop recommendations to support the increased use of
1783 biodiesel where appropriate, including potential incentive structures,
1784 funding mechanisms and procurement strategies; and

1785 (5) Evaluate the role of alternative fuels as a transitional strategy
1786 toward the deployment of zero-emission school buses, including
1787 impacts on the state's greenhouse reduction goals established in section
1788 22a-200a of the general statutes.

1789 (d) Not later than February 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
1790 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
1791 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
1792 of matters relating to the environment, energy and technology and
1793 transportation. Such report shall include the findings and
1794 recommendations of the working group, including any
1795 recommendations for regulatory or legislative action.

1796 (e) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
1797 provide administrative staff support to the working group.

1798 (f) The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits the
1799 report required under subsection (d) of this section, or February 1, 2027,
1800 whichever is later.

1801 Sec. 38. Section 38 of public act 25-65 is repealed. (*Effective from*
1802 *passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4a-67d(d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4b-13a(c)

Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4b-77
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	PA 25-90, Sec. 2
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	7-152c(c)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	3-6a
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13b-46
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13b-31h
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	PA 24-151, Sec. 63
Sec. 18	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	13b-116(8) to (11)
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	13b-118(a)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13b-118(c)
Sec. 21	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	13b-119
Sec. 22	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	13b-117(e)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13b-23c
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	PA 20-1, Sec. 21(g)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	22a-201d
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	15-13(c) and (d)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	13b-59(d)
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-80
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-296aa
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-36(e)(3)
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-1(88)
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-110x(a)(15)
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