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(As Amended)

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (j) of section 14-307c of the 2026 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

6 (j) The following defenses shall be available to the owner of a motor
7 vehicle who is alleged to have committed a violation of such ordinance
8 adopted under this section: (1) The operator was driving an emergency
9 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of
10 subsection (b) of section 14-283; (2) the traffic control signal was
11 inoperative, which is observable on the recorded images; (3) the

12 violation was necessary in order for the operator to comply with an
13 order or direction from a law enforcement officer, which is observable
14 on the recorded images; (4) the violation was necessary to allow the
15 passage of an authorized emergency vehicle, which is observable on the
16 recorded images; (5) the violation took place during a period of time in
17 which the motor vehicle had been reported as being stolen to a law
18 enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, and had not been
19 recovered prior to the time of the violation; [or] (6) the automated traffic
20 enforcement safety device was not in compliance with the calibration
21 check required pursuant to subsection (h) of this section; (7) the
22 municipality failed to install the signs required pursuant to
23 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this section at
24 the time of the violation; or (8) such required signs were materially
25 damaged, obscured or illegible at the time of the violation such that a
26 reasonable motor vehicle operator would not be adequately notified of
27 the presence of such automated traffic enforcement safety device.

28 Sec. 502. Section 14-307e of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

30 (a) (1) A municipality's plan concerning the use of automated traffic
31 enforcement safety devices in the municipality shall identify the
32 proposed locations of such devices and include documentation that
33 such proposed locations comply with the guidelines developed
34 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-307d. The municipality shall
35 conduct a public hearing regarding any such plan prior to submission
36 and, by vote of its legislative body or, in a municipality where the
37 legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of the board of selectmen,
38 shall submit such plan to the Department of Transportation, in such
39 form as the department may prescribe. Notice of any such public
40 hearing shall be given by publication in accordance with the provisions
41 of section 1-2.

42 (2) Not later than sixty days after the date a plan is received by the
43 department, the department shall determine if the plan is likely to
44 improve traffic safety at the proposed locations and the distribution of

45 such devices throughout the municipality is equitable, and shall
46 approve or disapprove the plan, in whole or in part. If the department
47 disapproves any such plan, in whole or in part, the department shall
48 provide a written explanation of the reason for such disapproval and
49 guidance to revise such plan for resubmission. Any such disapproval
50 shall not preclude the submission of a revised plan.

51 (3) The approval of a municipality's initial plan shall be valid for a
52 period of three years from the date the first automated traffic
53 enforcement safety device becomes operational in the municipality and,
54 thereafter, the approval of any subsequent plan shall be valid for a
55 period of three years from the date of approval.

56 (b) A municipality operating automated traffic enforcement safety
57 devices pursuant to an approved plan that has not yet expired may
58 submit to the Department of Transportation a modification to such plan
59 to propose the use of such devices at additional locations, in the same
60 manner as described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.
61 The department shall approve or disapprove any such modification, in
62 whole or in part, in the same manner as described in subdivision (2) of
63 subsection (a) of this section. The approval of any such modification
64 shall expire on the date the approved plan expires.

65 (c) (1) A municipality that seeks to continue to use automated traffic
66 enforcement safety devices after such expiration shall submit a
67 subsequent plan to the Department of Transportation for approval. Such
68 subsequent plan may include some or all of the previously approved
69 locations for such devices and propose new locations for such devices.
70 The municipality shall conduct a public hearing regarding such
71 subsequent plan prior to its submission to the department and, by vote
72 of its legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is
73 a town meeting, by vote of the board of selectman, submit to the
74 department such subsequent plan and supporting documentation in
75 accordance with the guidelines issued pursuant to subsection (b) of
76 section 14-307d. Notice of any such public hearing shall be given by
77 publication in accordance with the provisions of section 1-2. Supporting

78 documentation for any subsequent plan shall include, but need not be
 79 limited to: (A) Evidence that the devices used by the municipality at
 80 locations identified in a prior plan improved traffic safety, (B) a
 81 description of how any proposed new locations comply with the
 82 guidelines developed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-307d, and
 83 (C) records that the funds received by the municipality from fines
 84 imposed pursuant to an ordinance adopted under this section were
 85 expended in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section
 86 14-307c.

87 (2) Not later than sixty days after the date a subsequent plan and
 88 supporting documentation is received by the department, the
 89 department shall determine: (A) If the subsequent plan is likely to
 90 improve traffic safety at the proposed locations, (B) if the subsequent
 91 plan includes a location previously equipped with an automated traffic
 92 enforcement safety device, whether the use of such device improved
 93 traffic safety at such location, and (C) if the distribution of such devices
 94 throughout the municipality is equitable, and shall approve or
 95 disapprove the plan, in whole or in part. The department shall not
 96 approve any part of a plan that includes a location previously equipped
 97 with an automated traffic enforcement safety device unless the
 98 department determines the use of such device improved traffic safety at
 99 such location.

100 (d) In no event shall a municipality use, install or operate an
 101 automated traffic enforcement safety device unless such use, installation
 102 or operation complies with the provisions of a plan approved by the
 103 Department of Transportation and the approval of such plan is
 104 effective."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2026	14-307c(j)
Sec. 502	July 1, 2026	14-307e