

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND USE OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) A person may operate  
2 a low-speed vehicle on a highway with an established speed limit of not  
3 more than twenty-five miles per hour, unless the traffic authority of any  
4 town, city or borough and the Office of State Traffic Administration, as  
5 provided in section 14-298 of the general statutes, prohibits or limits the  
6 operation of low-speed vehicles on any highway under the jurisdiction  
7 of such traffic authority or office.

8 (b) No person may operate a low-speed vehicle unless such vehicle is  
9 equipped in accordance with the requirements of sections 14-80 to 14-  
10 106b, inclusive, of the general statutes, except insofar as any  
11 requirement of said sections is inapplicable to or inconsistent with, the  
12 design and equipment standards for low-speed vehicles as required by  
13 49 CFR 571.500, as amended from time to time.

14 (c) Any person who operates a low-speed vehicle in violation of any  
15 provision of this section shall have committed an infraction.

16 Sec. 2. Section 14-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

18 (a) Except as provided in section 14-166, the provisions of this chapter  
19 shall apply to all motor vehicles at the time of initial registration or when  
20 a change of registration is required under the provisions of section 14-16

21 by reason of a sale for consideration.

22 (b) The commissioner shall not require an application for a certificate  
23 of title upon the renewal of the registration of a vehicle.

24 (c) The commissioner shall note on the face of the registration of each  
25 vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued a statement to that  
26 effect.

27 (d) The commissioner shall not issue a certificate of title for a  
28 homemade low-speed vehicle or golf cart that has been retrofitted from  
29 the original manufacturer's specifications to qualify as a low-speed  
30 vehicle.

31 Sec. 3. Section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

33 Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless  
34 another construction is clearly apparent from the language or context in  
35 which the term is used or unless the construction is inconsistent with  
36 the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

37 (1) "Activity vehicle" means a student transportation vehicle that is  
38 used to transport students in connection with school-sponsored events  
39 and activities, but is not used to transport students to and from school;

40 (2) "Agricultural tractor" means a tractor or other form of  
41 nonmuscular motive power used for transporting, hauling, plowing,  
42 cultivating, planting, harvesting, reaping or other agricultural purposes  
43 on any farm or other private property, or used for the purpose of  
44 transporting, from one farm to another, agricultural implements and  
45 farm products, provided the agricultural tractor is not used on any  
46 highway for transporting a pay load or for some other commercial  
47 purpose;

48 (3) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor  
49 vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of

50 historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original  
51 manufacturer's specifications;

52 (4) "Apparent candle power" means an illumination equal to the  
53 normal illumination in foot candles produced by any lamp or lamps,  
54 divided by the square of the distance in feet between the lamp or lamps  
55 and the point at which the measurement is made;

56 (5) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department  
57 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) an authorized emergency medical  
58 services vehicle, as defined in section 19a-175;

59 (6) "Autocycle" means a motor vehicle that meets the requirements of  
60 a motorcycle under 49 CFR Part 571, and (A) does not have more than  
61 three wheels in contact with the ground, (B) is designed to be controlled  
62 with a steering mechanism and foot pedals for acceleration, braking or  
63 shifting, (C) has a seat or seats that are fully or partially enclosed and in  
64 which the occupants sit with their legs forward, and (D) is equipped  
65 with safety belts, in accordance with section 14-100a, for all occupants;

66 (7) "Auxiliary driving lamp" means an additional lighting device on  
67 a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the general illumination  
68 in front of a motor vehicle provided by the motor vehicle's head lamps;

69 (8) "Bulb" means a light source consisting of a glass bulb containing a  
70 filament or substance capable of being electrically maintained at  
71 incandescence;

72 (9) "Camp trailer" includes any trailer designed for living or sleeping  
73 purposes and used exclusively for camping or recreational purposes;

74 (10) "Camp trailer registration" means the type of registration issued  
75 to any trailer that is for nonbusiness use and is limited to camp trailers  
76 and utility trailers;

77 (11) "Camp vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is regularly used  
78 to transport persons under eighteen years of age in connection with the

79 activities of any youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420;

80 (12) "Camper" means any motor vehicle designed or permanently  
81 altered in such a way as to provide temporary living quarters for travel,  
82 camping or recreational purposes;

83 (13) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with  
84 a motor that engages only when the rider operates the electric bicycle's  
85 foot pedals, and disengages when the rider stops pedaling or such  
86 electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour;

87 (14) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with  
88 a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle, and  
89 disengages when the brakes are applied or such electric bicycle reaches  
90 the speed of twenty miles per hour;

91 (15) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with  
92 a motor that engages only when the rider operates the electric bicycle's  
93 foot pedals, and disengages when the rider stops pedaling or such  
94 electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour;

95 (16) "Combination registration" means the type of registration issued  
96 to a motor vehicle used for both private passenger and commercial  
97 purposes if such vehicle does not have a gross vehicle weight rating in  
98 excess of twelve thousand five hundred pounds;

99 (17) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a license issued to  
100 an individual in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-44a to 14-  
101 44m, inclusive, which authorizes such individual to drive a commercial  
102 motor vehicle;

103 (18) "Commercial driver's license information system" or "CDLIS"  
104 means the national database of holders of commercial driver's licenses  
105 established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
106 pursuant to Section 12007 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act  
107 of 1986;

108 (19) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designed or used to  
109 transport passengers or property, except a vehicle used for farming  
110 purposes in accordance with 49 CFR 383.3(d), fire fighting apparatus or  
111 an emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-283, or a recreational  
112 vehicle in private use, which (A) has a gross vehicle weight rating of  
113 twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, or a gross combination  
114 weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more, inclusive  
115 of a towed unit or units with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than  
116 ten thousand pounds; (B) is designed to transport sixteen or more  
117 passengers, including the driver, or is designed to transport more than  
118 ten passengers, including the driver, and is used to transport students  
119 under the age of twenty-one years to and from school; or (C) is  
120 transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in  
121 accordance with 49 CFR 172, Subpart F, as amended, or any quantity of  
122 a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR Part 73;

123 (20) "Commercial registration" means the type of registration  
124 required for any motor vehicle designed or used to transport  
125 merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business  
126 enterprise, unless a more specific type of registration is authorized and  
127 issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

128 (21) "Commercial trailer" means a trailer used in the conduct of a  
129 business to transport freight, materials or equipment whether or not  
130 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

131 (22) "Commercial trailer registration" means the type of registration  
132 issued to any commercial trailer;

133 (23) "Commissioner" includes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
134 and any assistant to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles who is  
135 designated and authorized by, and who is acting for, the Commissioner  
136 of Motor Vehicles under a designation; except that the deputy  
137 commissioners of motor vehicles and the Attorney General are deemed,  
138 unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles otherwise provides, to be  
139 designated and authorized by, and acting for, the Commissioner of

140 Motor Vehicles under a designation;

141 (24) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as provided in  
142 section 21a-240 and the federal laws and regulations incorporated in  
143 chapter 420b;

144 (25) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a  
145 determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the  
146 law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative  
147 tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure  
148 the person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or  
149 violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or  
150 not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated;

151 (26) "Dealer" includes any person actively engaged in buying, selling  
152 or exchanging motor vehicles or trailers who has an established place of  
153 business in this state and who may, incidental to such business, repair  
154 motor vehicles or trailers, or cause them to be repaired by persons in his  
155 or her employ;

156 (27) "Disqualification" means a withdrawal of the privilege to drive a  
157 commercial motor vehicle, which occurs as a result of (A) any  
158 suspension, revocation, or cancellation by the commissioner of the  
159 privilege to operate a motor vehicle; (B) a determination by the Federal  
160 Highway Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier  
161 safety contained in 49 CFR 386, as amended from time to time, that a  
162 person is no longer qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle  
163 under the standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended from time to  
164 time; or (C) the loss of qualification which follows any of the convictions  
165 or administrative actions specified in section 14-44k;

166 (28) "Drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a  
167 motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle being towed by another;

168 (29) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in physical  
169 control of a commercial motor vehicle, or who is required to hold a

170 commercial driver's license;

171 (30) "Driver's license" or "operator's license" means a valid  
172 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a license issued by  
173 another state or foreign jurisdiction authorizing the holder thereof to  
174 operate a motor vehicle on the highways;

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

179 (32) "Electric foot scooter" means a device (A) that weighs not more  
180 than seventy-five pounds, (B) that has two or three wheels, handlebars  
181 and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, (C) that is  
182 powered by an electric motor and human power, and (D) whose  
183 maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level  
184 surface, is not more than twenty miles per hour;

185 (33) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,  
186 including full-time, regularly employed drivers, casual, intermittent or  
187 occasional drivers, drivers under contract and independent owner-  
188 operator contractors, who, while in the course of operating a commercial  
189 motor vehicle, are either directly employed by, or are under contract to,  
190 an employer;

191 (34) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a  
192 state or any political subdivision thereof, who owns or leases a  
193 commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial  
194 motor vehicle;

195 (35) "Farm implement" means a vehicle designed and adapted  
196 exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising operations  
197 and which is not operated on a highway for transporting a pay load or  
198 for any other commercial purpose;

199 (36) "Felony" means any offense, as defined in section 53a-25 and

200 includes any offense designated as a felony under federal law;

201 (37) "Fatality" means the death of a person as a result of a motor  
202 vehicle accident;

203 (38) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than a state of  
204 the United States;

205 (39) "Fuels" means (A) all products commonly or commercially  
206 known or sold as gasoline, including casinghead and absorption or  
207 natural gasoline, regardless of their classification or uses, (B) any liquid  
208 prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and  
209 commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, which,  
210 when subjected to distillation in accordance with the standard method  
211 of test for distillation of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene and similar  
212 petroleum products by "American Society for Testing Materials Method  
213 D-86", shows not less than ten per cent distilled (recovered) below 347°  
214 Fahrenheit (175° Centigrade) and not less than ninety-five per cent  
215 distilled (recovered) below 464° Fahrenheit (240° Centigrade); provided  
216 the term "fuels" does not include commercial solvents or naphthas  
217 which distill, by "American Society for Testing Materials Method D-86",  
218 not more than nine per cent at 176° Fahrenheit and which have a  
219 distillation range of 150° Fahrenheit, or less, or liquefied gases which  
220 would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit and a  
221 pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute, and (C) any liquid  
222 commonly referred to as "gasohol" which is prepared, advertised,  
223 offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and commercially used, as  
224 a fuel in internal combustion engines, consisting of a blend of gasoline  
225 and a minimum of ten per cent by volume of ethyl or methyl alcohol;

226 (40) "Garage" includes every place of business where motor vehicles  
227 are, for compensation, received for housing, storage or repair;

228 (41) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value  
229 specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a  
230 single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a



231 combination (articulated) vehicle commonly referred to as the "gross  
232 combination weight rating" or GCWR is the GVWR of the power unit  
233 plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

234 (42) "Gross weight" means the light weight of a vehicle plus the  
235 weight of any load on the vehicle, provided, in the case of a tractor-  
236 trailer unit, "gross weight" means the light weight of the tractor plus the  
237 light weight of the trailer or semitrailer plus the weight of the load on  
238 the vehicle;

239 (43) "Hazardous materials" has the same meaning as provided in 49  
240 CFR 383.5;

241 (44) "Head lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the front of a  
242 motor vehicle projecting a high intensity beam which lights the road in  
243 front of the vehicle so that it can proceed safely during the hours of  
244 darkness;

245 (45) "High-mileage vehicle" means a motor vehicle having the  
246 following characteristics: (A) Not less than three wheels in contact with  
247 the ground; (B) a completely enclosed seat on which the driver sits; (C)  
248 a single or two cylinder, gasoline or diesel engine or an electric-powered  
249 engine; and (D) efficient fuel consumption;

250 (46) "Highway" includes any state or other public highway, road,  
251 street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway, place or dedicated roadway  
252 for bus rapid transit service, under the control of the state or any  
253 political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to  
254 public travel or other use;

255 (47) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition that  
256 presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe  
257 personal injury or a substantial endangerment to health, property, or the  
258 environment may occur before the reasonably foreseeable completion  
259 date of a formal proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness,  
260 injury or endangerment;

261 (48) "Intersecting highway" includes any public highway which joins  
262 another at an angle whether or not it crosses the other;

263 (49) "Light weight" means the weight of an unloaded motor vehicle  
264 as ordinarily equipped and ready for use, exclusive of the weight of the  
265 operator of the motor vehicle;

266 (50) "Limited access highway" means a state highway so designated  
267 under the provisions of section 13b-27;

268 (51) "Local authorities" includes the board of aldermen, common  
269 council, chief of police, warden and burgesses, board of selectmen or  
270 other officials having authority for the enactment or enforcement of  
271 traffic regulations within their respective towns, cities or boroughs;

272 (52) "Low-speed vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in 49  
273 CFR 571.3, as amended from time to time;

274 [(52)] (53) "Maintenance vehicle" means any vehicle in use by the state  
275 or by any town, city, borough or district, any state bridge or parkway  
276 authority or any public service company, as defined in section 16-1, in  
277 the maintenance of public highways or bridges and facilities located  
278 within the limits of public highways or bridges;

279 [(53)] (54) "Manufacturer" means (A) a person, whether a resident or  
280 nonresident, engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new  
281 motor vehicles of a type required to be registered by the commissioner,  
282 for operation upon any highway, except a utility trailer, which are  
283 offered for sale in this state, or (B) a person who distributes new motor  
284 vehicles to new car dealers licensed in this state;

285 [(54)] (55) "Median divider" means an intervening space or physical  
286 barrier or clearly indicated dividing section separating traffic lanes  
287 provided for vehicles proceeding in opposite directions;

288 [(55)] (56) "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
289 twenty years old or older which has been modified for safe road use,

290 including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive train,  
291 suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus;

292 [(56)] (57) "Motor bus" includes any motor vehicle, except a taxicab,  
293 as defined in section 13b-95, operated in whole or in part on any street  
294 or highway in a manner affording a means of transportation by  
295 indiscriminately receiving or discharging passengers, or running on a  
296 regular route or over any portion of a regular route or between fixed  
297 termini;

298 [(57)] (58) "Motor home" means a vehicular unit designed to provide  
299 living quarters and necessary amenities which are built into an integral  
300 part of, or permanently attached to, a truck or van chassis;

301 [(58)] (59) "Motor-driven cycle" means any of the following vehicles  
302 that have a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a motor  
303 having a capacity of less than fifty cubic centimeters piston  
304 displacement: (A) A motorcycle, other than an auticycle; (B) a motor  
305 scooter; or (C) a bicycle with attached motor, except an electric bicycle;

306 [(59)] (60) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by  
307 any nonmuscular power, [except] including a low-speed vehicle. "Motor  
308 vehicle" does not include aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage  
309 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities,  
310 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by persons with  
311 physical disabilities at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour, golf  
312 carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing from one  
313 part of the golf course to another, golf-cart-type vehicles operated on  
314 roads or highways on the grounds of state institutions by state  
315 employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles as run  
316 only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers and  
317 lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were  
318 designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour,  
319 whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment,  
320 motor-driven cycles, as defined in section 14-286, special mobile  
321 equipment, as defined in section 14-165, mini-motorcycles, as defined in

322 section 14-289j, electric bicycles, electric foot scooters and any other  
323 vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway;

324 [(60)] (61) "Motorcycle" means (A) an auticycle, as defined in this  
325 section, or (B) a motor vehicle, with or without a side car, that has (i) not  
326 more than three wheels in contact with the ground, (ii) a saddle or seat  
327 which the rider straddles or a platform on which the rider stands, and  
328 (iii) handlebars with which the rider controls the movement of the  
329 vehicle. "Motorcycle" does not include a motor-driven cycle, an electric  
330 bicycle or an electric foot scooter;

331 [(61)] (62) "National Driver Registry" or "NDR" means the licensing  
332 information system and database operated by the National Highway  
333 Traffic Safety Administration and established pursuant to the National  
334 Driver Registry Act of 1982, as amended;

335 [(62)] (63) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, the equitable  
336 or legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer,  
337 distributor or dealer to an ultimate consumer;

338 [(63)] (64) "Nonresident" means any person whose legal residence is  
339 in a state other than Connecticut or in a foreign country;

340 [(64)] (65) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or "nonresident  
341 CDL" means a commercial driver's license issued by a state to an  
342 individual who resides in a foreign jurisdiction;

343 [(65)] (66) "Nonskid device" means any device applied to the tires,  
344 wheels, axles or frame of a motor vehicle for the purpose of increasing  
345 the traction of the motor vehicle;

346 [(66)] (67) "Number plate" means any sign or marker furnished by the  
347 commissioner on which is displayed the registration number assigned  
348 to a motor vehicle by the commissioner;

349 [(67)] (68) "Officer" includes any constable, state marshal, inspector of  
350 motor vehicles, state policeman or other official authorized to make

351 arrests or to serve process, provided the officer is in uniform or displays  
352 the officer's badge of office in a conspicuous place when making an  
353 arrest;

354 [(68)] (69) "Operator" means any person who operates a motor vehicle  
355 or who steers or directs the course of a motor vehicle being towed by  
356 another motor vehicle and includes a driver;

357 [(69)] (70) "Out-of-service order" means an order (A) issued by a  
358 person having inspection authority, as defined in regulations adopted  
359 by the commissioner pursuant to section 14-163c, or by an authorized  
360 official of the United States Department of Transportation Federal  
361 Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to any provision of  
362 federal law, to prohibit any motor vehicle specified in subsection (a) of  
363 section 14-163c from being operated on any highway, or to prohibit a  
364 driver from operating any such motor vehicle, or (B) issued by the  
365 United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier  
366 Safety Administration, pursuant to any provision of federal law, to  
367 prohibit any motor carrier, as defined in Section 386.2 of Title 49 of the  
368 Code of Federal Regulations, from engaging in commercial motor  
369 vehicle operations;

370 [(70)] (71) "Owner" means any person holding title to a motor vehicle,  
371 or having the legal right to register the same, including purchasers  
372 under conditional bills of sale;

373 [(71)] (72) "Parked vehicle" means a motor vehicle in a stationary  
374 position within the limits of a public highway;

375 [(72)] (73) "Passenger and commercial motor vehicle" means a motor  
376 vehicle used for private passenger and commercial purposes which is  
377 eligible for combination registration;

378 [(73)] (74) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for  
379 the private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,  
380 designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, with a capacity of

381 carrying not more than ten passengers including the operator thereof;

382 [(74)] (75) "Passenger registration" means the type of registration  
383 issued to a passenger motor vehicle unless a more specific type of  
384 registration is authorized and issued by the commissioner for such class  
385 of vehicle;

386 [(75)] (76) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited  
387 liability company, association, copartnership, company, firm, business  
388 trust or other aggregation of individuals but does not include the state  
389 or any political subdivision thereof, unless the context clearly states or  
390 requires;

391 [(76)] (77) "Pick-up truck" means a motor vehicle with an enclosed  
392 forward passenger compartment and an open rearward compartment  
393 used for the transportation of property;

394 [(77)] (78) "Pneumatic tires" means tires inflated or inflatable with air;

395 [(78)] (79) "Pole trailer" means a trailer which is (A) intended for  
396 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, logs, pipes  
397 or structural members, which loads are capable of sustaining  
398 themselves as beams between supporting connections, and (B) designed  
399 to be drawn by a motor vehicle and attached or secured directly to the  
400 motor vehicle by any means including a reach, pole or boom;

401 [(79)] (80) "Public passenger endorsement" means an endorsement  
402 issued to an individual, which authorizes such individual to transport  
403 passengers, including, but not limited to, passengers who are students  
404 in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of section 14-36a;

405 [(80)] (81) "Recreational vehicle" includes the camper, camp trailer  
406 and motor home classes of vehicles;

407 [(81)] (82) "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle  
408 registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with such  
409 registration;

410 [(82)] (83) "Registration number" means the identifying number or  
411 letters, or both, assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

412 [(83)] (84) "Resident", for the purpose of registering motor vehicles,  
413 includes any person who is a legal resident of this state, as the  
414 commissioner may presume from the fact that such person occupies a  
415 place of dwelling in this state for more than six months in a year, or any  
416 person, firm or corporation owning or leasing a motor vehicle used or  
417 operated in intrastate business in this state, or a firm or corporation  
418 having its principal office or place of business in this state;

419 [(84)] (85) "School bus" means any school bus, as defined in section  
420 14-275, including a commercial motor vehicle used to transport  
421 preschool, elementary school or secondary school students from home  
422 to school, from school to home, or to and from school-sponsored events,  
423 but does not include a bus used as a common carrier;

424 [(85)] (86) "Second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an  
425 offense committed not more than three years after the date of an arrest  
426 which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same  
427 statutory provision, except in the case of a violation of section 14-215,  
428 14-224, 14-227a or 14-227m, "second" violation or "subsequent" violation  
429 means an offense committed not more than ten years after the date of an  
430 arrest which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same  
431 statutory provision;

432 [(86)] (87) "Semitrailer" means any trailer type vehicle designed and  
433 used in conjunction with a motor vehicle so that some part of its own  
434 weight and load rests on or is carried by another vehicle;

435 [(87)] (88) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the  
436 following offenses: (A) Excessive speeding, involving a single offense in  
437 which the speed is fifteen miles per hour or more above the posted  
438 speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219; (B) reckless driving  
439 in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too closely in violation of  
440 section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic lane changes, in

441 violation of section 14-236; (E) using a hand-held mobile telephone or  
442 other electronic device or typing, reading or sending text or a text  
443 message with or from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device in  
444 violation of subsection (e) of section 14-296aa while operating a  
445 commercial motor vehicle; (F) driving a commercial motor vehicle  
446 without a valid commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-36a  
447 or 14-44a; (G) failure to carry a commercial driver's license in violation  
448 of section 14-44a; (H) failure to have the proper class of license or  
449 endorsement, or violation of a license restriction in violation of section  
450 14-44a; or (I) a violation of any provision of chapter 248, by an operator  
451 who holds a commercial driver's license or instruction permit that  
452 results in the death of another person;

453 [(88)] (89) "Service bus" includes any vehicle except a vanpool vehicle  
454 or a school bus designed and regularly used to carry ten or more  
455 passengers when used in private service for the transportation of  
456 persons without charge to the individual;

457 [(89)] (90) "Service car" means any motor vehicle used by a  
458 manufacturer, dealer or repairer for emergency motor vehicle repairs on  
459 the highways of this state, for towing or for the transportation of  
460 necessary persons, tools and materials to and from the scene of such  
461 emergency repairs or towing;

462 [(90)] (91) "Shoulder" means that portion of a highway immediately  
463 adjacent and contiguous to the travel lanes or main traveled portion of  
464 the roadway;

465 [(91)] (92) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber, or other elastic material  
466 approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, which do not depend  
467 on confined air for the support of the load;

468 [(92)] (93) "Spot lamp" or "spot light" means a lighting device  
469 projecting a high intensity beam, the direction of which can be readily  
470 controlled for special or emergency lighting as distinguished from  
471 ordinary road illumination;



472 [(93)] (94) "State" means any state of the United States and the District  
473 of Columbia unless the context indicates a more specific reference to the  
474 state of Connecticut;

475 [(94)] (95) "Stop" means complete cessation of movement;

476 [(95)] (96) "Student" means any person under the age of twenty-one  
477 years who is attending a preprimary, primary or secondary school  
478 program of education;

479 [(96)] (97) "Tail lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the rear of a  
480 motor vehicle showing a red light to the rear and indicating the presence  
481 of the motor vehicle when viewed from behind;

482 [(97)] (98) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle  
483 designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank that  
484 is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its  
485 chassis, which includes, but is not limited to, a cargo tank and portable  
486 tank, as defined in 49 CFR 383.5, as amended, provided it does not  
487 include a portable tank with a rated capacity not to exceed one thousand  
488 gallons;

489 [(98)] (99) "Tractor" or "truck tractor" means a motor vehicle designed  
490 and used for drawing a semitrailer;

491 [(99)] (100) "Tractor-trailer unit" means a combination of a tractor and  
492 a trailer or a combination of a tractor and a semitrailer;

493 [(100)] (101) "Trailer" means any rubber-tired vehicle without motive  
494 power drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle;

495 [(101)] (102) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used or  
496 maintained primarily for the transportation of property;

497 [(102)] (103) "Ultimate consumer" means, with respect to a motor  
498 vehicle, the first person, other than a dealer, who in good faith purchases  
499 the motor vehicle for purposes other than resale;

500 [(103)] ~~(104)~~ "United States" means the fifty states and the District of  
501 Columbia;

502 [(104)] ~~(105)~~ "Used motor vehicle" includes any motor vehicle which  
503 has been previously separately registered by an ultimate consumer;

504 [(105)] ~~(106)~~ "Utility trailer" means a trailer designed and used to  
505 transport personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not  
506 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

507 [(106)] ~~(107)~~ "Vanpool vehicle" includes all motor vehicles, the  
508 primary purpose of which is the daily transportation, on a prearranged  
509 nonprofit basis, of individuals between home and work, and which: (A)  
510 If owned by or leased to a person, or to an employee of the person, or to  
511 an employee of a local, state or federal government unit or agency  
512 located in Connecticut, are manufactured and equipped in such manner  
513 as to provide a seating capacity of at least seven but not more than  
514 fifteen individuals, or (B) if owned by or leased to a regional ride-  
515 sharing organization in the state recognized by the Commissioner of  
516 Transportation, are manufactured and equipped in such manner as to  
517 provide a seating capacity of at least six but not more than nineteen  
518 individuals;

519 [(107)] ~~(108)~~ "Vehicle" includes any device suitable for the  
520 conveyance, drawing or other transportation of persons or property,  
521 whether operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other  
522 means. The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human  
523 power or devices used exclusively on tracks;

524 [(108)] ~~(109)~~ "Vehicle identification number" or "VIN" means a series  
525 of Arabic numbers and Roman letters that is assigned to each new motor  
526 vehicle that is manufactured within or imported into the United States,  
527 in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR 565, unless another  
528 sequence of numbers and letters has been assigned to a motor vehicle  
529 by the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-  
530 149;

531        [(109)] (110) "Wrecker" means a vehicle which is registered, designed,  
532 equipped and used for the purposes of towing or transporting wrecked  
533 or disabled motor vehicles for compensation or for related purposes by  
534 a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions  
535 of subpart (D) of part III of this chapter or a vehicle contracted for the  
536 consensual towing or transporting of one or more motor vehicles to or  
537 from a place of sale, purchase, salvage or repair.

538        Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 14-390f of the  
539 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
540 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

541        (1) "All-terrain vehicle" means any three or more wheeled motorized  
542 vehicle, generally characterized by large, low-pressure tires, a seat  
543 designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering,  
544 which is intended for off-road use by an individual rider on various  
545 types of nonpaved terrain. [Such vehicles do] "All-terrain vehicle" does  
546 not include trail bikes, golf carts, agricultural tractors, farm implements,  
547 [and] construction machines and low-speed vehicles;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-169
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-1
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-390f(a)(1)