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AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, VISION ZERO COUNCIL, SPEED LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES, FINES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, THE GREENWAYS COMMEMORATIVE ACCOUNT AND MAINTENANCE WORK ZONE AND SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-300 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2021*):

4 (c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-300c, at any
5 crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any
6 unmarked crosswalk, provided such crosswalks are not controlled by
7 police officers or traffic control signals, each operator of a vehicle shall
8 grant the right-of-way, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so
9 grant the right-of-way, to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within
10 such crosswalk. [, provided such pedestrian steps off the curb or into the
11 crosswalk at the entrance to a crosswalk or is within that half of the
12 roadway upon which such operator of a vehicle is traveling, or such
13 pedestrian steps off the curb or into the crosswalk at the entrance to a

14 crosswalk or is crossing the roadway within such crosswalk from that
15 half of the roadway upon which such operator is not traveling.] For the
16 purposes of this subsection, a pedestrian is "crossing the roadway
17 within such crosswalk" when the pedestrian (1) is within any portion of
18 the crosswalk, (2) steps to the curb at the entrance to the crosswalk and
19 indicates his or her intent to cross the roadway by raising his or her hand
20 and arm toward oncoming traffic, or (3) indicates his or her intent to
21 cross the roadway by moving any part of his or her body or an extension
22 thereof, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, cane, walking stick,
23 crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart or leashed or
24 harnessed dog, into the crosswalk at the entrance to the crosswalk. No
25 operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass
26 any vehicle, the operator of which has stopped at any crosswalk marked
27 as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any unmarked crosswalk
28 to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway. The operator of any vehicle
29 crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to each pedestrian and
30 all other traffic upon such sidewalk.

31 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Vision Zero
32 Council to develop a state-wide policy and interagency approach to
33 eliminate all transportation-related fatalities and severe injuries to
34 pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists and passengers. The
35 council shall consider ways to improve transportation safety across all
36 modes of transportation by using data, new partnerships, safe planning
37 and community-based solutions to achieve the goal of zero
38 transportation-related fatalities.

39 (b) The council shall consist of the Commissioners of Transportation,
40 Motor Vehicles and Energy and Environmental Protection, or their
41 designees, and any other commissioner of a state agency, or such
42 commissioner's designee, invited to participate by the Commissioners
43 of Transportation, Motor Vehicles and Energy and Environmental
44 Protection. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's
45 designee shall serve as chairperson of the council and shall schedule the
46 first meeting of the council not later than September 1, 2021. The
47 Department of Transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the

48 council.

49 (c) On or before February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the council
50 shall submit the state-wide policy and interagency approach and any
51 other recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
52 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in
53 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

54 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 14-311 of the general statutes is
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
56 *1, 2021*):

57 (d) In determining the advisability of such certification, the Office of
58 the State Traffic Administration shall include, in its consideration,
59 highway safety, bicycle and pedestrian access and safety, the width and
60 character of the highways affected, the density of traffic thereon, the
61 character of such traffic and the opinion and findings of the traffic
62 authority of the municipality wherein the development is located. The
63 Office of the State Traffic Administration may require improvements to
64 be made by the applicant to the extent that such improvements address
65 impacts to highway safety or bicycle and pedestrian access and safety
66 created by the addition of the applicant's proposed development or
67 activity. If the Office of the State Traffic Administration determines that
68 such improvements, including traffic signals, pavement markings,
69 channelization, pavement widening or other changes or traffic control
70 devices, are required to handle traffic safely and efficiently, one
71 hundred per cent of the cost thereof shall be borne by the person
72 building, establishing or operating such open air theater, shopping
73 center or other development generating large volumes of traffic, except
74 that such cost shall not be borne by any municipal agency. The
75 Commissioner of Transportation may issue a permit to said person to
76 construct or install the changes required by the Office of the State Traffic
77 Administration.

78 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
79 section, "moving traffic" includes, but is not limited to, a motor vehicle

80 using a highway for the purpose of travel and a pedestrian or a person
81 riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric foot scooter on a
82 sidewalk, shoulder or bikeway for the purpose of travel, and "bikeway"
83 has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 13a-153f
84 of the general statutes.

85 (b) No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on a highway
86 unless the door can be opened with reasonable safety and without
87 impeding moving traffic.

88 (c) No person shall leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle
89 adjacent to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to
90 load or unload passengers.

91 (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have
92 committed an infraction.

93 Sec. 5. Section 51-56a of the general statutes is repealed and the
94 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

95 (a) Each clerk of the Supreme Court and Superior Court shall account
96 for and pay or deposit all fees, fines, forfeitures and contributions made
97 to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund and the proceeds of
98 judgments of such clerk's office in the manner provided by section 4-32.
99 If any such clerk fails to so account and pay or deposit, such failure shall
100 be reported by the Treasurer to the Chief Court Administrator who may
101 thereupon remove the clerk. When any such clerk dies before so
102 accounting and paying or depositing, the Treasurer shall require the
103 executor of such clerk's will or administrator of such clerk's estate to so
104 account. If any such clerk is removed from office, the Treasurer shall
105 require such clerk to account for any money of the state remaining in
106 such clerk's hands at the time of such removal and, if such clerk neglects
107 to so account, the Treasurer shall certify the neglect to the Chief Court
108 Administrator.

109 (b) (1) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the
110 violations occurred all amounts received in respect to the violation of

111 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-251, as
112 amended by this act, 14-252, 14-253a and 14-305 to 14-308, inclusive, the
113 violation of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or section 14-219, as
114 amended by this act, that was detected and recorded by an automated
115 traffic enforcement safety device in the pilot program established
116 pursuant to section 21 of this act, or the violation of any regulation
117 adopted thereunder or ordinance enacted in accordance therewith, and
118 (2) in the case of the municipalities ranked one to eight, inclusive, when
119 all municipalities are ranked from highest to lowest in population, based
120 on the most recent federal decennial census, the state shall remit to the
121 municipality in which the violations occurred fifty per cent of the fine
122 amounts received in respect to the violation of section 14-250b, or any
123 ordinance enacted in accordance therewith. Each clerk of the Superior
124 Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the
125 Superior Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on
126 or before the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each
127 year, certify to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter
128 under this subsection to each municipality served by the office of the
129 clerk or official, provided prior to the institution of court proceedings, a
130 city, town or borough shall have the authority to collect and retain all
131 proceeds from parking violations committed within the jurisdiction of
132 such city, town or borough.

133 (c) For the purpose of providing additional funds for municipal and
134 state police training, each person who pays in any sum as (1) a fine or
135 forfeiture for any violation of section 14-12, 14-215, 14-219, as amended
136 by this act, 14-222, as amended by this act, 14-224, 14-225, 14-227a, 14-
137 227m, 14-227n, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269 or 14-283, as amended by this act,
138 or (2) a fine or forfeiture for any infraction, shall pay an additional fee
139 of one dollar for each eight dollars or fraction thereof of the amount such
140 person is required to pay, except if such payment is made for violation
141 of such a section which is deemed to be an infraction, such additional
142 fee shall be only on the first eighty-eight dollars of such fine or
143 forfeiture. Such additional fee charged shall be deposited in the General
144 Fund.

145 (d) Each person who pays in any sum as a fine or forfeiture for any
146 violation of sections 14-218a, as amended by this act, 14-219, as amended
147 by this act, 14-222, as amended by this act, 14-223, 14-227a, 14-227m, 14-
148 227n, sections 14-230 to 14-240, inclusive, sections 14-241 to 14-249,
149 inclusive, section 14-279 for the first offense, sections 14-289b, 14-299,
150 14-300, as amended by this act, 14-300d, sections 14-301 to 14-303,
151 inclusive, section 4 of this act or any regulation adopted under said
152 sections or ordinance enacted in accordance with said sections shall pay
153 an additional fee of [twenty] twenty-five dollars. The state shall remit to
154 the municipalities in which the violations occurred the amounts paid
155 under this subsection. Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief
156 Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior Court
157 designated by the Chief Court Administrator, on or before the thirtieth
158 day of January, April, July and October in each year, shall certify to the
159 Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this
160 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or
161 official.

162 (e) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the violation
163 occurred all fine amounts received in respect to the violation of section
164 14-279 after crediting twelve per cent of such fine amounts to the Special
165 Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 and crediting
166 eight per cent of such fine amounts to the General Fund. Each clerk of
167 the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other
168 official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court
169 Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April, July
170 and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount due for
171 the previous quarter under this subsection to each municipality served
172 by the office of the clerk or official.

173 (f) The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall not
174 apply to a violation of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or section
175 14-219, as amended by this act, that was detected and recorded by an
176 automated traffic enforcement safety device in the pilot program
177 established pursuant to section 21 of this act.

178 Sec. 6. Section 14-251 of the general statutes is repealed and the
179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

180 (a) No vehicle shall be permitted to remain stationary within ten feet
181 of any fire hydrant, or upon the traveled portion of any highway except
182 upon the right-hand side of such highway in the direction in which such
183 vehicle is headed; and, if such highway is curbed, such vehicle shall be
184 so placed that its right-hand wheels, when stationary, shall, when safety
185 will permit, be within a distance of twelve inches from the curb, except
186 if a bikeway, as defined in section 13a-153f, or such bikeway's buffer
187 area, as described in the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
188 Devices, is in place between the parking lane and the curb, such vehicle
189 shall be so placed that its right-hand wheels, when stationary, shall,
190 when safety will permit, be within a distance of twelve inches from the
191 edge of such bikeway or buffer area.

192 (b) No vehicle shall be permitted to remain parked within twenty-
193 five feet of an intersection or an approach to a marked crosswalk, [at
194 such intersection,] except within ten feet of such intersection or marked
195 crosswalk if such intersection or marked crosswalk has a curb extension
196 treatment with a width equal to or greater than the width of the parking
197 lane and such intersection is located in and comprised entirely of
198 highways under the jurisdiction of the city of New Haven, or within
199 twenty-five feet of a stop sign caused to be erected by the traffic
200 authority in accordance with the provisions of section 14-301, except
201 where permitted by the traffic authority of the city of New Haven at the
202 intersection of one-way streets located in and comprised entirely of
203 highways under the jurisdiction of the city of New Haven.

204 (c) No vehicle shall be permitted to remain stationary upon the
205 traveled portion of any highway at any curve or turn or at the top of any
206 grade where a clear view of such vehicle may not be had from a distance
207 of at least one hundred fifty feet in either direction. The Commissioner
208 of Transportation may post signs upon any highway at any place where
209 the keeping of a vehicle stationary is dangerous to traffic, and the
210 keeping of any vehicle stationary contrary to the directions of such signs

211 shall be a violation of this section. No vehicle shall be permitted to
212 remain stationary upon the traveled portion of any highway within fifty
213 feet of the point where another vehicle, which had previously stopped,
214 continues to remain stationary on the opposite side of the traveled
215 portion of the same highway. No vehicle shall be permitted to remain
216 stationary within the limits of a public highway in such a manner as to
217 constitute a traffic hazard or obstruct the free movement of traffic
218 thereon, provided a vehicle which has become disabled to such an
219 extent that it is impossible or impracticable to remove it may be
220 permitted to so remain for a reasonable time for the purpose of making
221 repairs thereto or of obtaining sufficient assistance to remove it.

222 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to emergency
223 vehicles and to maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights or to
224 prohibit a vehicle from stopping, or being held stationary by any officer,
225 in an emergency to avoid accident or to give a right-of-way to any
226 vehicle or pedestrian as provided in this chapter, or from stopping on
227 any highway within the limits of an incorporated city, town or borough
228 where the parking of vehicles is regulated by local ordinances.

229 (e) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

230 Sec. 7. Section 14-218a of the general statutes is repealed and the
231 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

232 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public highway
233 of the state, or road of any specially chartered municipal association or
234 any district organized under the provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of
235 which is the construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or
236 on any parking area as defined in section 14-212, or upon a private road
237 on which a speed limit has been established in accordance with this
238 subsection, or upon any school property, at a rate of speed greater than
239 is reasonable, having regard to the width, traffic and use of highway,
240 road or parking area, the intersection of streets and weather conditions.
241 The Office of the State Traffic Administration may determine speed
242 limits which are reasonable and safe on any state highway, bridge or

243 parkway built or maintained by the state, and differing limits may be
244 established for different types of vehicles, and may erect or cause to be
245 erected signs indicating such speed limits. [The] Except as provided in
246 subsection (c) of this section and section 8 of this act, the traffic authority
247 of any town, city or borough may establish speed limits on streets,
248 highways and bridges or in any parking area for ten cars or more or on
249 any private road wholly within the municipality under its jurisdiction;
250 provided such limit on streets, highways, bridges and parking areas for
251 ten cars or more shall become effective only after application for
252 approval thereof has been submitted in writing to the Office of the State
253 Traffic Administration and a certificate of such approval has been
254 forwarded by the office to the traffic authority; and provided such signs
255 giving notice of such speed limits shall have been erected as the Office
256 of the State Traffic Administration directs, provided the erection of such
257 signs on any private road shall be at the expense of the owner of such
258 road. The presence of such signs adjacent to or on the highway or
259 parking area for ten cars or more shall be prima facie evidence that they
260 have been so placed under the direction of and with the approval of the
261 Office of the State Traffic Administration. Approval of such speed limits
262 may be revoked by the Office of the State Traffic Administration at any
263 time if said office deems such revocation to be in the interest of public
264 safety and welfare, and thereupon such speed limits shall cease to be
265 effective and any signs that have been erected shall be removed. Any
266 speed in excess of [such limits] a speed limit established in accordance
267 with this section or section 8 of this act, other than speeding as provided
268 for in section 14-219, as amended by this act, shall be prima facie
269 evidence that such speed is not reasonable, but the fact that the speed of
270 a vehicle is lower than such [limits] speed limit shall not relieve the
271 operator from the duty to decrease speed when a special hazard exists
272 with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or
273 highway conditions.

274 (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration shall establish a
275 speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour on any multiple lane, limited
276 access highways that are suitable for a speed limit of sixty-five miles per

277 hour, taking into consideration relevant factors including design,
278 population of area and traffic flow.

279 (c) (1) The traffic authority of any town, city or borough may establish
280 or modify speed limits on streets, highways and bridges or in any
281 parking area for ten cars or more wholly within the municipality under
282 its jurisdiction without approval from the Office of the State Traffic
283 Administration, provided the traffic authority (A) establishes, modifies
284 and maintains the speed limits on all streets, highways and bridges and
285 in parking areas for ten cars or more wholly within the municipality
286 under its jurisdiction, (B) conducts an engineering study described in
287 subdivision (2) of this subsection, (C) notifies the office in writing of the
288 intention of the traffic authority to assume responsibility and authority
289 for establishing speed limits on municipally owned highways, and (D)
290 notifies the Department of Transportation of each change to a speed
291 limit on a municipally owned highway so the department may maintain
292 a state-wide inventory of speed limits. Any speed limit approved by the
293 office pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall
294 remain in effect until modified by such traffic authority. The traffic
295 authority shall not establish or modify a speed limit lower than twenty
296 miles per hour unless the speed limit is established or modified in a
297 pedestrian safety zone pursuant to section 8 of this act or the
298 engineering study described in subdivision (2) of this subsection
299 indicates that a speed limit lower than twenty-five miles per hour is
300 reasonable. If the traffic authority reduces a speed limit by more than
301 ten miles per hour, the traffic authority shall erect signs that shall read
302 as follows: "REDUCED SPEED LIMIT AHEAD".

303 (2) Prior to establishing or modifying a speed limit pursuant to the
304 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the traffic authority shall
305 conduct an engineering study in accordance with the Federal Highway
306 Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets
307 and Highways, as amended from time to time, and other generally
308 accepted engineering principles and guidance. The study shall be
309 completed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state
310 and shall consider factors, including, but not limited to, pedestrian

311 activity, type of land use and development, parking and the record of
312 traffic accidents in the jurisdiction of the traffic authority.

313 (3) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may adopt
314 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
315 implement the provisions of this subsection.

316 [(c)] (d) Any person who operates a motor vehicle at a greater rate of
317 speed than is reasonable, other than speeding, as provided for in section
318 14-219, as amended by this act, shall commit the infraction of traveling
319 unreasonably fast.

320 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The traffic authority of any
321 town, city or borough may establish a pedestrian safety zone on any
322 streets, highways and bridges or in any parking area for ten cars or more
323 wholly within the municipality under its jurisdiction, provided (1) the
324 traffic authority conducts an engineering study described in subsection
325 (b) of this subsection, (2) the posted speed limit for such zone is not less
326 than fifteen miles per hour, (3) such zone encompasses a clearly defined
327 downtown district or community center frequented by pedestrians, and
328 (4) if the traffic authority reduces the speed limit by more than ten miles
329 per hour, the traffic authority erects signs that read as follows:
330 "REDUCED SPEED LIMIT AHEAD".

331 (b) Prior to establishing a pedestrian safety zone, the traffic authority
332 shall conduct an engineering study in accordance with the Federal
333 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
334 for Streets and Highways, as amended from time to time, and other
335 generally accepted engineering principles and guidance. The study shall
336 be completed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state
337 and shall consider factors, including, but not limited to, pedestrian
338 activity, type of land use and development, parking and the record of
339 traffic crashes in the area under consideration to be a pedestrian safety
340 zone. If the study recommends the establishment of a pedestrian safety
341 zone, the study shall also include a speed management plan and
342 recommend actions to achieve lower motor vehicle speeds.

343 (c) In a municipality where the Office of the State Traffic
344 Administration approves speed limits on the streets, highways and
345 bridges or in any parking area for ten cars or more within the
346 municipality in accordance with section 14-218a of the general statutes,
347 as amended by this act, the traffic authority shall notify the Office of the
348 State Traffic Administration in writing of the establishment of any
349 pedestrian safety zone and confirm that the requirements of this section
350 have been satisfied.

351 (d) If the Commissioner of Transportation or a traffic authority of any
352 town, city or borough seeks to establish a pedestrian safety zone on a
353 state highway that passes through a downtown or community center,
354 the commissioner or traffic authority shall submit a written request to
355 the Office of State Traffic Administration and include with such request
356 the engineering study and speed management plan conducted pursuant
357 to subsection (b) of this section. The Office of the State Traffic
358 Administration shall be the sole authority for establishing a pedestrian
359 safety zone on a state highway and shall provide a written explanation
360 of the reasons for denying any such request.

361 (e) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may adopt
362 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
363 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

364 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
365 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
366 *1, 2021*):

367 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,
368 no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway of this
369 state or private road on which a speed limit has been established in
370 accordance with [subsection (a) of] section 14-218a, as amended by this
371 act, or section 8 of this act, until such person has obtained a motor
372 vehicle operator's license.

373 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-219 of the general statutes
374 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

375 October 1, 2021):

376 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle (1) upon any highway,
377 road or any parking area for ten cars or more, at such a rate of speed as
378 to endanger the life of any occupant of such motor vehicle, but not the
379 life of any other person than such an occupant; (2) at a rate of speed
380 greater than fifty-five miles per hour upon any highway other than a
381 highway specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a, as amended by
382 this act, for which a speed limit has been established in accordance with
383 the provisions of said subsection; (3) at a rate of speed greater than sixty-
384 five miles per hour upon any highway specified in subsection (b) of
385 section 14-218a, as amended by this act, for which a speed limit has been
386 established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection; or (4)
387 if such person is under eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road
388 for which a speed limit of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been
389 established in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a, as
390 amended by this act, or section 8 of this act, at a rate of speed more than
391 twenty miles per hour above such speed limit.

392 (b) Any person who operates a motor vehicle (1) on a multiple lane,
393 limited access highway other than a highway specified in subsection (b)
394 of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, for which a speed limit has
395 been established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection at
396 a rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour but not greater than
397 seventy miles per hour, (2) on a multiple lane, limited access highway
398 specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, for
399 which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the
400 provisions of said subsection at a rate of speed greater than sixty-five
401 miles per hour but not greater than seventy miles per hour, (3) on any
402 other highway at a rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour
403 but not greater than sixty miles per hour, or (4) if such person is under
404 eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road for which a speed limit
405 of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been established in accordance
406 with subsection (a) of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or section
407 8 of this act, at a rate of speed more than twenty miles per hour above
408 such speed limit, shall commit an infraction, provided any such person

409 operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, shall have committed a
410 violation and shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more
411 than one hundred fifty dollars.

412 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-222 of the general statutes is
413 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
414 *1, 2021*):

415 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public
416 highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal
417 association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter
418 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads
419 and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any
420 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance
421 with the provisions of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or section
422 8 of this act or upon any school property recklessly, having regard to the
423 width, traffic and use of such highway, road, school property or parking
424 area, the intersection of streets and the weather conditions. The
425 operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or parking
426 area for ten cars or more at such a rate of speed as to endanger the life
427 of any person other than the operator of such motor vehicle, or the
428 operation, downgrade, upon any highway, of any motor vehicle with a
429 commercial registration with the clutch or gears disengaged, or the
430 operation knowingly of a motor vehicle with defective mechanism, shall
431 constitute a violation of the provisions of this section. The operation of
432 a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or parking area for ten
433 cars or more at a rate of speed greater than eighty-five miles per hour
434 shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this section.

435 Sec. 12. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-283 of the
436 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
437 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

438 (b) (1) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (A) park or stand
439 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (B) except as
440 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, proceed past any red light

441 or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or stopping to
442 the extent necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle, (C) exceed
443 the posted speed limits or other speed limits imposed by or pursuant to
444 section 14-218a, as amended by this act, [or] 14-219, as amended by this
445 act, or section 8 of this act as long as such operator does not endanger
446 life or property by so doing, and (D) disregard statutes, ordinances or
447 regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specific
448 directions.

449 Sec. 13. Section 53a-213 of the general statutes is repealed and the
450 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

451 (a) A person is guilty of drinking while operating a motor vehicle
452 when he drinks any alcoholic liquor while operating a motor vehicle
453 upon a public highway of this state or upon any road of any specially
454 chartered municipal association or of any district organized under the
455 provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the construction and
456 maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars
457 or more, or upon any private road on which a speed limit has been
458 established in accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a, as
459 amended by this act, or section 8 of this act or upon any school property.
460 As used in this section, "alcoholic liquor" has the same meaning as
461 provided in section 30-1.

462 (b) Drinking while operating a motor vehicle is a class C
463 misdemeanor.

464 Sec. 14. Subsection (h) of section 14-296aa of the general statutes is
465 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
466 *1, 2021*):

467 (h) Any person who violates this section shall be fined [one] two
468 hundred [fifty] dollars for a first violation, three hundred seventy-five
469 dollars for a second violation and [five] six hundred twenty-five dollars
470 for a third or subsequent violation.

471 Sec. 15. Section 14-21i of the general statutes is repealed and the

472 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

473 (a) [On and after January 1, 1998, the] The Commissioner of Motor
474 Vehicles shall issue greenways commemorative number plates of a
475 design to enhance public awareness of, [the] and provide funding for,
476 state and local efforts to preserve, restore and protect greenways. The
477 design shall be determined by agreement between the Commissioner of
478 Energy and Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor
479 Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates except as official
480 registration marker plates.

481 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall [establish, by
482 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged]
483 charge a fee of fifty dollars for a greenways commemorative number
484 [plates] plate, with letters and numbers selected by the commissioner,
485 in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a
486 motor vehicle. [The fee shall be for such number plates with letters and
487 numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The
488 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher fee for: (1) Such
489 number plates which contain letters in place of numbers as authorized
490 by section 14-49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued
491 under said section; and (2) such number plates which are low number
492 plates, in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees
493 prescribed for plates issued under said section.] The commissioner shall
494 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the
495 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,
496 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,
497 and thirty-five dollars of such fee into the greenways commemorative
498 account established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

499 (2) The commissioner shall charge a fee of seventy dollars for a
500 greenways commemorative number plate that (A) contains letters in
501 place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49, or (B) is a low number
502 plate in accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees
503 prescribed for plates issued under said sections. The commissioner shall
504 deposit fifteen dollars of such fee into an account controlled by the

505 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,
506 issuing, renewing and replacing such commemorative number plates,
507 and fifty-five dollars of such fee into the greenways commemorative
508 account.

509 (c) No additional renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of
510 registration for any motor vehicle bearing greenways commemorative
511 number plates which contain letters in place of numbers, or low number
512 plates, in excess of the renewal fee for greenways commemorative
513 number plates with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner
514 of Motor Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an
515 existing registration to or from a registration with greenways
516 commemorative number plates.

517 (d) There is established an account to be known as the "greenways
518 commemorative account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
519 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
520 required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in the account
521 shall be expended by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
522 Protection to fund the greenways capital grant program established
523 pursuant to section 23-101 and the bikeway, pedestrian walkway,
524 recreational trail and greenway grant program described in section 23-
525 103.

526 [(d)] (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [, in consultation with
527 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall] may
528 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
529 establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and
530 replacement of greenways commemorative number plates.

531 Sec. 16. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) (a) For the purposes of this
532 section and section 17 of this act: (1) "Automated traffic enforcement
533 safety device" means a photographic device, radar device, laser device
534 or other electrical or mechanical device that (A) records the speed of
535 motor vehicles traveling in a maintenance work zone, and (B) produces
536 one or more recorded images that indicate the date, time and location of

537 the image of each motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by
538 twelve miles per hour or more in the maintenance work zone and
539 allegedly committing a violation specified in subsection (e) of section
540 14-219 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (2) "maintenance
541 work zone" means an area of any limited access highway where
542 maintenance work is being performed by the Department of
543 Transportation; and (3) "highway worker" has the same meaning as
544 provided in section 14-212d of the general statutes.

545 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Transportation may install, operate and
546 maintain automated traffic enforcement safety devices in a maintenance
547 work zone, provided sworn members of the Division of State Police
548 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection are
549 not performing highway traffic enforcement or traffic control in such
550 maintenance work zone. The commissioner may enter into an
551 agreement with a contractor for such installation, operation and
552 maintenance. Such safety devices may only be operational on or after
553 July 1, 2022, provided the commissioner has adopted regulations
554 concerning such safety devices pursuant to section 17 of this act.

555 (2) The commissioner shall post signs that indicate the use of an
556 automated traffic enforcement safety device at a distance of not less than
557 five hundred feet in advance of a maintenance work zone in which such
558 safety device is installed and operational. Such safety device shall not
559 be operational unless one or more highway workers are in the
560 maintenance work zone. Such safety device shall be removed from the
561 maintenance work zone upon completion of the maintenance work.

562 (3) An automated traffic enforcement safety device shall be installed
563 in a manner to only record images of the number plate of a motor
564 vehicle, and shall not record images of the occupants of such motor
565 vehicle or of any other persons or vehicles in the vicinity at the time the
566 images are recorded.

567 (c) Whenever an automated traffic enforcement safety device detects
568 and produces one or more recorded images of the number plate of a

569 motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by twelve miles per hour
570 or more in a maintenance work zone and allegedly committing a
571 violation specified in subsection (e) of section 14-219 of the general
572 statutes, a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the
573 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall review
574 the recorded images provided by such safety device. If, after such
575 review, such member determines that there are reasonable grounds to
576 believe that a violation has occurred, such member may issue a citation
577 for the alleged violation. If such member authorizes the issuance of a
578 citation for the alleged violation, the Division of State Police shall, not
579 later than ten days after the alleged violation, mail the citation to the
580 registered owner of the motor vehicle together with a copy of the
581 recorded images. Any person who receives a citation pursuant to this
582 subsection shall follow the procedures set forth in section 51-164n of the
583 general statutes.

584 (d) As provided in subsection (b) of section 14-107 of the general
585 statutes, proof of the registration number of the motor vehicle therein
586 concerned shall be prima facie evidence that the owner was the operator
587 thereof, except that, in the case of a leased or rented motor vehicle, such
588 proof shall be prima facie evidence that the lessee was the operator
589 thereof. A recorded image that clearly shows the number plate of a
590 motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by twelve miles per hour
591 or more in a maintenance work zone shall be sufficient proof of the
592 identity of the motor vehicle.

593 (e) A prima facie presumption of accuracy sufficient to support a
594 conviction under subsection (e) of section 14-219 of the general statutes
595 will be accorded to an automated traffic enforcement safety device
596 installed, operated and maintained pursuant to this section only upon
597 testimony by a Department of Transportation employee or contractor
598 involved in the installation, operation or maintenance of such safety
599 device that: (1) The employee or contractor has adequate training and
600 experience in the installation, operation and maintenance of such safety
601 device; (2) such safety device was in proper working condition at the
602 time such safety device detected and produced one or more recorded

603 images of the motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by twelve
604 miles per hour or more in a maintenance work zone, and established by
605 proof that suggested methods of testing the proper functioning of such
606 safety device were followed; (3) such safety device was used in an area
607 where road conditions provide a minimum possibility of distortion; and
608 (4) such safety device was expertly tested within a reasonable time
609 following the date such safety device detected and produced one or
610 more recorded images of the motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed
611 limit by twelve miles per hour or more in a maintenance work zone, and
612 such testing was done by means which do not rely on the internal
613 calibrations of such safety device.

614 (f) All defenses shall be available to any person who is alleged to have
615 committed a violation specified in subsection (e) of section 14-219 of the
616 general statutes that is detected and recorded by an automated traffic
617 enforcement safety device, including, but not limited to, that (1) the
618 violation was necessary to allow the passage of an authorized
619 emergency vehicle, (2) the violation was necessary to avoid injuring the
620 person or property of another, (3) the violation took place during a
621 period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported as being
622 stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the
623 general statutes, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the
624 violation, (4) the person was convicted of committing a violation
625 specified in subsection (e) of section 14-219 of the general statutes while
626 in a maintenance work zone for the same incident based upon a separate
627 and distinct citation issued by an officer, (5) the person was not
628 operating the motor vehicle at the time of the violation, or (6) the
629 violation was necessary in order for the person to comply with any other
630 general statute or regulation concerning the operation of a motor
631 vehicle.

632 (g) No person shall be subject to prosecution for both committing a
633 violation specified in subsection (e) of section 14-219 of the general
634 statutes that is detected and recorded by an automated traffic
635 enforcement safety device and section 14-212d of the general statutes
636 because of the same offense.

637 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) Prior to the operation of
638 an automated traffic enforcement safety device in a maintenance work
639 zone or a school zone pursuant to the pilot program established
640 pursuant to section 21 of this act, the Commissioner of Transportation,
641 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
642 of the general statutes, regarding the privacy, security, collection, use
643 and disclosure of recorded images and any other data produced by an
644 automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such regulations shall
645 include, but need not be limited to: (1) Procedures to ensure the privacy
646 and security of recorded images; (2) a description of any other data
647 produced by an automated traffic enforcement safety device and
648 collected by the department, municipality or a contractor; and (3)
649 provisions to appropriately limit access to recorded images and other
650 such data.

651 (b) No recorded image or other such data produced by an automated
652 traffic enforcement safety device shall be sold or disclosed by the
653 Department of Transportation, municipality or a contractor to any
654 person or entity except where the disclosure is made: (1) Between the
655 department, the municipality, a contractor, the Division of State Police
656 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or
657 municipal police department pursuant to section 16 of this act or the
658 pilot program established pursuant to section 21 of this act; (2) pursuant
659 to a judicial order, including a search warrant or a subpoena, in a
660 criminal proceeding; or (3) to comply with federal or state law or
661 regulation.

662 (c) Not less than ten days after a disclosure of a recorded image or
663 other such data is made pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
664 subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Transportation, the
665 municipality or a contractor shall send or transmit, in a manner
666 determined by the department, municipality or contractor, a notification
667 to the person who was the subject of the judicial order regarding such
668 disclosure. The department, municipality or contractor shall not be
669 required to send such notice by mail if the United States Postal Service
670 has determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the address

671 for such person that is in the records of the department, municipality or
672 contractor.

673 (d) A recorded image and any other data produced by an automated
674 traffic enforcement safety device shall be destroyed (1) sixty days after
675 the date of the alleged violation, if a citation is not issued for such
676 alleged violation pursuant to subsection (c) of section 16 of this act or
677 subsection (c) of section 21 of this act, or (2) upon final disposition of the
678 case to which it pertains, if a citation is issued for such alleged violation
679 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 16 of this act or subsection (c) of
680 section 21 of this act.

681 (e) The Department of Transportation, municipality or a contractor
682 may disclose aggregate information and other data collected from the
683 use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device that does not
684 directly or indirectly identify a motor vehicle for research purposes
685 authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation.

686 (f) (1) Commencing one year from the date an automated traffic
687 enforcement safety device is operational in a maintenance work zone in
688 this state, and every year thereafter, the Department of Transportation
689 or a contractor shall conduct an internal audit of the department's or
690 contractor's compliance with the regulations adopted pursuant to
691 subsection (a) of this section.

692 (2) Commencing one year from the date an automated traffic
693 enforcement safety device is operational in a school zone pursuant to
694 the pilot program established pursuant to section 21 of this act, and each
695 year of the pilot program, the municipality or a contractor shall conduct
696 an internal audit of the municipality's or contractor's compliance with
697 the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

698 (g) Commencing one year from the date an automated traffic
699 enforcement safety device is operational in a maintenance work zone in
700 this state, and every year thereafter, the Department of Transportation
701 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
702 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General

703 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such
704 report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The number of times
705 number plates are recorded by an automated traffic enforcement safety
706 device; (2) the number of times the department or a contractor disclosed
707 recorded images or other data produced by an automated traffic
708 enforcement safety device pursuant to a search warrant in a criminal
709 proceeding; (3) the number of times the department or contractor
710 disclosed recorded images or other data pursuant to a subpoena in a
711 criminal proceeding; (4) the number of requests for recorded images or
712 other data received by the department or a contractor, including the
713 identity of the person or entity who made each such request and a copy
714 of each such request; and (5) the results of the internal audit conducted
715 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

716 (h) A recorded image or other data produced by an automated traffic
717 enforcement safety device shall not be deemed a public record, for
718 purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200
719 of the general statutes.

720 Sec. 18. (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of
721 Transportation shall develop and implement a public awareness
722 campaign to educate the public concerning (1) unsafe driving in a
723 highway work zone, as defined in section 14-212d of the general
724 statutes, and a school zone, established pursuant to section 14-212b of
725 the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) the possible use of
726 an automated traffic enforcement safety device, as defined in subsection
727 (a) of section 16 of this act, in a maintenance work zone, as defined in
728 subsection (a) of section 16 of this act, and a school zone.

729 Sec. 19. Section 14-212g of the general statutes is repealed and the
730 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

731 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "work zone
732 safety account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
733 Special Transportation Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
734 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account

735 shall be expended by the Department of Transportation to [protect the
736 safety of workers in highway work zones, as defined in section 14-212d,
737 through (1) highway traffic enforcement, including, but not limited to,
738 the expansion of the "Operation Big Orange" program, and (2) the
739 purchase and implementation of technology and equipment. Any use of
740 moneys in the work zone safety account by the department, other than
741 for the "Operation Big Orange" program or direct traffic enforcement in
742 work zones, shall be approved by the Highway Work Zone Safety
743 Advisory Council, as described in section 14-212e] pay the costs of
744 sworn members of the Division of State Police within the Department of
745 Emergency Services and Public Protection who are engaged in highway
746 traffic enforcement or traffic control in highway work zones, as defined
747 in section 14-212d.

748 (b) Upon receipt of the moneys paid pursuant to subdivisions (4) and
749 (5) of subsection (b) of section 13b-61, the State Treasurer shall transfer
750 nine thousand dollars of such moneys monthly to the work zone safety
751 account established in subsection (a) of this section.

752 Sec. 20. Section 14-219c of the general statutes is repealed and the
753 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

754 [A] Except as provided in subsection (e) of section 16 of this act and
755 subsection (f) of section 21 of this act, a prima facie presumption of
756 accuracy sufficient to support a conviction under section 14-219, as
757 amended by this act, will be accorded to a radar, speed monitoring laser,
758 vascar device or any other speed monitoring device approved by the
759 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection only upon
760 testimony by a competent police officer that: (1) The police officer
761 operating the radar, laser, vascar device or other device has adequate
762 training and experience in its operation; (2) the radar, laser, vascar
763 device or other device was in proper working condition at the time of
764 the arrest, established by proof that suggested methods of testing the
765 proper functioning of the device were followed; (3) the radar, laser,
766 vascar device or other device was used in an area where road conditions
767 provide a minimum possibility of distortion; (4) if moving radar was

768 used, the speed of the patrol car was verified; and (5) the radar, laser,
769 vascar device or other device was expertly tested within a reasonable
770 time following the arrest, and such testing was done by means which do
771 not rely on the internal calibrations of such radar, laser, vascar device or
772 other device.

773 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
774 section: (1) "Automated traffic enforcement safety device" means a
775 photographic device, radar device, laser device or other electrical or
776 mechanical device that (A) records the speed of motor vehicles traveling
777 in a school zone, and (B) produces one or more recorded images that
778 indicate the date, time and location of the image of each motor vehicle
779 exceeding the posted speed limit by eleven miles per hour or more in
780 the school zone and allegedly committing a violation specified in section
781 14-128a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or section 14-219
782 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and (2) "school zone"
783 means an area designated by the Office of the State Traffic
784 Administration or the traffic authority of a town, city or borough
785 pursuant to section 14-212b of the general statutes, as amended by this
786 act.

787 (b) (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in
788 consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, may establish a
789 pilot program to allow not more than ten municipalities to install,
790 operate and maintain automated traffic enforcement safety devices in
791 school zones located in such municipality for a period of five years from
792 the date such safety devices are operational. A municipality
793 participating in the pilot program may enter into an agreement with a
794 contractor for such installation, operation and maintenance. Such safety
795 devices may only be operational on or after July 1, 2022, provided the
796 commissioner has adopted regulations concerning such safety devices
797 pursuant to section 17 of this act.

798 (2) A participating municipality shall post signs that indicate the use
799 of an automated traffic enforcement safety device at a distance of not
800 less than five hundred feet in advance of a school zone in which such

801 safety device is installed and operational. Such safety device shall be
802 removed from the school zone upon completion of the pilot program.

803 (3) An automated traffic enforcement safety device shall be installed
804 in a manner to only record images of the number plate of a motor
805 vehicle, and shall not record images of the occupants of such motor
806 vehicle or of any other persons or vehicles in the vicinity at the time the
807 images are recorded.

808 (c) Whenever an automated traffic enforcement safety device detects
809 and produces one or more recorded images of the number plate of a
810 motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by eleven miles per hour
811 or more in a school zone and allegedly committing a violation specified
812 in section 14-128a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or
813 section 14-219 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, a sworn
814 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
815 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a municipal police
816 department shall review the recorded images provided by such safety
817 device. If, after such review, such member determines that there are
818 reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, such
819 member may issue a citation for the alleged violation. If such member
820 authorizes the issuance of a citation for the alleged violation, the
821 Division of State Police or municipal police department shall, not later
822 than ten days after the alleged violation, mail the citation to the
823 registered owner of the motor vehicle together with a copy of the
824 recorded images. Any person who receives a citation pursuant to this
825 subsection shall follow the procedures set forth in section 51-164n of the
826 general statutes.

827 (d) (1) Any person who exceeds the posted speed limit by eleven
828 miles per hour or more in a school zone and commits a violation of
829 section 14-218a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or section
830 14-219 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that was detected
831 and recorded by an automated traffic enforcement safety device shall be
832 fined seventy-five dollars for the first violation and ninety dollars for
833 any subsequent violation.

834 (2) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the violations
835 occurred all amounts received in respect to the violation of subdivision
836 (1) of this subsection.

837 (e) As provided in subsection (b) of section 14-107 of the general
838 statutes, proof of the registration number of the motor vehicle shall be
839 prima facie evidence that the owner was the operator thereof, except
840 that, in the case of a leased or rented motor vehicle, such proof shall be
841 prima facie evidence that the lessee was the operator thereof. A recorded
842 image that clearly shows the number plate of a motor vehicle exceeding
843 the posted speed limit by eleven miles per hour or more in a school zone
844 shall be sufficient proof of the identity of the motor vehicle.

845 (f) A prima facie presumption of accuracy sufficient to support a
846 conviction under section 14-218a of the general statutes, as amended by
847 this act, or section 14-219 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
848 will be accorded to an automated traffic enforcement safety device
849 installed, operated and maintained pursuant to this section only upon
850 testimony by a municipal employee or contractor involved in the
851 installation, operation or maintenance of such safety device that: (1) The
852 employee or contractor has adequate training and experience in the
853 installation, operation and maintenance of such safety device; (2) such
854 safety device was in proper working condition at the time such safety
855 device detected and produced one or more recorded images of the
856 motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by eleven miles per hour
857 or more in a school zone, and established by proof that suggested
858 methods of testing the proper functioning of such safety device were
859 followed; (3) such safety device was used in an area where road
860 conditions provide a minimum possibility of distortion; and (4) such
861 safety device was expertly tested within a reasonable time following the
862 date such safety device detected and produced one or more recorded
863 images of the motor vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit by eleven
864 miles per hour or more in a school zone, and such testing was done by
865 means which do not rely on the internal calibrations of such safety
866 device.

867 (g) All defenses shall be available to any person who is alleged to
868 have committed a violation specified in section 14-218a of the general
869 statutes, as amended by this act, or section 14-219 of the general statutes,
870 as amended by this act, that is detected and recorded by an automated
871 traffic enforcement safety device, including, but not limited to, that (1)
872 the violation was necessary to allow the passage of an authorized
873 emergency vehicle, (2) the violation was necessary to avoid injuring the
874 person or property of another, (3) the violation took place during a
875 period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported as being
876 stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the
877 general statutes, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the
878 violation, (4) the person was convicted of committing a violation
879 specified in section 14-218a of the general statutes, as amended by this
880 act, or section 14-219 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
881 while in a school zone for the same incident based upon a separate and
882 distinct citation issued by an officer, (5) the person was not operating
883 the motor vehicle at the time of the violation, or (6) the violation was
884 necessary in order for the person to comply with any other general
885 statute or regulation concerning the operation of a motor vehicle.

886 (h) Commencing one year from the date an automated traffic
887 enforcement safety device is operational in a school zone in this state,
888 and every year thereafter, each participating municipality shall submit
889 a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Such
890 report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The number of times
891 number plates are recorded by an automated traffic enforcement safety
892 device; (2) the number of times the municipality or a contractor
893 disclosed recorded images or other data produced by an automated
894 traffic enforcement safety device pursuant to a search warrant in a
895 criminal proceeding; (3) the number of times the municipality or
896 contractor disclosed recorded images or other data pursuant to a
897 subpoena in a criminal proceeding; (4) the number of requests for
898 recorded images or other data received by the municipality or a
899 contractor, including the identity of the person or entity who made each
900 such request and a copy of each such request; and (5) the results of the

901 internal audit conducted pursuant to subsection (f) of section 17 of this
902 act. The secretary shall compile the reports and shall submit, in
903 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on an annual basis,
904 a consolidated report and any recommendations regarding the pilot
905 program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
906 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

907 Sec. 22. Section 14-212b of the general statutes is repealed and the
908 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

909 (a) As used in this section, "local highway" means a highway that is
910 under the control of a town, city or borough; and "local traffic authority"
911 means the traffic authority of a town, city or borough.

912 (b) (1) At the request of the legislative body of a town, city or borough,
913 the Office of the State Traffic Administration may designate as a school
914 zone any part of a state highway that is adjacent to school property or
915 is, in the opinion of said office, sufficiently close to school property as to
916 constitute a risk to the public safety under all the circumstances. At the
917 request of such legislative body, the commission may revoke any such
918 designation. (2) A local traffic authority may designate as a school zone,
919 and may revoke any such designation, any part of a local highway that
920 is adjacent to school property or is, in the opinion of the local traffic
921 authority, sufficiently close to school property as to constitute a risk to
922 the public safety under all the circumstances.

923 (c) The Superior Court shall impose an additional fee equivalent to
924 one hundred per cent of the fine established or imposed for the violation
925 of the provisions of section 14-218a, as amended by this act, or 14-219,
926 as amended by this act, for any such violation committed in a school
927 zone designated in a conspicuous manner by the Office of the State
928 Traffic Administration or local traffic authority. The provisions of this
929 section shall not apply to a violation of section 14-219, as amended by
930 this act, that was detected and recorded by an automated traffic
931 enforcement safety device in the pilot program established pursuant to
932 section 21 of this act.

933 (d) The Office of the State Traffic Administration with regard to a
934 state highway or the local traffic authority with regard to a local
935 highway shall cause to be posted a sign approved by the Office of the
936 State Traffic Administration (1) at the beginning of a school zone in each
937 direction that traffic is permitted to flow which shall read as follows:
938 "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED", and (2) at the end of such
939 zone in each direction that traffic is permitted to flow which shall read
940 as follows: "END SCHOOL ZONE".

941 Sec. 23. Section 14-295a of the general statutes is repealed and the
942 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

943 An assessment of five dollars shall be imposed against any person
944 who is convicted of a violation of section 14-219, as amended by this act,
945 14-222, 14-227a or 14-227m or subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of
946 section 14-227n or who pleads nolo contendere to a violation of section
947 14-219, as amended by this act, and pays the fine by mail. Such
948 assessment shall be in addition to any fee, cost or surcharge imposed
949 pursuant to any other provision of the general statutes. All assessments
950 collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund
951 and credited to the brain injury prevention and services account
952 established under section 14-295b. The provisions of this section shall
953 not apply to a violation of section 14-219, as amended by this act, that
954 was detected and recorded by an automated traffic enforcement safety
955 device in the pilot program established pursuant to section 21 of this act.

956 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 54-143 of the general statutes is
957 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
958 *1, 2021*):

959 (a) A cost of twenty dollars shall be imposed against any person
960 convicted of a felony, and a cost of fifteen dollars shall be imposed
961 against any person convicted of a misdemeanor or convicted under
962 section 14-219, as amended by this act, 14-222, 14-224, 14-225, 14-227a or
963 14-227m or subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, or
964 who pleads nolo contendere to a violation of section 14-219, as amended

965 by this act, and pays the fine by mail, and the taxation of costs or the
966 collection of fees and expenses as provided by law may be imposed on
967 appeal to the Supreme Court or Appellate Court. The provisions of this
968 section shall not apply to a violation of section 14-219, as amended by
969 this act, that was detected and recorded by an automated traffic
970 enforcement safety device in the pilot program established pursuant to
971 section 21 of this act.

972 Sec. 25. Section 13b-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the
973 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

974 Each person who pays a motor vehicle related fine, penalty or other
975 charge, as defined in subsection (g) of section 13b-59, shall pay, on and
976 after July 1, 1989, an additional amount equal to fifty per cent of the
977 amount of such fine, penalty or other charge imposed. Any such
978 additional amount shall be rounded off to the next highest dollar. The
979 provisions of this section shall not apply to any fine, penalty or other
980 charge required by or levied pursuant to (1) section 14-64 and section
981 14-150, and (2) section 14-219, as amended by this act, that was detected
982 and recorded by an automated traffic enforcement safety device in the
983 pilot program established pursuant to section 21 of this act.

984 Sec. 26. Section 54-143a of the general statutes is repealed and the
985 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

986 A cost of twenty dollars shall be imposed against any person
987 convicted of a violation, as defined in section 53a-27, under any
988 provision of section 12-487 or sections 13b-410a to 13b-410c, inclusive;
989 any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-
990 484, 12-487 or 13b-410; or a violation of section 14-147, 14-219, as
991 amended by this act, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269 or 14-270, chapter 268 or
992 subsection (a) of section 22a-250, or any section of the general statutes
993 the violation of which is deemed an infraction, or who forfeits a cash
994 bond or guaranteed bail bond certificate posted under section 14-140a
995 or under reciprocal agreements made with other states for the alleged
996 violation of any of said sections, or who pleads nolo contendere to a

997 violation of any of said sections and pays the fine by mail; except that
 998 such cost shall be thirty-five dollars for a violation of any section of the
 999 general statutes the violation of which is deemed an infraction and
 1000 carries a fine of thirty-five dollars or more. The costs imposed by this
 1001 section shall be deposited in the General Fund and shall be in addition
 1002 to any costs imposed by section 54-143, as amended by this act. The
 1003 provisions of this section shall not apply to a violation of section 14-219,
 1004 as amended by this act, that was detected and recorded by an automated
 1005 traffic enforcement safety device in the pilot program established
 1006 pursuant to section 21 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-300(c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-311(d)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	51-56a
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-251
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-218a
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-36(a)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-219(a) and (b)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-222(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-283(b)(1)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	53a-213
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-296aa(h)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-21i
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	14-212g
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-219c
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-212b
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-295a
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-143(a)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	13b-70

Sec. 26	October 1, 2021	54-143a
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require motorists to grant the right-of-way to pedestrians who affirmatively indicate their intention to cross the road in a crosswalk; (2) increase the fine for operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone or electronic device; (3) increase the additional fee provided to municipalities for certain traffic violations; (4) establish a fine for opening the door of a motor vehicle in a way that impedes the travel of a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle; (5) allow local traffic authorities to establish speed limits and pedestrian safety zones; (6) establish the greenways commemorative account; (7) allow the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices within maintenance work zones; and (8) establish a pilot program to use automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones.

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