



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

***Raised Bill No. 258***

LCO No. 2133



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR THE  
LOCATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS AND REPAIR  
SHOPS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 Any person who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing  
4 motor vehicles shall first obtain and present to the commissioner a  
5 certificate of approval of the location for which such license is desired  
6 from the board or authority designated by local charter, regulation or  
7 ordinance of the town, city or borough wherein the business is located  
8 or is proposed to be located, except that in any town or city having a  
9 zoning commission, combined planning and zoning commission and a  
10 board of appeals, such certificate shall be approved by the [board of  
11 appeals] zoning commission. In addition thereto, such certificate shall  
12 be approved by the local building official and local fire marshal. The  
13 provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a transfer of ownership  
14 to a spouse, child, brother, sister or parent of a licensee, (2) a transfer of

15 ownership to or from a corporation in which a spouse, child, brother,  
16 sister or parent of a licensee has a controlling interest, or (3) a change in  
17 ownership involving the withdrawal of one or more partners from a  
18 partnership.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	14-54

**Statement of Purpose:**

To specify that applicants for licenses for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles in towns or cities having zoning commissions, combined planning and zoning commissions and boards of appeals shall obtain certificates of approval of location from the town or city's zoning commission rather than its board of appeals.

*[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.]*