AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The Commissioner of Transportation may develop and propose to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management a program to provide college and university students in this state access to bus and off-peak rail transportation services. The program shall not be effective and shall not create or expand bus or rail transportation services, unless approved by the secretary. If the program is approved by the secretary, the commissioner may negotiate and contract with any college or university in this state to provide students at such college or university with access to such transportation services on the terms and conditions and for the compensation or reimbursement approved by the secretary.

(b) On or before October 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall provide to the secretary any financial and programmatic information for the prior fiscal year the secretary shall require for the purposes of assessing the program's
utilization rate and the extent of any public subsidy for the program's bus or rail services.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 13b-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(a) (1) The commissioner shall have power, in order to aid or promote the operation, whether temporary or permanent, of any transportation service operating to, from or in the state, to contract in the name of the state with any person, including but not limited to any common carrier, any transit district formed under chapter 103a or any special act, or any political subdivision or entity, or with the United States or any other state, or any agency, instrumentality, subdivision, department or officer thereof, for purposes of initiating, continuing, developing, providing or improving any such transportation service. Such contracts may include provision for arbitration of disputed issues.

(2) The commissioner, in order to aid or promote the operation of any transportation service operating outside the state, may contract in the name of the state with any person, including, but not limited to, any common carrier, or with the United States or any other state, or any agency, instrumentality, subdivision, department or officer thereof, for purposes of providing any transportation service in the event such assistance is required in the case of an emergency or a special event.

(3) The state, acting by and through the commissioner, may, by itself or in concert with others, provide all or a portion of any such transportation service, share in the costs of or provide funds for such service, or furnish equipment or facilities for use in such service upon such terms and conditions as the commissioner may deem necessary or advisable, and any such contracts may include, without limitation thereto, arrangements under which the state shall so provide service, share costs, provide funds or furnish equipment or facilities. To these ends, the commissioner may in the name of the state acquire or obtain the use of facilities and equipment employed in providing any such...
service by gift, purchase, lease or other arrangements and may own and
operate any such facilities and equipment and establish, charge and
collect such fares and other charges or arrange for such collection for the
use or services thereof as he may deem necessary, convenient or
desirable.

(4) The commissioner or any fare inspector, as defined in section 13b-2,
shall have the authority to issue citations for any violation of section
13b-38i. The commissioner may also acquire title in fee simple to, or any
lesser estate, interest or right in, any rights-of-way, properties or
facilities, including properties used on or before October 1, 1969, for rail
or other forms of transportation services. The commissioner may hold
such properties for future use by the state and may enter into
agreements for interim use of such properties for other purposes.

(5) Any person contracting with the state pursuant to this section for
the provision of any transportation service shall not be considered an
arm or agent of the state and any person contracting with the state
pursuant to this section for the provision of any motor bus service shall
not be subject to the provisions of section 13b-80, as amended by this
act. Any damages caused by the operation of such transportation service
by such person may be recovered in a civil action brought against such
person in the superior court and such person may not assert the defense
of sovereign immunity in such action.

Sec. 3. Section 13b-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

[No] Except as provided in subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section
13b-34, as amended by this act, no person, association, limited liability
company or corporation shall operate a motor bus without having
obtained a certificate from the Department of Transportation or from the
Federal Highway Administration pursuant to the Bus Regulatory
Reform Act of 1982, P.L. 97-261, specifying the route and certifying that
public convenience and necessity require the operation of a motor bus
or motor buses over such route. Such certificate shall be issued only after
written application for the same has been made. Upon receipt of such
application, said department shall promptly give written notice of the
pendency of such application to the mayor of each city, the warden of
each borough or the first selectman of each town in or through which
the applicant desires to operate, and to any common carrier operating
over any portion of such route or over a route substantially parallel
thereto. Any town, city or borough within which, or between which and
any other town, city or borough in this state, any such common carrier
is furnishing service may bring a written petition to the department in
respect to routes, fares, speed, schedules, continuity of service and the
convenience and safety of passengers and the public. Thereupon the
department may fix a time and place for a hearing upon such petition
and mail notice thereof to the parties in interest at least one week prior
to such hearing. No such certificate shall be sold or transferred until the
department, upon written application to it, setting forth the purpose,
terms and conditions thereof and after investigation, approves the same.
The application shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred seventy-
six dollars. The department may amend or, for sufficient cause shown,
may suspend or revoke any such certificate. The department may
impose a civil penalty on any person or any officer of any association,
limited liability company or corporation who violates any provision of
any regulation adopted under section 13b-86 with respect to routes,
fares, speed, schedules, continuity of service or the convenience and
safety of passengers and the public, in an amount not to exceed one
hundred dollars per day for each violation. The owner or operator of
every motor bus shall display in a conspicuous place therein a
memorandum of such certificate. Notwithstanding any provision of
chapter 285, such certificate shall include authority to transport
baggage, express, mail and newspapers for hire in the same vehicle with
passengers under such regulations as the department may prescribe.
Any certificate issued pursuant to this section by the Division of Public
Utility Control within the Department of Business Regulation prior to
October 1, 1979, shall remain valid unless suspended or revoked by the
Department of Transportation.
Sec. 4. Special act 91-32 is amended to read as follows (Effective from passage):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13b-268 of the general statutes or any other provision of the general statutes, special act or regulation which prohibits the construction of any new highway railroad crossing at-grade, the commissioner of transportation shall construct an at-grade crossing for [emergency vehicles] vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the east end of Portland Street and Bridge Street in Middletown. The crossing shall be constructed subject to the provisions of sections 13b-342 to 13b-345, inclusive, of the general statutes.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 13b-20e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(a) Any consultant who desires to provide consulting services to the department in any calendar year shall be required to submit, not later than the fifteenth day of October immediately preceding such calendar year, information concerning their qualifications as may be required by the department. Such consultants shall provide the department with additional or updated information upon request by the department. The commissioner shall by January first, annually, analyze the information submitted and determine those consultants qualified to perform services in areas of expertise established by the department. The commissioner shall publish annually, in accordance with the provisions of section 13b-20g, at any time between September first to October first, a notice that any person, firm or corporation which desires to be listed with the department as a consultant shall submit such information as required pursuant to this subsection to the department. Such notice shall also list the areas of expertise likely to be needed by the department during the next calendar year.

Sec. 6. Section 13b-20f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):
The performance of all consultants who have active agreements with the department shall be evaluated by the supervising unit within the bureau utilizing the consultant services, at [six-month intervals] least once a year and upon completion of the consultant services. Each such evaluation shall be kept on file in the supervising unit and a copy filed with the permanent selection panel.

Sec. 7. Section 22a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

No regulated activity shall be conducted upon any wetland without a permit. Any person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted a regulated activity upon any wetland shall file an application for a permit with the commissioner, in such form and with such information as the commissioner may prescribe. Such application shall include a detailed description of the proposed work and a map showing the area of wetland directly affected, with the location of the proposed work thereon, together with the names of the owners of record of adjacent land and known claimants of water rights in or adjacent to the wetland of whom the applicant has notice. The commissioner shall cause a copy of such application to be mailed or sent by electronic means to the chief administrative officer in the town or towns where the proposed work, or any part thereof, is located, [and the chairman of the conservation commission and shellfish commission of the town or towns where the proposed work, or any part thereof, is located.] The commissioner or the commissioner's duly designated hearing officer shall hold a public hearing on such application, provided, whenever the commissioner determines that the regulated activity for which a permit is sought is not likely to have a significant impact on the wetland, the commissioner may waive the requirement for public hearing after publishing notice, in a newspaper having general circulation in each town wherever the proposed work or any part thereof is located, of the commissioner's intent to waive said requirement and of the commissioner's tentative decision regarding the application, except that the commissioner shall hold a hearing on such application upon request of the applicant or upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-five persons,
requesting such a hearing. The following shall be notified of the hearing by mail or by electronic means not less than fifteen days prior to the date set for the hearing: All of those persons and agencies who are entitled to receive a copy of such application in accordance with the terms hereof and all owners of record of adjacent land and known claimants to water rights in or adjacent to the wetland of whom the applicant has notice. The commissioner shall cause notice of the commissioner's tentative decision regarding the application and such hearing to be published at least once not more than thirty days and not fewer than ten days before the date set for the hearing in the newspaper having a general circulation in each town where the proposed work, or any part thereof, is located. All applications and maps and documents relating thereto shall be open for public inspection at the office of the commissioner. At such hearing any person or persons may appear and be heard.

Sec. 8. Subsection (c) of section 14-100a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(c) (1) The operator of and any passenger in any motor vehicle or fire fighting apparatus originally equipped with seat safety belts complying with the provisions of 49 CFR 571.209, as amended from time to time, shall wear such seat safety belt while the vehicle or fire fighting apparatus is being operated on any highway, except as follows:

(A) A child under eight years of age shall be restrained as provided in subsection (d) of this section; and

(B) The operator of such vehicle shall secure or cause to be secured in a seat safety belt any passenger eight years of age or older and under sixteen years of age, [; and]

[(C) If the operator of such vehicle is under eighteen years of age, such operator and each passenger in such vehicle shall wear such seat safety belt while the vehicle is being operated on any highway.]
(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to: (A) Any person whose physical disability or impairment would prevent restraint in such safety belt, provided such person obtains a written statement from a licensed physician or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse containing reasons for such person's inability to wear such safety belt and including information concerning the nature and extent of such condition. Such person shall carry the statement on his or her person or in the motor vehicle at all times when it is being operated, or (B) an authorized emergency vehicle, other than fire fighting apparatus, responding to an emergency call or a motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States postal service while performing his or her official duties or by a person engaged in the delivery of newspapers, or (C) any passenger on a bus, as defined in 49 USC 30127, as amended from time to time.

(3) Failure to wear a seat safety belt shall not be considered as contributory negligence nor shall such failure be admissible evidence in any civil action.

(4) No law enforcement official may stop a motor vehicle solely for the apparent or actual failure of a back seat passenger who is sixteen years of age or older to wear a seat safety belt.

[(4)] (5) Any operator of a motor vehicle, who is eighteen years of age or older, and any passenger in such motor vehicle, who violates any provision of this subsection shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined fifty dollars. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is under eighteen years of age and any passenger in such motor vehicle who violates any provision of this subsection shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined seventy-five dollars. Points may not be assessed against the operator's license of any person convicted of such violation.

Sec. 9. Section 54-33m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

The failure of an operator or, or [front seat] passenger in, a private
passenger motor vehicle or vanpool vehicle to wear a seat safety belt as
required by section 14-100a, as amended by this act, shall not constitute
probable cause for a law enforcement official to conduct a search of such
vehicle and its contents.

Sec. 10. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2020) (a) For the purposes of this
section:

(1) "Alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
30-1 of the general statutes;

(2) "Highway" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of
the general statutes;

(3) "Open alcoholic beverage container" means a bottle, can or other
receptacle (A) that contains any amount of an alcoholic beverage, and
(B) (i) that is open or has a broken seal, or (ii) the contents of which are
partially removed;

(4) "Passenger" means any occupant of a motor vehicle other than the
operator; and

(5) "Passenger area" means (A) the area designated to seat the
operator of and any passenger in a motor vehicle while such vehicle is
being operated on a highway, or (B) any area that is readily accessible
to such operator or passenger while such person is in a seated position,
except that, in a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk,
"passenger area" does not include a locked glove compartment, the area
behind the last upright seat closest to the rear of the motor vehicle or an
area not normally occupied by the operator of or passengers in such
motor vehicle.

(b) No person shall possess an open alcoholic beverage container
within the passenger area of a motor vehicle while such motor vehicle
is on any highway in the state.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to:

(1) A passenger in a motor vehicle designed, maintained and primarily
used for the transportation of persons for hire, and (2) a passenger in the
living quarters of a recreational vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the
general statutes.

(d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

Sec. 11. Section 6 of public act 17-238 is repealed and the following is
substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
Commissioner of Transportation shall convey to the city of New Haven
eleven parcels of land located in the city of New Haven, at a cost equal
to the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcels of
land are identified as follows: (1) The first parcel has an area of
approximately .45 acre and is identified as 41 Dwight Street at Lot 500
in Block 176 on city of New Haven Assessor's Map 298; (2) the second
parcel has an area of approximately .088 acre and is identified as 999 Ella
T Grasso Boulevard at Lot 3300 in Block 151 on city of New Haven
Assessor's Map 342; (3) the third parcel has an area of approximately .45
acre and is identified as 283 Legion Avenue at Lot 2100 in Block 173 on
city of New Haven Assessor's Map 314; (4) the fourth parcel has an area
of approximately .13 acre and is identified as 786 Legion Avenue at Lot
100 in Block 151 on city of New Haven Assessor's Map 342; (5) the fifth
parcel has an area of approximately 4.36 acres and is identified as 38
Miller Street at Lot 1000 in Block 165 on city of New Haven Assessor's
Map 340; (6) the sixth parcel has an area of approximately .025 acre and
is identified as 45 Miller Street at Lot 2700 in Block 166 on city of New
Haven Assessor's Map 340; (7) the seventh parcel has an area of
approximately .65 acre and is identified as 203 Orchard Street at Lot 100
in Block 1290 on city of New Haven Assessor's Map 315; (8) the eighth
parcel has an area of approximately .34 acre and is identified as 41
Sherman Avenue at Lot 100 in Block 1279 on city of New Haven
Assessor's Map 314; (9) the ninth parcel has an area of approximately .15
acre and is identified as 7 Waverly Street at Lot 200 in Block 1292 on city
of New Haven Assessor's Map 315; (10) the tenth parcel has an area of
approximately .29 acre and is identified as Lot 1000 in Block 1279 on city
of New Haven Assessor's Map 314, located on Fayette Street; and (11)
the eleventh parcel has an area of approximately 1 acre and is identified
as Lot 1500 in Block 173 on city of New Haven Assessor's Map 314,
located on Orchard Street. The conveyance shall be subject to the
approval of the State Properties Review Board.] on a map entitled
"Compilation Plan, Town of New Haven, Map Showing Land Released
to City of New Haven, by The State of Connecticut, Department of
Transportation, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and
Legion Avenue, dated February 2019 Town No. 92 Project No. 156-79,
Serial No. 1A".

(b) The city of New Haven shall use said parcels of land for open
space purposes. If the city of New Haven:

(1) Does not use said parcels for said purposes;

(2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcels; or

(3) Leases all or any portion of said parcels, the parcels shall revert to
the state of Connecticut.

(c) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the
conveyance of said parcels of land not later than thirty days after it
receives a proposed agreement from the Department of Transportation.
The land shall remain under the care and control of said department
until a conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this
section. The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or
instrument necessary for a conveyance under this section, which deed
or instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of
subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Transportation shall
have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.

Sec. 12. Section 13b-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(a) (1) No person, association, limited liability company or
corporation shall operate a motor vehicle in livery service until such
corporation has obtained a permit from the Department of Transportation, specifying
the nature and extent of the service to be rendered and certifying that
public convenience and necessity will be improved by the operation and
conduct of such livery service. Such permits shall be issued only after a
written application for the same has been made and a public hearing has been held thereon. Upon receipt of such application, together with the
payment of a fee of two hundred dollars, the department shall fix a time
and place of hearing thereon, within a reasonable time, and shall promptly give written notice of the pendency of such application and of the time and place of such hearing to each applicant, the mayor of each city, the warden of each borough and the first selectman of each town, within which any such applicant desires to maintain an office or headquarters, to any carrier legally operating motor vehicles in livery service within the same territory and to other interested parties as determined by the department. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the department may issue a permit for the operation of vehicles (A) having a capacity of less than eleven adults or to be used exclusively at funerals, weddings, christenings, processions or celebrations, without holding a hearing and certifying that public convenience and necessity would be improved by the operation of such vehicles, or (B) having a capacity of not less than eleven or more than fourteen adults and used for sightseeing and related purposes, without holding a hearing, provided the department issues a legal notice, as provided under section 1-2, of such application and no objection is filed with the department within thirty days of publication of such notice. (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the department may issue a temporary or permanent permit to any person, association, limited liability company or corporation operating a motor vehicle engaged in the transportation of passengers for hire by virtue of a contract with, or a lower tier contract for, any federal, state or municipal agency that (A) is in effect on July 1, 1997, with or without hearing, after a written application for the same has been made and the department has
determined that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section except with respect to public convenience and necessity, or (B) becomes effective after July 1, 1997, with or without hearing, after a written application for the same has been made and the department has determined that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section. Any such permit issued under the provisions of this subdivision (i) shall be limited to service provided under any such contract, and (ii) with respect to any contract under the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, shall not authorize a total number of motor vehicles exceeding the number required to provide service existing under such contract on July 1, 1997. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the department shall issue to any person who has an intrastate livery permit for at least one year, upon the application of such person, up to two additional vehicle authorizations each year without a hearing and without written notice of the pendency of the application, if all the existing permits held by such person are registered and in use and if there are no outstanding violations or matters pending adjudication against such person. The department shall have thirty calendar days to issue such amended permit.

(b) In determining whether or not such a permit will be granted, the Department of Transportation shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity for the service the applicant proposes to render, the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of this chapter and the requirements and regulations of the department under this chapter.

(c) Any interested party may bring a written petition to the Department of Transportation in respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, or the convenience, protection and safety of the public with regard to any carrier operating a motor vehicle in livery service.
Thereupon, the department may fix a time and place for a hearing upon such petition and give notice thereof. No permit shall be sold or transferred until the department, upon written application to it setting forth the purpose, terms and conditions thereof and accompanied by a fee of two hundred dollars, after investigation, approves the same. The department may amend or, for sufficient cause shown, may suspend or revoke any such permit. The department may impose a civil penalty on any person or any officer of any association, limited liability company or corporation who violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under section 13b-102 with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation. Prior to the imposition of a civil penalty under this subsection, the department shall provide notice to said person or officer no later than fifteen business days after receipt of information concerning an alleged violation and shall provide an opportunity for a hearing.

(d) The owner or operator of each motor vehicle in livery service shall display in such vehicle such permit or a memorandum thereof.

(e) (1) Any person who holds himself or herself out to be the operator of a motor vehicle in livery service who has not received a permit under this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

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

(f) The Department of Transportation may revoke a permit issued under this section or section 13b-105 without a hearing, provided (1) the
department sends a notice of revocation to the permit holder at the
address of the permit holder on file with the department and (A) the
notice is returned as undeliverable or could not be delivered, or (B) the
permit holder fails to respond to the notice within the time period
specified by the department in such notice, (2) the department conducts
a physical inspection of the address of the permit holder on file with the
department and determines that no livery service is operated at such
address, and (3) no motor vehicle is registered by the permit holder with
the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used as specified in the permit
pursuant to section 13b-106.

Sec. 13. Subsection (f) of section 13a-26 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October
1, 2020):

(f) The provisions of this part restricting the use and accommodation
of motor vehicle traffic on parkways to noncommercial vehicles shall
not apply to use of the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways by (1)
taxicabs, as defined in section 13b-95, (2) vanpool vehicles, as defined in
section 14-1, (3) service buses and motor vehicles with a combination
registration that are owned by or under contract to a nonprofit
organization, provided (A) such motor vehicles with a combination
registration are not more than one hundred eight inches high, eighty
inches wide and two hundred twenty-eight inches long, and (B) such
service buses are not more than one hundred twenty inches high,
ninety-six inches wide and two hundred eighty inches long, or
[(3)] (4) service buses, service buses for students with special needs, or
two-axle, four-wheeled type II, registered school buses with a gross
vehicle weight rating of ten thousand pounds or less, which are owned
by or under contract to a public, private or religious school or public
school district and which are engaged in the transportation of school
children to and from school or school activities, provided (A) such
service buses conform to the regulations establishing the maximum
weight, length, height or width of vehicles permitted to use such
parkways; (B) such school buses are not more than ninety-eight inches
high, eighty-four inches wide and two hundred three inches long; and
(C) such service buses for students with special needs are not more than one hundred twenty inches high, ninety inches wide and two hundred eighty-eight inches long. The Office of the State Traffic Administration shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 establishing the maximum allowable length and height for any vanpool vehicle using said Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways and, not later than July 1, 1984, publish in the Connecticut Law Journal a notice of intent to adopt proposed regulations, as defined in section 4-166, reducing the maximum weight, length, height or width of, or limiting the registration classes of, motor vehicles permitted to use such parkways, in order to fully carry out the prohibition on the operation of commercial motor vehicles on such parkways.

Sec. 14. Subsection (e) of section 13a-123 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(e) The following types of signs, displays and devices may, with the approval of and subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, be permitted within the six-hundred-sixty-foot area of interstate, primary and other limited access state highways, except as prohibited by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation: (1) Directional and other official signs or notices, which signs and notices shall include, but not be limited to, signs and notices pertaining to natural wonders and scenic and historical attractions which are required or authorized by law; (2) signs, displays and devices advertising the sale or lease of the property upon which they are located; (3) signs, displays and devices advertising activities conducted on the property on which they are located; (4) signs, displays or advertising devices which are in place for sixty days or less; and (5) advertising signs, displays or devices (A) located or erected on real property or abutting real property within areas owned, leased or managed by a public authority for the purpose of (i) railway or rail infrastructure facilities, including, but not limited to, associated structures located within areas zoned solely or predominantly for the development of a railway or rail infrastructure facilities, provided the municipality where a rail overpass is located shall have the right of first
refusal with respect to placing advertising signs, displays or devices on such overpass, (ii) bus rapid transit corridors, including, but not limited to, the Hartford-New Britain busway project authorized in section 13b-15a, and any shelter, structure or other facility associated with the operation of such bus rapid transit corridor, (iii) airport development zones designated in section 32-75d, or (iv) any other similar transit or freight purpose, or (B) upon or within buildings, structures or other venues in the custody or control of the state and designed, operated or intended to be operated for the purpose of presenting athletic, artistic, musical or other entertainment events. Subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner and except as prohibited by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation signs, displays and devices may be erected and maintained within six hundred sixty feet of primary and other limited access state highways in areas which are zoned for industrial or commercial use under authority of law or located in unzoned commercial or industrial areas which areas shall be determined from actual land uses and defined by regulations of the commissioner. The regulations of the commissioner in regard to size, spacing and lighting shall apply to any segments of the interstate system which traverse commercial or industrial zones wherein the use of real property adjacent to the interstate system is subject to municipal regulation or control, or which traverse other areas where the land use, as of September 21, 1959, was clearly established under state law as industrial or commercial.

Sec. 15. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall, unless otherwise directed by a traffic officer, grant the right-of-way to any motor bus on such highway seeking to leave or draw away from a curb or the edge of the highway and enter the flow of traffic in the same direction as the vehicle, provided such motor bus is utilizing a turn signal, in accordance with section 14-244 of the general statutes. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction. For the purposes of this section, "highway" and "motor bus" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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