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**Sec. 14-21e-1. Definitions**

As used in Sections 14-21e-1 to 14-21e-8, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of motor vehicles;
- (b) "Connecticut Lighthouse Preservation Account" means a separate, nonlapsing account of the Long Island Sound Account;
- (c) "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (d) "DEP" means the Department of Environmental Protection;
- (e) "Lighthouse Preservation Donation" means a voluntary donation or contribution which shall be collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall be deposited into the Connecticut Lighthouse Preservation Account;
- (f) "Long Island Sound Account" means the fund established in accordance with Section 22a-27k of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- (g) "Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate" means an official motor vehicle registration marker plate issued by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Section 14-21e of the Connecticut General Statutes, and with Sections 14-21e-1 to 14-21e-8, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;
- (h) "Low number plate" means a number plate issued by the commissioner in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 14-160, as amended;
- (i) "Number plate" means an official marker furnished by the commissioner on which is displayed the registration number assigned to a motor vehicle by the commissioner;
- (j) "Person" means a person as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-1(61) eligible to register a motor vehicle;
- (k) "Registration" means registration of a motor vehicle with the commissioner in accordance with Part III (A) of Chapter 246 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and includes the certificate of registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with said registration;
- (l) "Vanity plate" means a number plate issued by the commissioner in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-49(s), as amended.

(Effective September 23, 1992; amended September 1, 1999)

**Sec. 14-21e-2. Design of number plates**

The Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate shall be of a design as determined by agreement between the commissioner and the commissioner of environmental protection.

(Effective September 23, 1992)

**Sec. 14-21e-3. Application**

(a) A person shall apply for a Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate by filing an application in writing with the commissioner, and paying the appropriate amount as specified in Section 5;

(b) A person having a low number plate, a vanity plate, or a previously issued passenger number plate may transfer the registration to a Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate. The appropriate amount required in Section 5 (b) shall be paid, but no additional fee shall be charged for such transfer.

(Effective September 23, 1992)

**Sec. 14-21e-4. Eligible vehicles**

The Commissioner will issue a Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate in such motor vehicle registration classes as he may deem appropriate in addition to the passenger class.

(Effective September 23, 1992)

**Sec. 14-21e-5. Fees**

A person who applies for a Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate shall pay the following amount which shall be deposited in the Long Island Sound Fund:

(a) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a number plate with numbers and letters selected by the commissioner, which includes a donation to the Long Island Sound Fund of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00);

(b) Seventy dollars (\$70.00) for a low number plate or a vanity plate including the transfer of the numbers and letters from a previously issued passenger number plate, which includes a donation to the Long Island Sound Fund of not less than forty-five dollars (\$45.00);

(c) One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a number plate having the letters LIS followed by a number between one hundred (100) and nine hundred ninety-nine (999), inclusive, or a number plate having a number between one hundred (100) and nine hundred ninety-nine (999), inclusive, followed by the letters LIS, which includes a donation to the Long Island Sound Fund of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00).

(d) The commissioner may conduct an auction or lottery for a limited number of Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plates with numbers and letters selected by the commissioner to benefit the Long Island Sound Fund. Such auction or lottery shall be public and shall be advertised in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the state. Each such plate may be bid separately, and shall be awarded to the high bidder, or if there is more than one such bid, by lot to one of the high bidders. A minimum bid of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be made for each such plate, of which one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) shall be a donation to the Long Island Sound Fund. A person whose bid is higher than the minimum bid shall be requested to donate the additional amount bid above the minimum bid to the Long Island Sound Fund;

(e) A reduction of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be allowed to any person who applies for a Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate and who submits payment of the appropriate amount prior to December 31, 1992.

(Effective July 27, 1993)

**Sec. 14-21e-6. Renewal fee**

The renewal fee for a Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate shall be the same as that provided for the class of motor vehicle and type of number plate in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 14-49 or 14-160 of the General Statutes, as amended.

(Effective September 23, 1992)

**Sec. 14-21e-7. Replacement**

A Long Island Sound Commemorative Number Plate which is lost or stolen, and such loss is reported to the appropriate police authorities and the Department of Motor Vehicles as required by law, shall not be replaced earlier than one (1) year after such loss is so reported. The commissioner may substitute another plate of his choosing until such plate is replaced. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be assessed for any such replacement plate.

(Effective September 23, 1992)

**Sec. 14-21e-8. Lighthouse preservation donation**

The commissioner shall accept voluntary donations or contributions in any amount from any person for the Connecticut Lighthouse Preservation Account at any time. Such donations or contributions shall be used for any of the purposes specified in subsection (b) of Section 22a-27n of the Connecticut General Statutes. All donations shall be made by a separate check and shall be made payable to the state of Connecticut Lighthouse Preservation Account. All donations shall be collected by the department and transferred to the treasurer for deposit into the Connecticut Lighthouse Preservation Account.

(Adopted effective September 1, 1999)