State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Department of Motor Vehicles
Concerning
Amendment Making Technical Changes to Department of Motor Vehicles Regulations

Section 1. Sections 14-12-1a to 14-12-2, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-12-1a. Proof of insurance

No motorcycle registration shall be issued [or renewed] unless the application is accompanied by proof that the motorcycle described in such registration is insured for the amounts required by section 14-112 of the [general statutes] Connecticut General Statutes. The insurance coverage may include an exclusion in personal injury coverage for passengers. Acceptable proof of motorcycle insurance coverage shall be that provided for in either sections 14-12-2, 14-12-3 or 14-12-4 of [this regulation] the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sec. 14-12-2. Insurance identification card

A Connecticut insurance identification card for each motorcycle covered under a motorcycle liability insurance policy. This card shall be effective for a period of one year and shall include the following:

(a) Name of insured and insurer;
(b) Policy number;
(c) Effective date of coverage;
(d) Model year of motorcycle;
(e) Make or model of motorcycle;
(f) Motorcycle identification number;
(g) Company code number assigned to the insurer by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners;
[(g)](h) Space wherein the insured may set forth the year, make or model and vehicle identification number of any motorcycle that becomes covered as the result of a change in the covered motorcycle during the effective period of the identification card[.]; and
[(h)](i) When an insured has five or more motorcycles registered in this state, the designation "all owned vehicles" on each card in lieu of a specific description of the motorcycle.

Sec. 2 Sections 14-12-5 to 14-12-6, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-12-5. Name of company providing insurance and policy number required

Each applicant for a new [or the renewal of a] motorcycle registration shall provide on such application the name of the company [providing] issuing the insurance coverage required [under Connecticut law] by section 14-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the number of the policy covering the motorcycle described in such application [or as otherwise provided for in these regulations].

Sec. 14-12-6. Statement of liability insurance coverage

Each applicant for [registration or renewal of] a motorcycle registration shall sign and file with the commissioner a statement, under penalty of false statement, as provided under section 14-110 of the [general statutes] Connecticut General Statutes, that the owner thereof has provided and [will] shall continuously maintain throughout the registration period the liability insurance coverage required by [Connecticut law] section 14-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Sec. 3 Section 14-137-67 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-137-67. Licensing of person not holding out-of-state license. Identification

(a) If an applicant for a Connecticut operator's license does not have an operator's license from another state or territory which is valid and unexpired, or if an applicant has never held an operator's license in this state, such applicant [must] shall present to the commissioner evidence of identity, consisting of one document from each of the following two groups or both documents from Group One, as follows:

Group One

(1) A birth certificate or registration of birth issued by a government entity having a raised seal thereon applied by a certifying authority; or

(2) An official unexpired passport. If the passport submitted in accordance with the provisions of this subsection has not been issued by the United States government, the passport [must] shall bear evidence showing lawful entry into the United States and acceptance for such purposes by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Citizenship and Immigration Services, or its successor agency.

Group Two

(1) An official, unexpired document issued by a federal or state government containing the person's signature and a photograph or computerized image of the person;

(2) A military identification card or military dependent card with photograph;

[(3)] [An identification card issued by the Connecticut Department of Social Services with photograph;]

[(4)](3) A social security card with signature;

[(5)](4) An original baptismal certificate or similar document;

[(6)](5) A Connecticut pistol or firearm permit;

[(7)](6) A military discharge form DD214;

[(8)](7) A certificate of naturalization;

[(9)](8) An original or a certified copy having a raised seal thereon of an adoption decree or order;

[(10)](9) An original or a certified copy having a raised seal thereon of school records;

[(11)](10) A Connecticut identity card issued on October 1, 2001 or later, in accordance with section 1-1h of the Connecticut General Statutes;

[(12)](11) A certificate of citizenship;

[(13)](12) An alien registration receipt card (resident alien card) or I-551 stamp;

[(14)](13) A temporary resident card;

[(15)](14) A travel document issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or

[(16)](15) An original certificate of identification issued by the Department of Correction.

(b) At least one of the documents presented to the commissioner shall include a photograph or computerized image of the applicant or have both the applicant's full legal name and date of birth.

Sec. 4 Section 14-137-81 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-137-81. Child restraint systems for ambulances

Any ambulance which transports a child [under the age of four years] six years of age and under or weighing less than sixty pounds on the highways of this state shall provide and require the child to use a child restraint system meeting the standards of [Section] section 14-100a-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or if the child is [between the ages of one year and four years] seven years of age or older and weighing sixty or more pounds, shall either provide and require the child to use an approved child restraint system or require the child to use a seat safety belt [as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-100a (d)] in accordance with subsection (d) of section 14-100a of the Connecticut General Statutes. This section shall not apply where it is medically inadvisable to use any such restraint system or seat belt, or where the child is being transported as a patient in the patient compartment of the ambulance.

Sec. 5 Sections 14-280-1 to 14-280-3, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-280-1. Construction of portable signs

A portable sign permitted or required to be used when transporting children in a motor vehicle in accordance with [Section 14-280 (a)] subsection (a) of section 14-280 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be constructed of a planar, non-frangible material which is sufficiently rigid that it will not bend, deform or incline when attached to a motor vehicle traveling at highway speeds, shall not have sharp edges, and shall be mounted to the motor vehicle in a manner capable of withstanding a wind of [50] fifty (50) miles per hour without separating from the motor vehicle when the vehicle is traveling at highway speeds. Perforations may be made in a sign to reduce wind resistance if such perforations do not interfere with the visibility of the words on the sign.

Sec. 14-280-2. Attachment of portable signs

(a) A portable sign constructed in accordance with [Section] section 14-280-1 of [these regulations] the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall be mounted securely on or above the roof of the motor vehicle perpendicular to the sides of the vehicle and when in use extend vertically upward from a horizontal plane defining the vehicle roof in a manner that permits the words on the portable sign to be clearly visible to the operators of other vehicles at a distance of between fifteen (15) feet and two hundred (200) feet on a straight line to the front and rear of the motor vehicle. If necessary to provide the required visibility, a second portable sign may be mounted on the roof of the vehicle, or on the rear of the vehicle as permitted in [Section [14-280-3 (a)] subsection (a) of section 14-280-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) Any mounting brackets, straps, clamps or mounting hardware used to secure a portable sign to a vehicle shall not interfere with normal window or door operation of the vehicle, shall be of sufficient strength to withstand the load applied thereto by the sign, and shall not pose a danger to or interfere with the occupants of the vehicle. Suction cups, magnets or other easily detached devices shall not be used unless in addition to secure mounting hardware. A portable sign may be screwed, bolted or otherwise fixedly secured to a vehicle in a manner that will permit its removal. A layer of protective or non-slip material may be used between a portable sign [and/or] or its mounting hardware and the surface of a motor vehicle.

Sec. 14-280-3. Sign requirements

(a) A portable sign shall be placed at a height of at least four (4) feet above ground level and display the words "CARRYING SCHOOL CHILDREN" in black lettering at least three (3) inches high on a yellow background. The lettering may be painted on the sign, or the lettering may be applied to the sign by a permanent decal. The words "STOP" or "STOP ON SIGNAL" shall not be used on a portable sign. A portable sign shall not be mounted below the windshield of a vehicle, or on the hood or the rear of a vehicle, except that to provide the required visibility required by [Section 14-280-2 (a)] subsection (a) of section 14-280-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, a second portable sign may be mounted securely on the rear of a vehicle if the sign does not pose a danger to persons or property, or does not interfere with the driver's vision or with ingress or egress to the vehicle.

(b) When a motor vehicle is being used for purposes other than transporting school children, portable sign(s) [shall] may be removed, completely covered, folded or otherwise concealed so that the words displayed thereon are not visible to the operators of other vehicles.

Statement of Purpose

This regulation amends several agency regulations that have become outdated and in need of revisions pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order #37. All of the revisions in this regulation are technical in nature with no legal impact to the public. The following sections are the subject of this technical proposal:

1. Adds an insurance company's NAIC number to the Connecticut Insurance Identification Card as mandated by Public Act 2013-271;
2. Updates insurance requirements for motorcycle registrations upon renewal;
3. Deletes one identification document from the enumerated list in Group Two for persons seeking a motor vehicle operator's license. This document has been discontinued many years ago;
4. Revises the requirements for child restraint systems for ambulances in accordance with current statutory changes, as this section of the agency's regulations has not been amended since its inception in 1993;
5. Incorporates recent legislative changes found in Public Act 2014-130 regarding portable signs on student transportation vehicles; and
6. Provides for technical and other corrections for proper form and accuracy.