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Department of Motor Vehicles

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Issuance and Use of Suppressed Motor Vehicle Licenses

Sec. 14-11a-1. Scope

(a) This procedure covers the issuance of suppressed Connecticut motor vehicle operator licenses to state, federal and local governmental employees engaged in law enforcement activities, and is adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 14-11a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The purpose for issuance of suppressed motor vehicle operator licenses shall be to protect the safety of local, state or federal law enforcement personnel in performance of investigations or other related enforcement activities. A suppressed motor vehicle operator license is a license, otherwise regular in appearance, that is issued in the name of a fictitious person.

(Effective February 2, 1989; Amended October 6, 2005)

Sec. 14-11a-2. Repealed

Repealed October 6, 2005.

Sec. 14-11a-3. Eligibility

Suppressed motor vehicle operator licenses are issued only to federal, state and municipal governmental employees whose duties consist of law enforcement activities, which in the judgment of the commissioner reasonably require the use of such licenses.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-4. Approval

Each request for the issuance of a suppressed motor vehicle operator license shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall contain a statement justifying the issuance of such license which in addition to setting forth the reason such license is needed shall identify the person for whom the suppressed operator license is to be issued, such person's current nonsuppressed Connecticut motor vehicle operator license number and the date of expiration of such nonsuppressed license.

(a) **State employees** – All requests for the issuance of suppressed motor vehicle operator licenses for state employees shall be submitted for approval to the commissioner of motor vehicles. Where a request for approval is rejected by the commissioner of motor vehicles, a notice clearly stating the reason for such rejection shall be sent to the agency requesting the issuance of the suppressed motor vehicle operator license. Requests for suppressed motor vehicle operator licenses shall be made by the commissioner or the agency head.

(b) **Municipal or federal licenses** – All requests for the issuance of suppressed operator licenses to federal or municipal government employees shall be submitted for approval to the commissioner of motor vehicles. In the event any request for approval is rejected a notice clearly stating the reason for such rejection shall be sent to the governmental agency requesting the issuance of the suppressed license. Requests for suppressed motor vehicle

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operator licenses for municipal employees shall be made by the chief executive officer or highest ranking police officer of the community. Requests for the issuance of suppressed motor vehicle operator licenses shall be made by the highest ranking federal agency official in Connecticut or in any appropriate region.

(c) No request made in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be granted unless, and until, the commissioner is notified by the Chief State's Attorney that the statements made on the application have been verified, in accordance with the requirements of section 14-11a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Effective February 2, 1989; Amended October 6, 2005)

Sec. 14-11a-5. Suppressed operator licenses inquiries

Whenever the Department of Motor Vehicles receives an inquiry for identification of a suppressed license, the Department shall provide only information regarding the fictitious license to the requestor except as otherwise specifically authorized by the commissioner of motor vehicles.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-6. Renewal

Each application for renewal of a suppressed motor vehicle operator license shall be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall contain a written justification for the issuance of such suppressed license signed by a person having authority to request the issuance of a suppressed motor vehicle operator license pursuant to section 14-11a-4. Each written justification shall identify the person for whom the suppressed motor vehicle operator license is to be renewed and his current nonsuppressed Connecticut motor vehicle operator license number and date of expiration of such nonsuppressed license.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-7. Revocation

If as a result of an investigation by the commissioner of motor vehicles or appropriate person designated by the commissioner he determines that a suppressed motor vehicle operator license has been misused he may revoke or suspend such suppressed motor vehicle operator license after notice and hearing to the holder.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-8—14-11a-19. Reserved

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Sec. 14-11a-20. Scope

(a) Sections 14-11a-20 through 14-11a-26 shall apply to the issuance of suppressed motor vehicle registrations to motor vehicles owned by state, federal and local governmental agencies.

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(b) The purpose for issuance of suppressed motor vehicle registrations shall be to protect the safety of local, state or federal law enforcement personnel in performance of investigations or other related enforcement activities.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-21. Suppressed registration defined

A suppressed registration is one issued pursuant to section 14-11a of the General Statutes and in accord with other provisions pertaining to registration, and consists of one set of number plates with two registration certificates; one of which is issued in the name of the motor vehicle owner and the second in the name of a fictitious person.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-22. Eligibility

Suppressed registrations shall be issued only to motor vehicles owned by federal, state and municipal governmental agencies engaged in law enforcement activities which in the judgment of the commissioner reasonably require the use of such forms of registration.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-23. Approval

All requests for suppressed registrations shall be (1) in writing on a form prescribed by the commissioner (2) shall contain a brief description of the type of law enforcement activity which the motor vehicle displaying suppressed registration number plates shall be engaged in and, (3) shall contain a certification that the motor vehicles to which suppressed registrations shall be assigned shall be engaged in law enforcement activities which cannot be accomplished in safety without the display of such number plates.

(a) **State vehicles.** All requests for the issuance of suppressed registrations for state-owned motor vehicles shall be submitted for approval to the commissioner of motor vehicles. Where a request for approval is rejected by the commissioner of motor vehicles a notice clearly stating the reason for such rejection shall be sent to the agency requesting the issuance of the suppressed registration. Requests for the issuance of suppressed registrations for state-owned motor vehicles shall be made by the commissioner or agency head.

(b) **Municipal or federal vehicles.** All requests for the issuance of suppressed registrations for motor vehicles owned by federal or municipal governments shall be submitted for approval to the commissioner of motor vehicles. In the event any request for approval is rejected a notice clearly stating the reason for such rejection shall be sent to the governmental agency requesting the issuance of the suppressed registration. Requests for suppressed motor vehicle registrations for municipally-owned vehicles shall be made by the chief executive officer or highest ranking police officer of the community. Requests for the issuance of suppressed motor vehicle registrations for federally-owned vehicles shall be made by the highest ranking federal agency official in Connecticut or in any appropriate

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region.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-24. Suppressed registration inquiries

(a) Whenever the Department of Motor Vehicles receives an inquiry for identification of a suppressed registration number plate, the department shall provide only information regarding the fictitious registration to the requestor except as otherwise specifically authorized by the commissioner of motor vehicles.

(b) The Department of Motor Vehicles upon receipt of an inquiry regarding a suppressed registration number plate shall advise the agency to whom such suppressed registration is issued by informing the agency head or his designee of such inquiry.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-25. Annual review

Each agency to which suppressed registrations have been issued shall within 30 days prior to the expiration date of the registration file a written application for renewal containing a statement of the need for such registrations during the ensuing year. Failure to file the application required by this section may result in the revocation or suspension of such registrations at the discretion of the commissioner of motor vehicles.

(Effective February 2, 1989)

Sec. 14-11a-26. Revocation

If as the result of an investigation by the commissioner of motor vehicles he determines that a suppressed motor vehicle registration has been misused he may revoke or suspend such registration following notice and hearing.

(Effective May 1, 1975)