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Department of Motor Vehicles

Subject

Assessment of Points Against an Operator's License for Motor Vehicle Law Violations

Inclusive Sections

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Sec. 14-137a-1—14-137a-4. Repealed

Repealed February 4, 1992.

Sec. 14-137a-5. Point assessment. Schedule

The holder of an operator's license shall have points assessed against his or her driving record for a conviction of the indicated motor vehicle violations in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) **One Point shall be assessed for:**

- (1) Sec. 14-218a —Operating at unreasonable rate of speed;
- (2) Sec. 14-219 —Speeding;
- (3) Sec. 14-230—Failure to drive in right-hand lane;
- (4) Sec. 14-230a—Illegal use of limited access highway by bus, commercial vehicle or vehicle with trailer;
- (5) Sec. 14-236—Improper operation on multiple-lane highways;
- (6) Sec. 14-237—Improper operation on divided highway;
- (7) Sec. 14-239—Wrong direction at rotary or one-way street;
- (8) Sec. 14-242—Improper turn, illegal turn, illegal stopping, failure to signal intention to turn;
- (9) Sec. 14-243—Improper backing or starting;
- (10) Sec. 14-244—Failure to give proper signal;
- (11) Sec. 14-277—Operator's duties on stopping a school bus;
- (12) Sec. 14-289b—Operation of motorcycles abreast, illegal passing;
- (13) Sec. 14-296aa—Use of hand-held mobile telephone and mobile electronic devices by motor vehicle operators and school bus drivers; and
- (14) Sec. 14-303—Wrong way on one-way street.

(b) **Two points shall be assessed for:**

- (1) Sec. 14-100a(d)—Failure to use child restraint system or seat belt;
- (2) Sec. 14-212d—Failure to obey highway work zone safety laws;
- (3) Sec. 14-220(a)—Slow speed, impeding traffic;
- (4) Sec. 14-223(a)—Disobeying orders of officer;
- (5) Sec. 14-238—Entering or leaving controlled access highway at other than designated entrance or exit;
- (6) Sec. 14-238a—Entry upon a limited access highway other than a highway intersection or designated point;
- (7) Sec. 14-241—Executing turn from wrong lane or contrary to traffic control devices;
- (8) Sec. 14-249—Failure to obey signal at railroad crossing;
- (9) Sec. 14-250—Failure to stop at railroad crossing by school bus, commercial motor vehicle carrying flammable or explosive substance, taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, motor bus, motor vehicle used for the transportation of school children;

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- (10) Sec. 14-298—Failure to observe parkway or expressway restrictions;
 - (11) Sec. 14-299—Failure to obey traffic control signal light;
 - (12) Sec. 14-301—Failure to obey stop sign;
 - (13) Sec. 14-302—Failure to obey yield sign; and
 - (14) Sec. 14-304—Operating a vehicle through pedestrian safety zone.
- (c) **Three points shall be assessed for:**
- (1) Sec. 14-231—Failure to keep to right when meeting opposing traffic;
 - (2) Sec. 14-232—Improper passing or failure to yield to passing vehicle;
 - (3) Sec. 14-233—Passing on right;
 - (4) Sec. 14-234—Passing in no passing zone;
 - (5) Sec. 14-235—Failure to keep to right on curve, grade or when approaching intersection;
 - (6) Sec. 14-240—Failure to drive reasonable distance apart;
 - (7) Sec. 14-245—Failure to grant right of way at intersection;
 - (8) Sec. 14-246a—Failure to grant right of way at junction of highways;
 - (9) Sec. 14-247—Failure to yield when emerging from driveway or private road;
 - (10) Sec. 14-247a—Failure to grant right of way when emerging from alley, driveway or building;
 - (11) Sec. 14-283—Failure to grant right of way to ambulance, police or fire apparatus;
 - (12) Sec. 14-300(c)—Failure to grant right of way to pedestrian; and
 - (13) Sec. 14-300(d)—Failure to grant right of way to a pedestrian who is blind.
- (d) **Four points shall be assessed for:**
- (1) Sec. 14-224(c)—Wagering, speed record;
 - (2) Sec. 14-240a—Failure to drive reasonable distance apart, intent to harass; and
 - (3) Sec. 14-279—Passing stopped school bus.
- (e) **Five points shall be assessed for:**
- (1) Sec. 14-281a(a)—Operation of school bus at excessive speed; and
 - (2) Sec. 14-222a—Negligent homicide with a motor vehicle.
- (f) **No points shall be assessed for:** an infraction or any violation specified in subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the Connecticut General Statutes for which the person sends payment of the fine and any additional fees or costs established for such infraction or violation to the Centralized Infractions Bureau in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 51-164n of the Connecticut General Statutes, unless such infraction or violation is subject to an exception specified in section 14-137a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Sec. 14-137a-6. Recording assessment

Points shall remain assessed against the driving record of the holder of an operator's license for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of such assessment.

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Sec. 14-137a-7. Warning

A warning letter will be sent to the holder of an operator's license advising such licensee of his or her point assessment record when a conviction of a motor vehicle violation in accordance with this regulation causes the point total of such licensee to equal or exceed six (6) points. The licensee shall also be advised by such warning letter that in the event of a future conviction(s) of a motor vehicle(s) violations which result in a point total in excess of ten (10) points, the department shall suspend his or her operator's license as provided in Section 14-137a-8.

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Sec. 14-137a-8. Suspension. Hearing

(a) When the holder of an operator's license is convicted of a motor vehicle violation which raises his or her point total above ten (10) points, the commissioner shall give notice that his or her operator's license is suspended for a period of thirty (30) days, effective as of a date certain. Prior to such effective date, the license holder may request a hearing, but such hearing shall be limited to the issues of the identity of such licensee, and that such licensee has in fact accumulated more than ten points within a twenty-four (24) month period.

(b) When a person, having had his or her operator's license suspended for thirty (30) days in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, is convicted of a motor vehicle violation which again raises his or her point total above ten (10) points within five (5) years of the beginning of any such thirty (30) day suspension, as shown by the driving record maintained by the commissioner, such person shall have his or her operator's license suspended by the commissioner until his or her point total is reduced to or below ten (10) points. Prior to the imposition of such suspension, such person may request a hearing, but such hearing shall be limited to the issues of the identity of the licensee, that such licensee has in fact had his or her operator's license suspended previously under subsection (a) of this section, and that such licensee has been convicted of a violation(s) which again raises his or her point total above ten (10) points.

(c) All points shall be added to a person's point assessment as of the date that such person is convicted of a violation. A "conviction" shall be as defined in Section 14-1 (a) (16) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. At any hearing held in accordance with this section, an entry on the certified driving history of the person showing the offense charged, the date of such offense, and the date of conviction of such offense, shall be accepted in evidence as sufficient proof of conviction of the person, unless such entry is contested by the person by the introduction of competent evidence that such entry is erroneous.

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Sec. 14-137a-9. Adjustment of records. Warning

(a) Upon the adoption of Sections 14-137a-5 through 14-137a-8, inclusive, of this regulation, the department shall adjust its driving history records and recompute the point

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total for each person for whom points have been assessed. Such recomputation will erase points assessed under the previous regulations of the department, Sections 14-137a-1 through 14-137a-4, if any such violation(s) no longer is deemed to require point assessment, and will reduce the number of points on the driving history record of each person with respect to any violation(s) for which the point assessment has been reduced.

(b) If the driving record of any license holder, as adjusted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, contains ten (10) or more points, and such licensee has not been subject to any previous action by the commissioner with respect to his or her point accumulation, the department shall send a letter to such person, warning him or her that in the event of any future conviction(s) or violation(s) resulting in the assessment of additional points which raise the point total above ten (10) points, such person shall be subject to suspension action in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-137a-8 of this regulation.

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