

Sec. 14-78-33a. Safe driving practices course for students eighteen years of age or older

(a) Each commercial driving school offering classroom instruction in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-78-33 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies may provide, with prior written approval of the commissioner or his representative, a safe driving practices course pursuant to section 14-37b of the Connecticut General Statutes to any student eighteen (18) years of age or older who is eligible for an adult instruction permit in accordance with subsection (b) of section 14-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Such safe driving practices course shall consist of not less than eight hours of instruction and shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Four (4) hours concerning the nature and effects of alcohol and drugs, as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

(2) Four (4) hours of subjects directed to safe driving practices, which shall include the following topics: the slow down for work zones under section 14-212a of the Connecticut General Statutes; the endangerment of a highway worker under section 14-212d of the Connecticut General Statutes; the move over law under section 14-283b of the Connecticut General Statutes; not less than fifteen minutes concerning the disregard of a signal from a law enforcement officer under subsection (b) of section 14-223 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and the penalties for violating this section; and other topics relevant to drivers eighteen (18) years of age and older. The content of such safe driving practices course shall not include material regarding the dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive development of adolescents, and the responsibilities and liabilities of parents or teenage drivers.

(b) The commissioner may, in the interest of enhanced learning and absorption of course content, require that such eight (8) hours of instruction be conducted on at least two separate days, with a maximum of four (4) hours of instruction per day.

(c) Any fee for the eight (8) hour safe driving practices course, referred to in subsection (a) of this section, shall not exceed the amount prescribed in subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Any charges in excess of the approved fee shall subject the licensee to action by the commissioner under section 14-79 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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