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Referred to Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL OPERATOR PERMITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-37a of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) Any person whose operator's license has been suspended
5 pursuant to any provision of this chapter or chapter 248, except
6 pursuant to section 14-215, as amended, for operating under
7 suspension or pursuant to section 14-140, as amended, for failure to
8 appear for trial, may make application to the Commissioner of Motor
9 Vehicles for (1) a special permit to operate a motor vehicle to and from
10 such person's place of employment or, if such person is not employed
11 at a fixed location, to operate a motor vehicle only in connection with,
12 and to the extent necessary, to properly perform such person's
13 business or profession, or (2) a special permit to operate a motor
14 vehicle to and from such person's educational institution provided
15 such person is registered as a part or full-time student at said
16 institution.

17 (b) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion upon a
18 showing of significant hardship, grant each such application that is
19 submitted in proper form and contains such information and
20 attestation by the applicant as the commissioner may require. In
21 determining whether to grant such application, the commissioner may
22 also consider the driving record of the applicant and shall ascertain
23 that the suspension is a final order that is not under appeal pursuant to
24 section 4-183. A special operator's permit shall not be issued pursuant
25 to this section to any person for the operation of a motor vehicle for
26 which a public passenger transportation permit or commercial driver's
27 license is required or to any person whose operator's license has been
28 suspended previously pursuant to section 14-227a, as amended, or 14-
29 227b, as amended. A special operator's permit shall not be issued
30 pursuant to this section to any person whose operator's license has
31 been suspended pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of
32 subsection (i) of section 14-227b, as amended, for refusing to submit to
33 a blood, breath or urine test or analysis until such operator's license
34 has been under suspension for a period of not less than ninety days. A
35 person shall not be ineligible to be issued a special operator's license
36 under this section solely on the basis of being convicted of two
37 violations of section 14-227a, as amended, unless such second
38 conviction is for a violation committed after a prior conviction.

39 (c) A special operator's permit issued pursuant to this section shall
40 be of a distinctive format and shall include the expiration date and the
41 legend "work only" or the legend "school only".

42 (d) Any person issued a special operator's permit pursuant to this
43 section who operates a motor vehicle during the period of the permit
44 for a purpose not authorized by the conditions of the permit shall,
45 upon receipt of written report of a police officer, in such form as the
46 commissioner may prescribe, of such unauthorized operation, be
47 subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars. Any
48 person who makes improper use of a special operator's permit issued
49 pursuant to this section or in any manner alters any such permit or

50 who loans or sells such permit for use by another person shall be
51 subject to the penalties provided by section 14-147.

52 (e) If a person issued a special operator's permit pursuant to this
53 section has his operator's license suspended by the commissioner in
54 connection with any motor vehicle violation or other offense for which
55 suspension action is authorized, the special operator's permit shall be
56 deemed revoked on the effective date of such suspension, and any
57 such person with notice of the suspension who operates a motor
58 vehicle shall be operating under suspension and shall be subject to
59 double the penalties provided by the applicable provisions of
60 subsection (b) of section 14-111, as amended, and section 14-215, as
61 amended.

62 (f) Any decision made by the commissioner under this section shall
63 not be subject to appeal pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54 or any
64 other provisions of the general statutes.

65 (g) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
66 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	14-37a

Statement of Purpose:

To apply special operator permits to part and full-time students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]