

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/HB 961 — Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

by State Affairs Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; and Reps. Maney, Melo and others (CS/CS/CS/SB 1348 by Appropriations Committee; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Transportation Committee; and Senator Trumbull)

The bill makes various revisions to programs and services administered by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) and its agents, including:

- Prohibits a person, without authorization from the DHSMV or a tax collector, from selling or offering to sell service appointments offered by the DHSMV or an authorized tax collector and creates a first degree misdemeanor for violation of the prohibition.
- Authorizes tax collectors to deliver certain titles, certificates, and other documents, plates, and stickers by mail or make them available at their offices.
- Revises the requirements governing the issuance of disabled parking permits and creates a lifetime disabled parking permit for persons who are permanently disabled due to amputation or dismemberment.
- Revises the deadline by which the transition of driver license issuance services to tax collectors in certain counties must be completed from 2015 to 2027.
- Provides that certain driver applicants that cheat on their driver license exams must retake such exams.
- Authorizes tax collectors to process specified driver license and identification card transactions using the DHSMV's online license and registration portal and to offer licensees the option to round up for charitable donations to charities registered with the state.
- Requires the revocation of a restricted driving privilege for a habitual offender who is granted a limited driving privilege and subsequently violates the conditions of the restricted driving privilege.
- Designates the week of April 14 as "Move Over Awareness Week."

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0