



Substitute House Bill No. 5033

Public Act No. 10-83

***AN ACT PROVIDING A PARTIAL REFUND OF THE SALES TAX
IMPOSED ON THE SALE OF SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED BY THE
MANUFACTURER WITH SEAT SAFETY BELTS.***

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

Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall administer a program to provide funding to offset a portion of sales tax on the purchase of school buses equipped with 3-point lap/shoulder seat safety belts installed during the manufacture of such buses. From July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2017, inclusive, a local or regional school district may submit an application to the department, on a form provided by said department, which shall include a proposed agreement between such district and a private carrier under contract with such district for the provision of transportation of school children. Such agreement shall require such carrier to provide the district with at least one but not more than fifty school buses, each of which shall be equipped with such seat belts, and shall include a request by such carrier for funds in an amount equal to fifty per cent of the sales tax paid by the carrier for the purchase of any such bus purchased on or after July 1, 2011. Such agreement shall be contingent upon approval of the application and the payment of such amount by the department. The department shall make any such payments with funds available from the school bus seat belt account

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established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(b) A school district participating in the program shall provide written notice concerning the availability and proper use of such seat belts to a parent or legal guardian of each student who will be transported on such school bus. A school district shall instruct such students on the proper use, fastening and unfastening of such seat belts.

(c) No local or regional school district, carrier with whom a local or regional school district has contracted for the transportation of students, or operator of a school bus shall be liable for damages for injury resulting solely from a student's use, misuse or failure to use a seat safety belt installed on a school bus used in the program established under this section.

(d) During the 2018 regular session of the General Assembly, the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and education shall conduct a joint public hearing on the level of participation in such program and its effectiveness with respect to the use of seat belts. Not later than March 1, 2018, the joint standing committees shall make a recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the continuation of such program.

Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-50b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

(a) Any person whose operator's license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or who has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle, shall pay a restoration fee of

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[one hundred twenty-five] one hundred seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such person of a new operator's license or the restoration of such operator's license or such privilege to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty dollars of such fee in a separate nonlapsing school bus seat belt account which shall be established within the General Fund.

(b) Any person whose motor vehicle registration or right of operation of a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall pay a restoration fee of [one hundred twenty-five] one hundred seventy-five dollars to said commissioner prior to the issuance to such person of a new registration or the restoration of such registration or such right of operation. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to any other fees provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty dollars of such fee in the school bus seat belt account established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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