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CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS (4C's)

Important Upcoming 4C's Dates:

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2021 State Legislative Session Began	01/06/21
February Business MeetingCAl	NCELLED
April Business Meeting	04/05/21
May Business Meeting	05/03/21
June Business Meeting	06/07/21
2021 State Legislative Session Ends	06/09/21
August Business Meeting	08/02/21
November Business Meeting	11/02/21

Legislative Report

Dave Bajumpaa

The 2021 Legislative Session began on January 6th and will run through June 7th. The Legislative Office Building remains closed to the public. As I understand it, public meetings with be held virtually.

In preparation for this upcoming session, we are retaining the services of Hughes and Cronin Public Affairs Strategies to monitor legislation related to the antique auto hobby, as we have done in previous sessions. In this monitoring capacity, Hughes and Cronin informs us of the pending legislation. We report to you on any legislation potentially impacting the hobby, and ask you to contact your legislators and help get favorable legislation passed, and unfavorable legislation defeated (i.e., a "grass roots" approach).

At the present time, we are not aware of any legislation planned to be introduced in the 2021 Legislative Session that will adversely impact the antique auto hobby.

The table included in this newsletter summarizes the current status of bills related to the hobby and other transportation related matters of interest that have been introduced in the legislative session to date (January 22, 2021).

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February 2nd Business Meeting Cancelled

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The 4C's conducts a regular business meeting six times a year on the first Monday of February, April, May June, August, and November. The meetings are scheduled on these dates to coincide with the Connecticut State Legislative Session. The newsletter is published six times a year and is mailed approximately a week prior to the regular business meeting.

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Connecticut Council of Car Clubs Website address: http://www.ctccc.net

SEMA Action Network Website: http://www.semasan.com

Legislative Report (from Page 1) Senate Bill 159:

In this table I have identified one bill that pertains to the hobby. Senate Bill 159 "AN ACT REDEFINING" ANTIQUE, RARE OR SPECIAL INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE" TO INCLUDE A REPLICA VEHICLE" proposes to promote the interests of automobile collectors and enthusiasts. Specifically, Senate Bill 159 proposes: "That subdivision (3) of section 14-1 of the general statutes be amended to redefine "antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" to include a replica vehicle, as defined in the Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015, P. L. 114-94.

On the Federal level, Section 24405 of Public Law 114-94 "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" concerns the treatment of low-volume manufacturers and defines a replica motor vehicle.

REPLICA MOTOR VEHICLE—The term 'replica motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle produced by a low-volume manufacturer and that—

"(i) is intended to resemble the body of another motor vehicle that was manufactured not less than 25 years before the manufacture of the replica motor vehicle; and

"(ii) is manufactured under a license for the product configuration, trade dress, trademark, or patent, for the motor vehicle that is intended to be replicated from the original manufacturer, its successors or assignees, or current owner of such product configuration, trade dress, trademark, or patent rights.

Included in this newsletter (as in previous newsletters) are the Connecticut Statutes that we are looking to protect. As you can see, the current Connecticut Statutes do not use the term replica motor vehicle. As I understand it (recognizing I do not have direct experience in this matter), the Statutes use the term composite motor vehicle which encompasses vehicles meeting the replica motor vehicle definition above as well as vehicles created by individual hobbyists. I understand that a replica motor vehicle is registered in CT by DMV as a composite motor vehicle. The statutes do not currently define a composite motor vehicle but do use the term.

The current statutes have separate definitions for Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles and

modified antique motor vehicles. Based on this, including the definition of a replica motor vehicle as a subpart in the definition of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle as opposed to a separate definition of a replica (or composite?) motor vehicle would appear difficult to defend. Also, including the definition of a replica motor vehicle as a subpart in the definition of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle could lead to unintended consequences. An example may be the emissions testing requirements. Currently motor vehicles old 25 years old an older, and composite vehicles are not subject to emissions testing. Would the replica motor vehicle be subject to emissions testing? (If DMV registers the replica vehicle as the year it most closely resembles, then perhaps not. But with no experience in this area of the hobby, I cannot say if DMV actually identifies the composite vehicle as the model year it most closely resembles on the registration form.)

I believe the underlying desire of this bill is to ensure DMV will issue Classic Vehicle plates (the special number plates under Section 14-20) and then have the maximum \$500 property tax limit [Section 12-71(b)] applied to the vehicle. I understand DMV currently is not willing to issue classic motor vehicle plates to composite motor vehicles.

Perhaps it would be better if we request Section 14-20 to include composite (replica) motor vehicles, and then include a separate definition of the composite (replica) motor vehicle in Section 14-1.

To be successful, this may include discussions with DMV to understand why they are unwilling to issue classic motor vehicle plates to composite vehicles

After having this bill introduced, the hobbyist, who is a constituent of Senator Lesser, has been in contact with the 4C's asking for our support. In the absence of 4C's Business Meetings due to the pandemic, the 4C's board is discussing what position we should take on this bill. If you have any feedback you would like to share on this proposed bill, feel free to email me at dabajumpaa@aol.com.

Other issues:

Regarding titles for our antique motor vehicles, we will suspend any contact with DMV until after the pandemic passes.

As always, we will remain vigilant, and do our best to immediately report to you on any legislation impacting the antique auto hobby. Stay safe in these unprecedented times.

Current State Statutes the 4C's is Protecting (Updated per Public Act 09-187):

Key Definitions

Subdivision (3) of Subsection (a) of Section 14-1 of the state statutes defines an "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" as a motor vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

Subdivision (49) of Subsection (a) of Section 14-1 of the state statutes defines a "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle twenty years old or older which has been modified for safe road use, including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive train, suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus.

Key Statutes:

Section 14-20 of the state statutes allows **Number** Plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles and states: (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue special number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, including antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles that have been modified, such special number plates to be issued on a permanent basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may use such owner's own porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by the commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the department, and (2) such owner files with the commissioner a description and the number of such plate and any additional information the commissioner may require.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, section 14-18, and section 14-21b, the owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be authorized by the commissioner to display a number plate originally issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of manufacture of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration, as provided in section 14-12. Such registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as long as the commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number and number plates,

if any, which were assigned to such motor vehicle before such registration and number plates were issued under this section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration, unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

Regarding Safety Inspections:

Sec. 14-16a. Inspection of older vehicles before or upon transfer of ownership. Historical or special interest fire apparatus. Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles and modified antique motor vehicles.

(a) The commissioner may require that each motor vehicle registered in this state which is ten model years old or older shall, within thirty days before transfer of ownership or upon such transfer, be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station or other facility authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection. The vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is properly equipped and in good mechanical condition before registration is issued to the new owner of the vehicle. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment

standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections, such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment standards, and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

(b) The following vehicles, upon transfer of ownership, shall be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection: (1) All motor vehicles ten model years old or older which are registered in this state and which were originally used or designed as fire apparatus and which are of historical or special interest as determined by the commissioner, (2) all antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, and (3) all modified antique motor vehicles. Any such vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is in good mechanical condition before registration can be issued to the new owner of such vehicle. The determination of the mechanical condition of a vehicle described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be made by inspecting only the vehicle's original equipment and parts or the functional reproductions of the original equipment and parts. The mechanical condition of modified antique motor vehicles shall be determined by inspecting the original equipment and any functioning replacements of such equipment. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a modified antique motor vehicle or a composite motor vehicle shall be the model year that the body of such vehicle most closely resembles. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, except a licensee of the department, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting

qualifications established by the commissioner, to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner.

Sec. 14-16b. Inspection of damaged vehicles.

Section 14-16b is repealed.

See Sec. 14-103a re inspection of reassembled, altered or rebuilt vehicles.

Sec. 14-103a. Inspection of reassembled, altered or rebuilt vehicles.

Any motor vehicle that (1) has been reconstructed, (2) is composed or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, (3) the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped, in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful owner. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a composite motor vehicle inspected in accordance with this section shall be the model year that the body of such composite motor vehicle most closely resembles. Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection at any Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection. The commissioner may require any person presenting any such reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The commissioner may require, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the inspection of any other motor vehicle that has not been manufactured by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67a, as amended by this act. The fee for any inspection required by the provisions of this section shall be eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in addition to regular registration fees. As used in this section, "reconstructed" refers to each motor vehicle materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

Regarding Emissions Inspections:

Section 14-164c(c) states: The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or which will be registered in this state except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty- five or more years ago; (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as defined in subsection (g) of section 14-49; (10) dieselpowered type II school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; or (12) vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate applicable federal environmental or transportation planning requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and compliance or waiver prior

to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the Commissioner of Environmental Protection finds that it is necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor vehicles four or less model years of age.

Regarding the Property Tax Limit:

Section 12-71(b) states:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the listing of real estate for the same year, except that any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars. The owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be required by the assessors to provide reasonable documentation that such motor vehicle is an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, provided any motor vehicle for which special number plates have been issued pursuant to section 14-20, as amended by this act, shall not be required to provide any such documentation. The provisions of this section shall not include money or property actually invested in merchandise or manufacturing carried on out of this state or machinery or equipment which would be eligible for exemption under subdivision (72) of section 12-81 once installed and which cannot begin or which has not begun manufacturing, processing or fabricating; or which is being used for research and development, including experimental or laboratory research and development, design or engineering directly related to manufacturing or being used for the significant servicing, overhauling or rebuilding of machinery and equipment for industrial use or the significant overhauling or rebuilding of other products on a factory basis or being used for measuring or testing or metal finishing or in the production of motion pictures, video and sound recordings.

Why the \$500 Tax Assessment is Fair

The provision of a maximum \$500 assessment for antique vehicles is appropriate. The vast majority of the automobile hobbyists in this state have other motor vehicles they use as primary transportation that are subject to the same property taxes as everyone else in the state. Because of this, the automobile hobbyists are already paying their fair share of property taxes on motor vehicles. Unlike many other hobbies, the automobile hobby requires us to register our collector motor vehicles, which puts them on a list, making them visible to the local property tax assessors in cities and towns. Hobbyists that collect artwork, furniture, stamps, coins, or rare books cannot be easily tracked down by these same local property tax assessors. Elimination of the \$500 maximum assessment would unfairly put the automobile hobbyists in a situation where the tax burden associated with their hobby would be excessive, as compared to other hobbies.

Furthermore, the automobile hobbyist provides benefits to the community that many other hobbies don't provide. There are several car shows each weekend in the state throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall. These car shows typically benefit local charities and organizations. These shows result in significant revenues to these charities and organizations. These shows and cruise nights also result in increased spending at restaurants and local business throughout the state, indirectly helping increase state revenues. The use of their collector vehicles in local parades and other town functions throughout the state provide a positive benefit to the community. Additionally, several businesses in the state rely on the revenue generated by the restoration of antique vehicles. Eliminating or raising this maximum assessed value would be adverse to those businesses.

Currently, the property taxes on antique motor vehicles in Connecticut are in alignment with the surrounding states. Specifically, New York does not have an annual property tax (also known as an excise tax in surrounding states) on motor vehicles. Rhode Island has an annual excise tax on motor vehicles. Similar to Connecticut, Section 44-34-2 of the Rhode Island State Statutes identifies that any motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old shall be deemed to possess an average retail value of five hundred dollars (\$500) as a basis value for the annual excise tax. Massachusetts has an annual excise tax on motor vehicles. The assessed value or excise tax basis value of a motor vehicle is based on a percentage of the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP). The assessed value or excise tax basis value of any motor vehicle 5 years old or older is 10% of the MSRP. The annual tax is 2.5% of this basis value. (Source: CT OLR Report 2013-R-0170 February 27, 2013).

As an example, let us calculate the annual Massachusetts excise tax on a 1965 Mustang. A 1965 Mustang had a MSRP was \$2427. For all vehicles 5 years old and older, the Massachusetts excise tax basis value is 10% of the MSRP. In Massachusetts the annual excise tax is 2.5% of the basis value with a \$5 minimum value. For this 1965 Mustang, the annual excise tax in Massachusetts is \$6.07. In Connecticut, with the maximum \$500 assessment and a municipality with a mill rate of 30, the annual property tax on that same 1965 Mustang would be \$15.

4C's Calendar of Events.

We maintain a Calendar of Events on our website. Our intent is to list all collector car related shows in Connecticut, as well as major regional and national meets. The website is maintained throughout the year. The 4C's does not charge a fee to have your show listed on our website. To have your show listed on the 4C's website, please provide the date/rain date; sponsoring club; who the show benefits; location; and contact person information to:

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Thanks for Your Support!!

The 4C's thanks the following members who contributed <u>additional</u> money with their membership in 2021: **Clubs:**

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REFRESHER ON THE \$500 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

We encourage all antique motor vehicles to maintain Early American or Classic Vehicle plates on their vehicles since it is the best way to ensure way the maximum \$500 property tax assessment is applied to your vehicle. However, the statutes also allow the maximum \$500 assessment to apply to certain antique vehicles without Early American or Classic Vehicle Plates. Most town property tax assessors will apply the \$500 assessment to any motor vehicle 20 years or older. However, some town property tax assessors will try to distinguish an "antique rare or special interest motor vehicle" from a "modified antique motor vehicle" if the vehicle does not have Early American or Classic Vehicle plates.

While Early American or Classic Vehicle plates are not required to qualify for the maximum \$500 assessment, owners of vehicles without those plates may have to provide documentation to their town assessor that their vehicle qualifies for that assessment. If your motor vehicle is modified without Early American or Classic Vehicle Plates, your local tax assessor could determine that the maximum \$500 assessment does not apply and assess the vehicle at what the assessor considers fair market value.

News From Outside CT

From the SEMA website NEW YORK LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS Several SAN-supported bills died as the New York legislature adjourned its 2019-2020 legislative session. To follow is a brief summary:

- Legislation (S.B. 7044) to exempt historic vehicle owners in several cities in New York from paying the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee failed to pass the Senate Transportation Committee. Currently, owners of historic motor vehicles in certain areas must pay a \$25 per year supplemental registration fee.
- Legislation (A.B. 4670) to creates a vehicle titling and registration classification for street rods and custom vehicles failed to pass the House Transportation Committee. Under current law there are no registration classes for street rods or custom vehicles.
- Legislation (A.B. 4906) to reduce safety inspections to biennial for antique, classic, and collector vehicles failed to pass the House Transportation Committee. Under current law, these vehicles must pass annual safety inspections.

REMINDER: 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JANUARY

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE FOR EVERYONE IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION, AND RETURN IT TO THE 4C'S

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE 4C'S HELPS ENSURE YOUR AUTO HOBBY IS PROTECTED!!!

Did You Know??

The 4C's has recently formed a Facebook group where members can disseminate information related to the antique auto hobby in Connecticut. The Facebook group is "Connecticut Council of Car Clubs." Feel free to join.

You can receive this 4C's newsletter by Email. If you don't already get the newsletter by a .pdf attachment to an Email and would like to, send your name and whether you are an individual member, or what club you are a member of, to dabajumpaa@aol.com. Also, if you are willing to help the 4C's reduce its expenses by accepting the newsletter via Email only, let us know.

Interested in Joining the 4C's Board of Directors?

The 4C's Board of Directors continues to look for volunteers to step forward and fill leadership positions. As noted on the first page of this newsletter, the 4C's Board currently has a vacancy. In addition, the majority of the existing leadership has been serving in various positions on the 4C's Board for several years. Frankly, to a certain extent, complacency can set in, with new ideas and initiatives few and far between. The benefits of new leadership are immeasurable, and could easily take the club to the next level. If you have any interest in joining the 4C's Board of Directors and help shape its future in serving the Connecticut automotive hobbyist, feel free to contact any of the current Board Members listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Summary of Motor Vehicle Related Bills of Interest Introduced in the 2021 Connecticut State Legislative Session

Bill No.	Title	Purpose	Introduced By/ Sponsor	Status of Bill
S. B. 127	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE	To permit electric vehicle manufacturers to sell electric vehicles directly to the consumer.	Sen. Will Haskell, 26th Dist. Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, 136th Dist.	1/12/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
S. B. 128	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE.	To establish long-term, sustainable funding for the Special Transportation Fund by authorizing the Department of Transportation to construct, maintain and operate electronic tolling systems on Interstate Route 84, Interstate Route 91, Interstate Route 95 and portions of Connecticut Route 15	Sen. Will Haskell, 26th Dist. Sen. Alex Kasser, 36th Dist.	1/12/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
S. B. 159	AN ACT REDEFINING "ANTIQUE, RARE OR SPECIAL INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE" TO INCLUDE A REPLICA VEHICLE	That subdivision (3) of section 14-1 of the general statutes be amended to redefine "antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" to include a replica vehicle, as defined in the Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015, P. L. 114-94	Sen. Matthew L. Lesser, 9th Dist.	1/15/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
S. B. 261	AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.	To implement the recommendations of the Department of Motor Vehicles.	Transportation Committee	1/22/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
H. B. 5084	AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION AT TIME OF EMISSIONS INSPECTION.	To ensure that motor vehicles are complaint with safety regulations by requiring inspections.	Rep. David Rutigliano, 123rd Dist.	1/11/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
H. B. 5167	AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR OPERATOR'S LICENSES AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR VETERANS.	To waive any operator's license or motor vehicle registration fee for one licensing period for a qualifying veteran who is a current resident of the state, rather than a veteran who was a resident at the time of his or her induction into the armed forces.	Rep. Robin Green, 55th Dist.	1/13/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
Н. В. 5205	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIRECT SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE USE OF ELECTRIC AND ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES IN THE STATE.	To permit the sale of motor vehicles directly to the consumer without requiring sales through an existing car dealer and to encourage the adoption of electric and zero-emission vehicles in the state	Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, 136th Dist.	1/15/21: Referred to Transportation Committee
H. B. 5427	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF CONVERTING HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES.	To establish a working group to study ways to convert high-occupancy vehicle lanes to enhance commerce and public safety on Connecticut's roadways.	Rep. Donna Veach, 30th Dist.	1/15/21: Referred to Transportation Committee

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New Member/Membership Renewal/Change of Address Form

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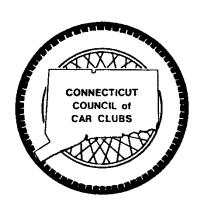
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THE FEBRUARY 4C's BUSINESS MEETING IS CANCELLED

ALSO:

4C's Membership Renewals for 2021 for everyone are due in January. Please Renew As Soon As Possible (Form on Page 9).

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE 4C'S HELPS ENSURE YOUR AUTO HOBBY IS PROTECTED