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*This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2007. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to biofuels, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of biofuels law in the state. These statutes are placed in reverse chronological order using the date of the most recent amendment to the statute. Many biofuels laws were enacted as amendments to previously passed laws.*

Title	Citation	Applicability	Description
Purchase of cars and light duty trucks. Gasoline mileage ratings. Alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles. Requirements. Exemptions. Reports. (2007)	<a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4a-67d</a>	Both	The fleet of cars and/or light-duty trucks purchased by the state must: 1) have an average U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated fuel economy of at least 40 miles per gallon; 2) comply with state fleet vehicle acquisition requirements set forth under the Energy Policy Act of 1992; and 3) obtain the best achievable fuel economy per pound of carbon dioxide emitted for the applicable vehicle classes. AFVs purchased by the state to comply with these requirements must be capable of operating on an alternative fuel that is available in the state. Department of Public Safety vehicles that the Commissioner of Public Safety and Commissioner of Administrative Services designate as necessary for the Department of Public Safety to carry out its mission are exempt from these provisions. Beginning January 1, 2008, at least 50% of all cars and light-duty trucks purchased or leased by the state must be capable of using alternative fuel, hybrid electric vehicles, or plug-in electric vehicles. All AFVs

			<p>purchased or leased must be certified to the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, and all light-duty gasoline vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles purchased or leased by the state must be certified, at a minimum, to the California ARB Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard. Beginning January 1, 2012, the required percentage increases to 100%. The Commissioner of Administrative Services is required to report annually on the composition of the state fleet, including the volume of alternative fuels used.</p>
<p>Renewable Energy Investment Fund created; charge assessed against electric customers to fund Investment Fund; purpose (2007)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16-245n</a></p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>There is hereby created a Renewable Energy Investment Fund which shall be within Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for administrative purposes only. The fund may receive any amount required by law to be deposited into the fund and may receive any federal funds as may become available to the state for renewable energy investments. Upon authorization of the Renewable Energy Investments Board established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, may use any amount in said fund for expenditures that promote investment in renewable energy sources in accordance with a comprehensive plan developed by it to foster the growth, development and commercialization of renewable energy sources, related enterprises and stimulate demand for renewable energy and deployment of renewable energy sources that serve end use customers in this state and for the further purpose of supporting operational demonstration projects for advanced technologies that reduce energy use from traditional sources. Such expenditures may include, but not be limited to, reimbursement for services provided by the administrator of the fund including a management fee,</p>

			<p>disbursements from the fund to develop and carry out the plan developed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, grants, direct or equity investments, contracts or other actions which support research, development, manufacture, commercialization, deployment and installation of renewable energy technologies, and actions which expand the expertise of individuals, businesses and lending institutions with regard to renewable energy technologies. "Renewable energy" includes alternative fuels used for electricity generation, including ethanol or biodiesel.</p>
<p>Display of signs on fuel pumps. (2007)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16a-15</a></p>	<p>Ethanol</p>	<p>Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump or other dispensing device from which any gasoline or other product containing more than one per cent by volume of ethanol, methanol or any other cosolvent, and intended as a fuel for aircraft, motor boats or motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform the public of the amount of methanol, ethanol or any other cosolvent contained in such gasoline or other product.</p>

<p>Program to encourage use of biodiesel in state buildings (2007)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16a-37w</a></p>	<p>Biodiesel</p>	<p>The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations and in consultation with each state department, each constituent unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in section 10-1, the judicial branch and the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, establish a program designed to encourage the use of biodiesel blended heating fuel mixed from not more than ninety per cent ultra low sulfur number 2 heating oil and not less than ten per cent of biodiesel in state buildings and facilities under the custody and control of such department, unit, branch or committee. On or before January 1, 2008, the secretary shall prepare a plan for implementation of such program which shall include, but not be limited to, (1) identification of state buildings and facilities suitable for biodiesel blended heating fuel, (2) evaluation of energy efficiency and reliability of biodiesel blended heating fuel in such buildings and facilities, and (3) the availability and feasibility of exclusively using such fuels or fuel products, including agricultural products or waste yellow grease, produced in Connecticut.</p>
<p>Schoolbus Emissions Reduction (2007)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 22a-21j to 22a-21k</a></p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>The Commissioner of Environmental Protection and Commissioner of Education are required to establish a school bus emissions reduction program which will include the following: 1) establishment of grants for municipalities and local and regional school boards for reimbursement of the cost of retrofitting full-sized school buses that are projected to be in service on or after September 1, 2010; 2) development of an outreach plan and educational materials regarding the program, and; 3) assistance to municipalities and local and regional boards of education and bus companies to retrofit their full-sized school buses. Prior to September 1, 2010, each full-</p>

			<p>sized school bus with an engine model year of 1994 or newer, transporting children in the state, must be equipped with specific emissions control systems, including either: 1) a closed crankcase filtration system and a level 1 device, level 2 device or level 3 device; 2) an engine certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to meet Model Year 2007 emission standards; or 3) use compressed natural gas or other alternative fuel certified by the EPA or the California Air Resources Board to reduce particulate matter emissions by at least 85% as compared to ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.</p>
<p>Connecticut Farm Link Program (2007)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 22-26I</a></p>	<p>Biodiesel</p>	<p>The Department of Agriculture shall establish and administer a Connecticut Farm Link program to establish a database of farmers and agricultural land owners who intend to sell their farm operations or agricultural land. The database shall be maintained by the Department of Agriculture and shall be made available to the public on the department's web site. The department shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate contact between parties with similar interests, including, but not limited to, growing and processing crops as feedstock for biodiesel heating and transportation fuels. The Department of Agriculture shall post educational materials regarding the Connecticut Farm Link program on the department's web site, including, but not limited to, growing and processing crops as feedstock for biodiesel heating and transportation fuels and information regarding starting a farm business.</p>

<p>Biodiesel Production and Distribution Grants (2007)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 32-324a to 32-324g</a></p>	<p>Biodiesel</p>	<p>The Connecticut Qualified Biodiesel Producer Incentive Account, managed by the Department of Economic and Community Development, provides grants to qualified biodiesel producers and distributors. A qualified biodiesel producer is eligible for up to 60 monthly grants from the account, up to a total grant per fiscal year equal to: 1) \$0.30 per gallon for the first five million gallons of biodiesel produced; 2) \$0.20 per gallon for the second five million gallons of biodiesel produced; and 3) \$0.10 per gallon for the third five million gallons of biodiesel produced. Any portion of biodiesel produced by a qualified biodiesel producer in excess of 15 million gallons per fiscal year is not eligible for these grants. A one-time grant for the purchase of equipment or establishment or retrofit of production facilities is also available; grants may not exceed either \$3 million dollars or 25% of the equipment or construction cost. Additional grant funding up to \$50,000 per distributor/site is available for the actual costs of creating storage and distribution capacity for biodiesel.</p>
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Institute for Sustainable Energy (2007)	<a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 32-324h</a>	Biodiesel	The Institute shall distribute information about biodiesel to educate the public and provide a list of entities that have large quantity of waste vegetable oil that is suitable for conversion to biodiesel. The Institute shall publish educational information on its website.
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<p>Administrative Services- Purchasing standards and specifications. Competitive Bidding (2006)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 4a-56 to 4a-59</a></p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>In developing specifications for the purchase of motor vehicles, the commissioner or his designee shall consider motor vehicles using alternative fuels. The commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may waive the requirement of competitive bidding or competitive negotiation in the case of a purchase of cars or light-duty trucks in order to comply with any provisions of the general statutes regarding the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles or any such requirement of federal law.</p>
<p>Operation under jurisdiction of Department of Transportation (Alt. Fuel Taxicabs) (2002)</p>	<p><a href="#">CONN. GEN. STAT. § 13b-96</a></p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>In compliance with any other regulations governing the use of taxicabs, any alternative fuel sedan or station wagon with a wheelbase of at least 102 inches may be used to provide taxicab service.</p>