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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2013. It 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, the applicability of the statute (ethanol, biodiesel, or both), 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
Grants for purchase of alternative fuel vehicles (2013)	CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16A-14F	Both	Allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide grants to cities, universities, and other entities for the purchase alternative fuel vehicles and/or the installation of the alternative fueling equipment and devices.
Display of signs on fuel pumps. (2013)	CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16A-15	Both	Each fuel pump must publicly display and maintain signs to inform the public of the amount of methanol, ethanol, or any other cosolvent contained in such gasoline or other product. The same signage requirements are in place for diesel fuel pumps to display the minimum cetane number for the diesel fuel.

Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (2011)	CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16-245N	Both	Creates the Clean Energy Fund and the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to help finance and otherwise financially support programs that promote and develop the use of clean energy in the state. The fund may receive revenue from the public utility assessment on energy consumers' bills, any federal funds as are available for this purpose, as well as any earnings or interest gained from financing activities.
School bus Emissions Reduction Program (2009)	CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 22A-21J TO 22A-21K	Both	The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Education must establish a school bus emissions reduction program. The program should establish grants for cities and school districts to reimburse costs of retrofitting existing school buses, and develop an outreach plan with educational materials regarding the program.
Alternative fuel taxicabs (2009)	CONN. GEN. STAT. § 13B-96	Both	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.
Purchase of cars and light duty trucks. Alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles. (2007)	CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4A-67D	Both	By January 1, 2012, 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 must be certified to the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard. The Commissioner of Administrative Services must report to the General Assembly on the composition of the fleet, including the volume of alternative fuels used.

<p>Program to encourage use of biodiesel in state buildings (2007)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 16A-37W</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, establish a program to encourage the use of biodiesel blended heating fuel in state buildings and facilities. The secretary shall prepare a plan for implementation, including: (1) identification of 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.</p>
<p>Connecticut Farm Link Program (2007)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 22-26L</p>	<p>Biodiesel</p>	<p>The Department of Agriculture shall establish the Connecticut Farm Link program. It should include a database of farmers who intend to sell their farm operations and those interested in starting an agricultural operation. The department shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate contact between parties with similar interests, including those growing and processing crops as feedstock for biodiesel heating and transportation fuels.</p>

<p>Biodiesel Production and Distribution Grants (2007)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 32-324 TO 32-324H</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>Creates the Connecticut Qualified Biodiesel Producer Incentive Account, to provide grants to qualified biodiesel producers and distributors. A qualified producer is eligible for up to 60 monthly grants, for a total grant per fiscal year of: \$0.30/gal for first 5 million gallons produced; \$0.20/gal for the second 5 million gallons; and \$0.10/gal for the third 5 million gallons. A one-time grant for the purchase of equipment or retrofit of production facilities is also available. Creates the Fuel Diversification Grant Program, to fund research for biofuel production. Creates the Institute for Sustainable Energy to compile and distribute educational materials regarding the use of biodiesel.</p>
<p>Administrative Services: Purchasing standards and specifications. (2006)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 4A-56 TO 4A-59</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>In developing specifications for the purchase of motor vehicles, the commissioner shall consider motor vehicles using alternative fuels. The commissioner may waive the requirement of competitive bidding or competitive negotiation, and is allowed to give up to a 10% price preference in the case of a purchase of clean alternative fuel cars or light-duty trucks.</p>
<p>Tax credit for investment in clean alternative fuel vehicles (2004)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-217I</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>Provides for a business tax credit of up to 10% of the amount of the total expenditure for entities that purchase vehicles that run exclusively on clean alternative fuel.</p>
<p>Sales and Use Tax: Exemptions (2001)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-412</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>Provides that the following are exempt from state sale and use tax: new motor vehicles exclusively powered by clean alternative fuels, and conversion equipment associated with converting vehicles to exclusive or dual use of clean alternative fuels.</p>

<p>Moneys received for traffic reduction programs (1994)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 13B-38V</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>Allows for a portion of the funds received under the congestion mitigation and air quality grant to be dedicated to fund programs for the conversion of vehicles to alternative fuels.</p>
<p>Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund (1993)</p>	<p>CONN. GEN. STAT. § 32-23Z</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>Creates the Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund to provide loans to businesses that convert motor vehicles to operate on clean-burning alternative fuels.</p>