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## AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 21-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 3 As used in this chapter <u>and section 2 of this act</u>:
- 4 (1) "Ancillary fee" (A) means any payment to be made to the owner
- 5 <u>under the rental agreement, (B) includes, but is not limited to, any</u>
- 6 maintenance fee or service fee not included as rent, and (C) does not
- 7 <u>include any rent, security deposit or penalty for late payment of rent;</u>
- 8 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;
- 9 (3) "Dwelling unit" means a mobile manufactured home;
- 10 (4) "Licensee" means any person licensed to operate and maintain a
- 11 mobile manufactured home park under the provisions of this chapter;
- 12 [(1)] (5) "Mobile manufactured home" means a detached residential 13 unit having three-dimensional components which are intrinsically

14 mobile with or without a wheeled chassis or a detached residential unit 15 built on or after June 15, 1976, in accordance with federal manufactured 16 home construction and safety standards, and, in either case, containing 17 sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, tub or shower bath, kitchen 18 facilities and plumbing and electrical connections for attachment to 19 outside systems, and designed for long-term occupancy and to be 20 placed on rigid supports at the site where it is to be occupied as a residence, complete and ready for occupancy, except for minor and 21 22 incidental unpacking and assembly operations and connection to 23 utilities systems;

[(2)] (6) "Mobile manufactured home park" or "park" means a plot of
ground upon which two or more mobile manufactured homes, occupied
for residential purposes, are located;

[(3)] (7) "Mobile manufactured home space or lot" means a plot of ground within a mobile manufactured home park designed for the accommodation of one mobile manufactured home;

I(4) "Licensee" means any person licensed to operate and maintain a
 mobile manufactured home park under the provisions of this chapter;

32 (5) "Resident" means a person who owns, or rents and occupies, a
33 mobile manufactured home in a mobile manufactured home park;

34 (6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;]

[(7)] (8) "Park owner" or "owner" means a licensee or permittee or any
person who owns, operates or maintains a mobile manufactured home
park;

38 [(8) "Dwelling unit" means a mobile manufactured home;]

(9) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability
company, the state or any political subdivision thereof, agency, business
trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, two or more persons
having a joint or common interest, and any other legal or commercial

43 entity;

44 (10) "Premises" means a dwelling unit and facilities and
45 appurtenances therein and grounds, areas and facilities held out for the
46 use of residents generally or whose use is promised to the resident;

47 (11) "Rent" means all periodic payments to be made to the owner48 under the rental agreement;

(12) "Rental agreement" means all agreements, written or oral, and
valid rules and regulations adopted under subsection (d) of section 2170, as amended by this act, embodying the terms and conditions
concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit or premises; and

53 (13) "Resident" means a person who owns, or rents and occupies, a
54 mobile manufactured home in a mobile manufactured home park.

55 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) Each park owner shall prepare 56 a comprehensive and itemized list of all ancillary fees that are payable 57 by residents, and shall periodically update such list to ensure the 58 accuracy of all information included in such list. Each park owner shall 59 publish such list in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner 60 of Consumer Protection, and shall post such list in a prominent and 61 publicly accessible location (1) on such park owner's Internet web site, 62 and (2) in the mobile manufactured home park.

63 Sec. 3. Section 21-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the 64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

65 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt (a) 66 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, providing 67 for a disclosure statement which shall be used by mobile manufactured 68 home park owners. The disclosure statement shall be a plain language 69 summary of the rights and obligations listed in this chapter and shall 70 not add to or diminish the rights and obligations provided by this 71 chapter. Such disclosure statement shall include at least the following 72 information: (1) The monthly rental fee and all considerations payable

by the resident to the owner, including, but not limited to, a 73 74 comprehensive and itemized list of all ancillary fees payable by the 75 resident to the owner; (2) the length of the rental term; (3) the amount of 76 land granted by the rental agreement; (4) an enumeration of goods and services to be provided to the resident, including those goods and 77 78 services to be provided free of charge or in exchange for payment of an 79 ancillary fee; (5) notice if the owner plans to terminate the operation of 80 the park during the term of the rental agreement; (6) a statement of 81 conditions to be complied with by the owner and resident in the event 82 of the sale of the mobile manufactured home by the resident, including 83 aesthetic standards for resale, which conditions shall not be altered by 84 the owner after the rental agreement has been entered into; (7) the rights 85 of residents regarding eviction under section 21-80, as amended by this act; (8) the rights of residents regarding the resale of a mobile 86 87 manufactured home under section 21-79; (9) the rights of residents in 88 the event that alterations of the rules concerning the resident's use and 89 occupancy of the premises under subsection (b) of this section are to be 90 made; (10) notice that outstanding property taxes may be owed on the mobile manufactured home; and (11) notice that there may be liens and 91 92 other encumbrances on the mobile manufactured home and that the 93 resident or purchaser should check with the town clerk, tax assessor and 94 tax collector to determine whether any taxes are due on the mobile 95 manufactured home and within any liens or encumbrances on the 96 mobile manufactured home exist. Owners shall provide each 97 prospective resident, before any rental agreement is entered into, and 98 each resident, at the time of the first renewal of [his] such resident's 99 rental agreement which occurs after the effective date of the regulations 100 providing for a disclosure statement, with a completed disclosure 101 statement. No rental agreement entered into on or after the effective date 102 of the regulations providing for a disclosure statement shall be 103 enforceable until the requirements of this subsection are met. A copy of 104 such statement shall be signed by the resident at the time of the rental, 105 acknowledging receipt of a completed, signed copy and such 106 completed, signed copy shall be kept on file by the owner for a period

107 of four years after such resident vacates the park.

108 (b) No owner may offer a mobile manufactured home or a mobile 109 manufactured home space or lot for rent without providing the 110 prospective resident with a copy of an initial written rental agreement 111 before the resident occupies such mobile manufactured home or lot. No 112 owner may rent a mobile manufactured home or mobile manufactured 113 home space or lot to a new resident until a written rental agreement has 114 been signed by the resident and the owner. The initial rental agreement 115 and all renewals offered to a prospective resident or resident by the 116 owner shall be in writing. The term of each rental agreement and 117 renewal shall not be less than one year unless the prospective resident 118 or resident requests, in writing, a term for less than one year. If the 119 owner fails to offer the resident a written renewal of a rental agreement, 120 or if the owner offers a renewal but the resident fails or refuses to sign 121 it, unless there is a disagreement as to the amount of the rent, the prior 122 rental agreement shall be deemed to be extended for one year at the then 123 prevailing park rental and the resident shall be bound by all terms of the 124 prior rental agreement and any prevailing park rental adopted after the 125 prior rental and all rules and regulations properly applicable to such 126 prior rental agreement pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. If there 127 is a disagreement as to the amount of the rent, unless the owner 128 terminates the lease and brings an action of summary process, the prior 129 rental agreement shall be deemed to be extended on a month-to-month 130 basis at the last agreed-upon rent, and the resident shall be bound by all 131 terms of the prior rental agreement and all rules and regulations 132 properly applicable to such prior rental agreement pursuant to 133 subsection (d) of this section. In such an event, the owner may bring an 134 action of summary process pursuant to section 21-80, as amended by 135 this act, or the resident may seek relief under section 47a-23c or sections 136 7-148b to 7-148f, inclusive, if applicable.

(c) Whenever a resident rents a mobile manufactured home or a
mobile manufactured home space or lot in a mobile manufactured home
park which is also a common interest community from a declarant,

successor declarant or person acting on the declarant's or successor declarant's behalf, such declarant, successor declarant or person shall, prior to entering into a rental agreement, provide the resident with a written notice that the mobile manufactured home or the mobile manufactured home space or lot is located in a common interest community.

146 (d) An owner, from time to time, may adopt a rule or regulation, 147 however described, concerning the resident's use and occupancy of the 148 premises. Such rule or regulation shall be enforceable against the 149 resident only if (1) the purpose of the rule or regulation is to promote 150 the convenience, safety or welfare of the residents, preserve the owner's 151 property from abusive use or make a fair distribution of services and 152 facilities held out for the residents generally; (2) such rule or regulation 153 is reasonably related to the purpose for which it is adopted; (3) such rule 154 or regulation applies to all residents on the premises in a fair manner, 155 provided reasonable exemptions may be made for good cause; (4) such 156 rule or regulation is sufficiently explicit in its prohibition, direction or 157 limitation of the resident's conduct to fairly inform him or her of what 158 he or she shall or shall not do to comply; [,] and (5) the resident has 159 written notice of such rule or regulation at the time he or she enters into 160 the rental agreement or when such rule or regulation is adopted. A rule 161 or regulation having the effect of substantially modifying the terms of a 162 rental agreement previously entered into by a resident shall not apply 163 to such rental agreement without the written consent of the resident.

164 (e) Each owner shall file with the Department of Consumer Protection 165 copies of the park's rental agreements, aesthetic standards to be 166 complied with by the owner and resident in the event of the sale of the 167 mobile manufactured home by the resident, and rules or regulations 168 concerning the resident's use and occupancy of the premises. Any 169 change in the documents required to be filed under this subsection, 170 other than a change in rent, shall be filed with the Department of 171 Consumer Protection. No rental agreements, aesthetic standards, or 172 rules or regulations, and no changes in the terms or provisions of such

documents, other than a change in rent, shall be effective until suchdocuments or changes are filed with the Department of ConsumerProtection.

(f) (1) Any person making an application to appear before any municipal, state or federal agency with respect to any matter changing the land use of a specific mobile manufactured home park shall give written notice of the application by first class mail addressed to the affected units of the park or by personal delivery to the units not later than seven days after its filing. The notice shall state the reasons for which the application was filed.

183 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, 184 any mobile manufactured home park owner who intends to discontinue 185 the use of the land as a mobile manufactured home park or to sell land 186 used as a mobile manufactured home park to any person who intends 187 to discontinue its use as a mobile manufactured home park shall give 188 written notice by first class mail addressed to each mobile manufactured 189 home unit or by personal delivery to each unit upon such land if such 190 transaction will entail the discontinuance of the use of the land for 191 mobile manufactured home park purposes. If an owner of a mobile 192 manufactured home has given the park owner written notice that the 193 owner resides in a place other than the owner's unit, notice shall be sent 194 by first class mail to the address so provided. The notice shall include a 195 statement advising the recipient of the intended discontinuance of use 196 or sale and, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this 197 subsection, shall be mailed or delivered at least one hundred twenty 198 days prior to the discontinuance of the use of the land as a mobile 199 manufactured home park. The notice may run concurrently with the 200 notice required by subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or 201 subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as 202 amended by this act. A copy of such notice from the park owner shall 203 be sent to any association of residents of the mobile manufactured home 204park which has made a written request for such notice.

205 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, 206 within one hundred twenty days after the notice provided for in 207 subdivision (2) of this subsection has been mailed, any association 208 representing twenty-five per cent or more of the units in the park, 209 including an association formed after the issuance of the notice, may 210 notify the owner of the park that [it] the association is interested in 211 purchasing the mobile manufactured home park. A copy of such notice 212 may be filed on the land records of the town in which the mobile 213 manufactured home park is located. If such notice is given, except as 214 otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, the association 215 shall have three hundred sixty-five days after the notice required in 216 subdivision (2) of this subsection has been given to purchase the park 217 through negotiation or the method set forth in subdivision (4) of this 218 subsection. Upon the request of the association, the Department of 219 Housing shall assist the association in developing financing for the 220 purchase of the park.

221 (4) If the association and the park owner cannot agree upon a 222 purchase price, the association shall have the right to purchase the 223 property: (A) If the association matches the essential provisions of any 224 existing bona fide offer to purchase the park made by another potential 225 purchaser which offer by such other purchaser the owner is prepared to 226 accept; or (B) if there is no such offer, at a purchase price to be 227 established by an appraiser chosen by the association and the park 228 owner. If the two parties cannot agree upon one appraiser, either party 229 may notify the other, in writing, of such disagreement, and the 230 association shall choose an appraiser, the park owner shall choose an 231 appraiser, and the two appraisers shall choose a third appraiser, which 232 three appraisers shall establish a value of the park. If the park owner 233 refuses to select an appraiser within fifteen days of such notice, the 234 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall choose an appraiser for the 235 park owner. The costs of all appraisers shall be paid equally by the 236 association and the park owner. Except as otherwise provided in 237 subdivision (5) of this subsection, if, within three hundred sixty-five 238 days from the mailing of the notice required in subdivision (2) of this

subsection, no agreement for such sale signed by the association and the park owner has been filed upon the land records, or if the association has not filed a certified statement to purchase the park at the appraised value which value shall also be certified on the land records by the appraiser or appraisers, the right provided in this subsection to purchase the park shall be void and any recorded notice filed pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be void.

246 (5) In any case in which a mobile manufactured home park with two 247 hundred or more units in which a majority of residents have been given 248 written notice, prior to June 10, 1999, of the intended discontinuance of 249 the use of the land as a mobile manufactured home park, regardless of 250 whether one or more of such notices or the service of such notices is 251 subsequently deemed invalid or ineffective, (A) any subsequent notice 252 of such intended discontinuance that is given or required to be given 253 after June 23, 1999, by the owner pursuant to this subsection, and (B) 254 any notice given or action taken pursuant to this subsection after June 255 23, 1999, by any association representing twenty-five per cent or more 256 of the units in the park shall be subject to the time limitations contained 257 in this subsection that were in effect immediately prior to June 23, 1999.

Sec. 4. Section 21-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

260 (a) The department may revoke, suspend, place conditions on or 261 refuse to renew any license to operate a mobile manufactured home 262 park for a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulations 263 issued hereunder or any other state or local law or regulation, after 264 hearing, except that if the department upon investigation finds a 265 licensee is not providing adequate sewerage facilities, electrical, 266 plumbing or sanitary services, water supply or fire protection, 267 suspension of the license shall be automatic, provided such licensee 268 shall be entitled to a hearing before the department not later than thirty 269 days after such suspension. A license may be reinstated or reissued if 270 the circumstances leading to the violation have been remedied and the

271 park is being maintained and operated in full compliance with this 272 chapter and the regulations hereunder. Each officer, board, commission 273 or department of the state or any local government shall assist the 274 department with technical data on sewerage facilities, electrical, 275 plumbing or sanitary services, water supply or fire protection and shall 276 submit such data to the department for the department's use in any 277 hearing held pursuant to this section. In addition to revoking, 278 suspending, placing conditions on, or refusing to renew any license to 279 operate a mobile manufactured home park, the department may, 280 following an administrative hearing, impose a fine of not less than fifty 281 nor more than three hundred dollars for each day that such violation 282 exists. In connection with any investigation the Commissioner of 283 Consumer Protection or the commissioner's authorized agent may 284 administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the 285 production of books, records and documents. Each owner shall retain 286 all leases, disclosure statements, rules and regulations required under 287 this chapter for at least four years after any resident to whom they relate 288 vacates the park.

(b) (1) If an inspection by the department reveals a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued under this chapter, the cost of all reinspections necessary to determine compliance with any such provision shall be assumed by the owner, except that if a first reinspection indicates compliance with such provision, no charge shall be made.

295 (2) As part of an inspection or investigation, the department may 296 order an owner of a mobile manufactured home park to obtain an 297 independent inspection report, at the sole cost of the owner, that 298 assesses the condition and potential public health impact of a condition 299 at the park, including, but not limited to, the condition of trees and 300 electrical, plumbing or sanitary systems.

301 (3) (A) In ordering an owner of a mobile manufactured home park to302 obtain an independent inspection report under this subsection, the

department may require (i) the person completing such report to have training or be licensed in a particular area related to the ordered inspection, and (ii) that such report specifically address particular areas of, or issues affecting, the park that are of concern to the department.

(B) In the event that the department requires the person completing
an independent inspection report under this subsection to have training
or be licensed in a particular area, the department shall include such
requirement in the first order the department issues to the mobile
manufactured home park owner requiring such report.

(C) The mobile manufactured home park owner shall submit proof of
compliance with the provisions of this subdivision at the time the owner
submits to the department the independent inspection report required
under this subsection.

316 (4) If the department orders a mobile manufactured home park 317 owner to obtain an independent inspection report as part of the owner's 318 application for a license, or for renewal of a license, to operate a mobile 319 manufactured home park, the department shall issue such order to such 320 owner at the electronic mail address such owner most recently provided 321 to the department in such owner's application. Such order shall provide 322 a description of the condition or conditions that require further 323 assessment by such owner.

(5) A mobile manufactured home park owner shall obtain and submit
to the department an independent inspection report required under this
subsection not later than thirty days after the department issued the
order requiring such report or a later date approved, in writing, by the
commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(6) Each independent inspection report required under this
subsection shall include (A) an assessment of (i) all conditions outlined
in the department's order requiring such report that impact public
health and safety for the purpose of assessing the risk that such
conditions pose to public health and safety, and (ii) the severity of the

conditions described in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, and (B)
a detailed plan of action to remedy each condition described in
subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision.

(7) Not later than ten days after a mobile manufactured home park
owner receives an independent inspection report required under this
subsection, the mobile manufactured home park owner shall provide to
the department, in writing, a detailed plan to remedy the assessed
condition, which plan shall include, at a minimum, a specific timeline,
proposed contractors and a budget.

343 (c) In addition to any other available remedies, the provisions of
344 section 47a-14h shall be available to all residents in a mobile
345 manufactured home park including residents who own their own units.

346 (d) The department may issue an order to any owner determined to 347 be in violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued 348 under this section after an inspection of a mobile manufactured home 349 park, providing for the immediate discontinuance of the violation or 350 timely remediation of such violation. Any owner of a mobile 351 manufactured home park who fails to comply with any orders 352 contained in a notice of violation resulting from a reinspection of such 353 park not later than thirty days after issuance of such notice, including 354 confirmation of active licensure, shall be fined five hundred dollars per 355 violation and shall follow the procedures specified in section 51-164n.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2026, the department shall establish a
process for residents to submit complaints to the department regarding
suspected violations of the provisions of this chapter, any regulations
adopted pursuant to this chapter or any other state or local law or
regulation concerning mobile manufactured home parks.
Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 21-80 of the general statutes is

repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47a-23, an owner
may terminate a rental agreement or maintain a summary process action
against a resident who owns a mobile manufactured home only for one
or more of the following reasons:

368 (A) Nonpayment of rent, utility charges or reasonable incidental369 services charges;

(B) Material noncompliance by the resident with any statute or
regulation materially affecting the health and safety of other residents
or materially affecting the physical condition of the park;

373 (C) Material noncompliance by the resident with the rental
374 agreement or with rules or regulations adopted under section 21-70, as
375 <u>amended by this act</u>;

(D) Failure by the resident to agree to a proposed rent increase,
provided the owner has complied with all provisions of subdivision (5)
of this subsection; or

379 (E) A change in the use of the land on which such mobile 380 manufactured home is located, provided all of the affected residents 381 receive written notice (i) at least three hundred sixty-five days before 382 the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession of the 383 mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice is 384 given before June 23, 1999, or (ii) at least five hundred forty-five days 385 before the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession 386 of the mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice 387 is given on or after June 23, 1999, regardless of whether any other notice 388 under this section or section 21-70, as amended by this act, has been 389 given before June 23, 1999; provided nothing in subsection (f) of section 390 21-70, as amended by this act, section 21-70a, subsection (a) of this 391 section, this subdivision and section 21-80b shall be construed to 392 invalidate the effectiveness of or require the reissuance of any valid 393 notice given before June 23, 1999.

394 (2) An owner may not maintain a summary process action under 395 subparagraph (B), (C) or (D) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except 396 a summary process action based upon conduct which constitutes a 397 serious nuisance or a violation of subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of 398 section 21-82, prior to delivering a written notice to the resident 399 specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and that the 400 rental agreement shall terminate upon a date not less than thirty days 401 after receipt of the notice. If such breach can be remedied by repair by 402 the resident or payment of damages by the resident to the owner and 403 such breach is not so remedied within twenty-one days, the rental 404 agreement shall terminate except that (A) if the breach is remediable by 405 repairs or the payment of damages and the resident adequately 406 remedies the breach within said twenty-one-day period, the rental 407 agreement shall not terminate, or (B) if substantially the same act or 408 omission for which notice was given recurs within six months, the 409 owner may terminate the rental agreement in accordance with the 410 provisions of sections 47a-23 to 47a-23b, inclusive. For the purposes of this subdivision, "serious nuisance" means (i) inflicting bodily harm 411 412 upon another resident or the owner or threatening to inflict such harm 413 with the present ability to effect the harm and under circumstances 414 which would lead a reasonable person to believe that such threat will be 415 carried out, (ii) substantial and wilful destruction of part of the 416 premises, (iii) conduct which presents an immediate and serious danger 417 to the safety of other residents or the owner, or (iv) using the premises 418 for prostitution or the illegal sale of drugs. If the owner elects to evict 419 based upon an allegation, pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (b) 420 of section 21-82, that the resident failed to require other persons on the 421 premises with the resident's consent to conduct themselves in a manner 422 that will not constitute a serious nuisance, and the resident claims to 423 have had no knowledge of such conduct, then, if the owner establishes 424 that the premises have been used for the illegal sale of drugs, the burden 425 shall be on the resident to show that the resident had no knowledge of 426 the creation of the serious nuisance.

427 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47a-23, termination of

428 any tenancy in a mobile manufactured home park shall be effective only429 if made in the following manner:

430 (A) By the resident giving at least thirty days' notice to the owner; <u>or</u>

431 (B) By the owner giving the resident at least sixty days' written notice, 432 which shall state the reason or reasons for such termination, except that, 433 when termination is based upon subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of 434 this subsection, the owner need give the resident only thirty days' 435 written notice, which notice shall state the total arrearage due provided, 436 the owner shall not maintain or proceed with a summary process action 437 against a resident who tenders the total arrearage due to the owner 438 within such thirty days and who has not so tendered an arrearage under 439 this subparagraph during the preceding twelve months.

440 (4) Except as otherwise specified, proceedings under this section shall441 be as prescribed by chapter 832.

(5) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an owner from increasing
the rent at the termination of the rental agreement if (A) the owner
delivers a written notice of the proposed rent increase to the resident at
least [thirty] <u>ninety</u> days before the start of a new rental agreement; (B)
the proposed rent is consistent with rents for comparable lots in the
same park; and (C) the rent is not increased in order to defeat the
purpose of this subsection.

449 Sec. 6. Section 21-83 of the general statutes is repealed and the 450 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) An owner and a resident may include in a rental agreement terms
and conditions not prohibited by law, including rent, term of the
agreement and other provisions governing the rights and obligations of
the parties. No rental agreement shall contain the following:

(1) Any provision by which the resident agrees to waive or forfeit
rights or remedies under this chapter and sections 47a-21, as amended
by this act, 47a-23 to 47a-23b, inclusive, 47a-26 to 47a-26h, inclusive, 47a-

458 35 to 47a-35b, inclusive, 47a-41a, 47a-43 and 47a-46, or under any section 459 of the general statutes or any municipal ordinance, unless such section

460 or ordinance expressly states that such rights may be waived;

461 (2) Any provision which permits the owner to terminate the rental
462 agreement for failure to pay rent unless such rent is unpaid when due
463 and the resident fails to pay rent within nine days thereafter;

(3) Any provision which permits the owner to collect a penalty fee for
late payment of rent without allowing the resident a minimum of nine
days beyond the due date in which to remit or which provides for the
payment of rent in a reduced amount if such rent is paid prior to the
expiration of such grace period;

(4) Any provision which permits the owner to charge a penalty for
late payment of rent in excess of five per cent of the total rent due for the
mobile manufactured home space or lot or four per cent of the total rent
due for the mobile manufactured home and mobile manufactured home
space or lot;

474 (5) Any provision which allows the owner to increase the total rent475 or change the payment arrangements during the term of the rental476 agreement;

(6) Any provision allowing the owner to charge an amount in excess
of one month's rent for a security deposit or to retain the security deposit
upon termination of the rental agreement if the resident has paid his or
<u>her</u> rent in full as of the date of termination and has caused no damage
to the property of the owner or to waive the resident's right to the
interest on the security deposit pursuant to section 47a-21, as amended
<u>by this act</u>;

484 (7) Any provision allowing the owner to charge an entrance fee to a485 resident assuming occupancy;

486 (8) Any provision allowing the owner to charge (A) any unreasonable
 487 ancillary fee, or (B) any ancillary fee (i) for any good or service if the cost

488	of such good or service is included in the rent, or (ii) that is duplicative		
489	of any other ancillary fee;		
490	(9) Any provision allowing the owner to increase the amount of any		

491 <u>ancillary fee without providing at least ninety days' advance written</u>

492 notice to the resident disclosing the amount of such increase, the

493 <u>effective date of such increase and a detailed explanation of the basis for</u>

494 <u>such increase;</u>

495 [(8)] (10) Any provision authorizing the owner to confess judgment
496 on a claim arising out of the rental agreement;

497 [(9)] (11) Any provision which waives any cause of action against or 498 indemnification from an owner, by a resident for any injury or harm 499 caused to such resident, his or her family or his or her guests, or to his 500 or her property, or the property of his <u>or her</u> family or his <u>or her</u> guests 501 resulting from any negligence of the owner, his or her agents or his or 502 her assigns in the maintenance of the premises or which otherwise 503 agrees to the exculpation or limitation of any liability of the owner 504 arising under law or to indemnify the owner for that liability or the costs 505 connected therewith;

506 [(10)] (12) Any provision permitting the owner to dispossess the 507 resident without resort to court order;

508 [(11)] (<u>13)</u> Any provision consenting to the distraint of the resident's 509 property for rent;

510 [(12)] (<u>14</u>) Any provision agreeing to pay the owner's attorney's fees 511 in excess of fifteen per cent of any judgment against the resident in any 512 action in which money damages are awarded; <u>or</u>

513 [(13)] (15) Any provision which denies to the resident the right to treat 514 as a breach of the agreement, a continuing violation by the owner, 515 substantial in nature, of any provision set forth in the rental agreement 516 or of any state statute unless the owner discontinues such violation 517 within a reasonable time after written notice is given by the resident by 518 registered or certified mail.

(b) A provision prohibited by this chapter included in a rentalagreement is unenforceable.

521 Sec. 7. Subsection (i) of section 47a-21 of the general statutes is
522 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*523 1, 2025):

524 (i) On and after July 1, 1993, each landlord other than a landlord of a 525 residential unit in any building owned or controlled by any educational 526 institution and used by such institution for the purpose of housing 527 students of such institution and their families, and each landlord or 528 owner of a mobile manufactured home or of a mobile manufactured 529 home space or lot or park, as such terms are defined in [subdivisions (1), 530 (2) and (3) of section 21-64, as amended by this act, shall pay interest on 531 each security deposit received by such landlord at a rate of not less than 532 the average rate paid, as of December 30, 1992, on savings deposits by 533 insured commercial banks as published in the Federal Reserve Board 534 Bulletin rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percentage point, 535 except in no event shall the rate be less than one and one-half per cent. 536 On and after January 1, 1994, the rate for each calendar year shall be not 537 less than the deposit index, determined under this section as it was in 538 effect during such year. On and after January 1, 2012, the rate for each 539 calendar year shall be not less than the deposit index, as defined in 540 section 36a-26, for that year. On the anniversary date of the tenancy and 541 annually thereafter, such interest shall be paid to the tenant or resident 542 or credited toward the next rental payment due from the tenant or 543 resident, as the landlord or owner shall determine. If the tenancy is 544 terminated before the anniversary date of such tenancy, or if the 545 landlord or owner returns all or part of a security deposit prior to 546 termination of the tenancy, the landlord or owner shall pay the accrued 547 interest to the tenant or resident not later than twenty-one days after 548 such termination or return. Interest shall not be paid to a tenant for any 549 month in which the tenant has been delinquent for more than ten days

in the payment of any monthly rent, unless the landlord imposes a late
charge for such delinquency. No landlord shall increase the rent due
from a tenant because of the requirement that the landlord pay on
interest the security deposit.

554 Sec. 8. Subdivision (5) of section 52-352a of the general statutes is 555 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 556 *1*, 2025):

557 (5) "Homestead" means owner-occupied real property, co-op or 558 mobile manufactured home, as defined in [subdivision (1) of] section 21-

This act sha sections:	all take effect as follows	and shall amend the following
Section 1	October 1, 2025	21-64
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	21-70
Sec. 4	October 1, 2025	21-71
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	21-80(b)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2025	21-83
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	47a-21(i)
Sec. 8	October 1, 2025	52-352a(5)

559 64, as amended by this act, used as a primary residence.

## Statement of Purpose:

To (1) define "ancillary fee", (2) require each park owner to prepare and publish a comprehensive and itemized list of all ancillary fees payable by residents, (3) require that information concerning ancillary fees be included in the disclosure statement, (4) require the Department of Consumer Protection to establish a resident complaint process, (5) require that each park owner provide at least ninety days' advance written notice of a proposed rent increase, and (6) prohibit certain rental agreement provisions concerning ancillary fees.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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