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AN ACT CONCERNING 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 Section 21-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the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:
- (1) "Ancillary fee" (A) means any payment to be made to the owner
 under the rental agreement, (B) includes, but is not limited to, any fee
 imposed to (i) maintain a pet in the dwelling unit or on the premises, or
 (ii) maintain a washing machine in the dwelling unit, and (C) does not
 include any rent, security deposit or penalty for late payment of rent;
 (2) "Consumer price index" means the consumer price index, annual
- 10 average, for all urban consumers: United States city average, all items,
- 11 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
- 12 <u>Statistics, or its successor, or, if the index is discontinued, an equivalent</u>
- 13 index published by a federal authority, or, if no such index is published,
- 14 a comparable index published by the United States Department of
- 15 <u>Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;</u>

- 16 <u>(3) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;</u>
- 17 <u>(4) "Dwelling unit" means a mobile manufactured home;</u>
- 18 (5) "Licensee" means any person licensed to operate and maintain a
- 19 mobile manufactured home park under the provisions of this chapter;

20 [(1)] (6) "Mobile manufactured home" means a detached residential 21 unit having three-dimensional components which are intrinsically 22 mobile with or without a wheeled chassis or a detached residential unit built on or after June 15, 1976, in accordance with federal manufactured 23 24 home construction and safety standards, and, in either case, containing 25 sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, tub or shower bath, kitchen 26 facilities and plumbing and electrical connections for attachment to 27 outside systems, and designed for long-term occupancy and to be 28 placed on rigid supports at the site where it is to be occupied as a 29 residence, complete and ready for occupancy, except for minor and 30 incidental unpacking and assembly operations and connection to 31 utilities systems;

[(2)] (7) "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)] (8) "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;

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

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

- 42 (6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;]
- 43 [(7)] (9) "Park owner" or "owner" means a licensee or permittee or any 44 person who owns, operates or maintains a mobile manufactured home

45 park;

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

[(9)] (10) "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
entity;

52 [(10)] (<u>11</u>) "Premises" means a dwelling unit and facilities and 53 appurtenances therein and grounds, areas and facilities held out for the 54 use of residents generally or whose use is promised to the resident;

55 [(11)] (12) "Rent" means all periodic payments to be made to the 56 owner under the rental agreement;

[(12)] (13) "Rental agreement" means all agreements, written or oral, and valid rules and regulations adopted under subsection (d) of section 21-70, as amended by this act, embodying the terms and conditions concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit or premises; and

61 (14) "Resident" means a person who owns, or rents and occupies, a
 62 mobile manufactured home in a mobile manufactured home park.

63 Sec. 2. Section 21-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the 64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

65 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt 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 73 by the resident to the owner, including, but not limited to, any ancillary 74 fee; (2) the length of the rental term; (3) the amount of land granted by

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

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

143 manufactured home space or lot is located in a common interest144 community.

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

163 (e) Each owner shall file with the Department of Consumer Protection 164 copies of the park's rental agreements, aesthetic standards to be 165 complied with by the owner and resident in the event of the sale of the 166 mobile manufactured home by the resident, and rules or regulations 167 concerning the resident's use and occupancy of the premises. Any 168 change in the documents required to be filed under this subsection, 169 other than a change in rent, shall be filed with the Department of 170 Consumer Protection. No rental agreements, aesthetic standards, or 171 rules or regulations, and no changes in the terms or provisions of such 172 documents, other than a change in rent, shall be effective until such 173 documents or changes are filed with the Department of Consumer 174 Protection.

175 (f) (1) Any person making an application to appear before any

176 municipal, state or federal agency with respect to any matter changing 177 the land use of a specific mobile manufactured home park shall give 178 written notice of the application by first class mail addressed to the 179 affected units of the park or by personal delivery to the units not later 180 than seven days after its filing. The notice shall state the reasons for 181 which the application was filed.

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

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection,
within one hundred twenty days after the notice provided for in
subdivision (2) of this subsection has been mailed, any association
representing twenty-five per cent or more of the units in the park,
including an association formed after the issuance of the notice, may
notify the owner of the park that [it] the association is interested in

purchasing the mobile manufactured home park. A copy of such notice 210 211 may be filed on the land records of the town in which the mobile 212 manufactured home park is located. If such notice is given, except as 213 otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, the association 214 shall have three hundred sixty-five days after the notice required in 215 subdivision (2) of this subsection has been given to purchase the park 216 through negotiation or the method set forth in subdivision (4) of this 217 subsection. Upon the request of the association, the Department of 218 Housing shall assist the association in developing financing for the 219 purchase of the park.

220 (4) If the association and the park owner cannot agree upon a 221 purchase price, the association shall have the right to purchase the 222 property: (A) If the association matches the essential provisions of any 223 existing bona fide offer to purchase the park made by another potential 224 purchaser which offer by such other purchaser the owner is prepared to 225 accept; or (B) if there is no such offer, at a purchase price to be 226 established by an appraiser chosen by the association and the park 227 owner. If the two parties cannot agree upon one appraiser, either party 228 may notify the other, in writing, of such disagreement, and the 229 association shall choose an appraiser, the park owner shall choose an 230 appraiser, and the two appraisers shall choose a third appraiser, which 231 three appraisers shall establish a value of the park. If the park owner 232 refuses to select an appraiser within fifteen days of such notice, the 233 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall choose an appraiser for the 234 park owner. The costs of all appraisers shall be paid equally by the association and the park owner. Except as otherwise provided in 235 236 subdivision (5) of this subsection, if, within three hundred sixty-five 237 days from the mailing of the notice required in subdivision (2) of this 238 subsection, no agreement for such sale signed by the association and the 239 park owner has been filed upon the land records, or if the association 240 has not filed a certified statement to purchase the park at the appraised 241 value which value shall also be certified on the land records by the 242 appraiser or appraisers, the right provided in this subsection to 243 purchase the park shall be void and any recorded notice filed pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be void. <u>The appraiser or</u>
<u>appraisers may use data concerning properties and parks located in</u>
<u>other municipalities to establish the value of the park.</u>

247 (5) In any case in which a mobile manufactured home park with two hundred or more units in which a majority of residents have been given 248 249 written notice, prior to June 10, 1999, of the intended discontinuance of 250 the use of the land as a mobile manufactured home park, regardless of 251 whether one or more of such notices or the service of such notices is 252 subsequently deemed invalid or ineffective, (A) any subsequent notice 253 of such intended discontinuance that is given or required to be given 254 after June 23, 1999, by the owner pursuant to this subsection, and (B) 255 any notice given or action taken pursuant to this subsection after June 256 23, 1999, by any association representing twenty-five per cent or more 257 of the units in the park shall be subject to the time limitations contained 258 in this subsection that were in effect immediately prior to June 23, 1999.

259 Sec. 3. Section 21-70a of the general statutes is repealed and the 260 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

261 (a) A mobile manufactured home park resident who owns a mobile 262 manufactured home and is required to remove the home from the park 263 because of a change in use of the land on which said mobile 264 manufactured home is located shall be entitled to receive from the 265 mobile manufactured home park owner (1) relocation expenses to a 266 mobile manufactured home park satisfactory to the resident within one 267 hundred miles of the existing park site up to a maximum of (A) seven thousand dollars if the notice given pursuant to subdivision (3) of 268 269 subsection (a) of section 21-80 or subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of 270 subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, expires before October 1, 2000, regardless of whether such notice was given before or 271 272 after June 23, 1999, [or] (B) subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of 273 this section, ten thousand dollars if the notice given pursuant to 274 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or subparagraph (E) of 275 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, 276 expires on or after October 1, 2000, but before October 1, 2025, regardless

277 of whether such notice was given before or after June 23, 1999, or (C) 278 twenty thousand dollars if the notice given pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) 279 280 of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, expires on or 281 after October 1, 2025, regardless of whether such notice was given before 282 or after October 1, 2025, or (2) in the event a satisfactory site is not 283 available onto which the mobile manufactured home may be relocated, 284 the sum of (A) seven thousand dollars if the notice given pursuant to 285 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or subparagraph (E) of 286 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, 287 expires before October 1, 2000, regardless of whether such notice was 288 given before or after June 23, 1999, [or] (B) subject to the provisions of 289 subsection (b) of this section, ten thousand dollars if the notice given 290 pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or 291 subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, expires on or after October 1, 2000, but before 292 October 1, 2025, regardless of whether such notice was given before or 293 294 after June 23, 1999, or (C) twenty thousand dollars if the notice given pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or 295 296 subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as 297 amended by this act, expires on or after October 1, 2025, regardless of 298 whether such notice was given before or after October 1, 2025.

299 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, 300 in any case in which a mobile manufactured home park containing two 301 hundred or more units in which a majority of residents have been given 302 written notice, prior to June 23, 1999, pursuant to subdivision (3) of 303 subsection (a) of section 21-80 or subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of 304 subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, regardless of 305 whether one or more of such notices or the service of such notices is 306 subsequently deemed invalid or ineffective, the amount of the 307 relocation or compensatory payments required to be paid to such 308 resident under the provisions of this section shall not exceed seven 309 thousand dollars, regardless of whether a subsequent valid notice or 310 notices are properly served subsequent to June 23, 1999, and such

311 subsequent notice or notices expire on or after October 1, 2000, but
312 <u>before October 1, 2025</u>.

(c) The owner of a mobile manufactured home park, who intends to close the park, shall notify, in writing, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the Commissioner of Housing and the chief elected official in the town in which the park is located at least ninety days prior to refusing to renew any leases because of the impending closing, or on any earlier date the owner gives any notice of the closing of the park as may be required by the general statutes.

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

322 (a) The department may revoke, suspend, place conditions on or 323 refuse to renew any license to operate a mobile manufactured home park for a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulations 324 325 issued hereunder or any other state or local law or regulation, after 326 hearing, except that if the department upon investigation finds a 327 licensee is not providing adequate sewerage facilities, electrical, 328 plumbing or sanitary services, water supply or fire protection, 329 suspension of the license shall be automatic, provided such licensee 330 shall be entitled to a hearing before the department not later than thirty 331 days after such suspension. A license may be reinstated or reissued if 332 the circumstances leading to the violation have been remedied and the 333 park is being maintained and operated in full compliance with this 334 chapter and the regulations hereunder. Each officer, board, commission 335 or department of the state or any local government shall assist the 336 department with technical data on sewerage facilities, electrical, 337 plumbing or sanitary services, water supply or fire protection and shall 338 submit such data to the department for the department's use in any 339 hearing held pursuant to this section. In addition to revoking, 340 suspending, placing conditions on, or refusing to renew any license to 341 operate a mobile manufactured home park, the department may, 342 following an administrative hearing, impose a fine of not less than fifty 343 nor more than three hundred dollars for each day that such violation

344 exists. In connection with any investigation the Commissioner of 345 Consumer Protection or the commissioner's authorized agent may 346 administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the 347 production of books, records and documents. Notwithstanding any 348 provision of this chapter or chapter 416, all books, records and 349 documents produced pursuant to this subsection shall be public records 350 or files within the meaning of the Freedom of Information Act, as 351 defined in section 1-200, and the department shall disclose such books, 352 records or documents to any person in accordance with the provisions 353 of said act regardless of whether such books, records or documents are 354 relevant to an ongoing investigation or enforcement action by the 355 department under this chapter. Each owner shall retain all leases, 356 disclosure statements, rules and regulations required under this chapter 357 for at least four years after any resident to whom they relate vacates the 358 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.

365 (2) As part of an inspection or investigation, the department may 366 order an owner of a mobile manufactured home park to obtain an 367 independent inspection report, at the sole cost of the owner, that 368 assesses the condition and potential public health impact of a condition 369 at the park, including, but not limited to, the condition of trees and 370 electrical, plumbing or sanitary systems.

(3) (A) In ordering an owner of a mobile manufactured home park to 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.

386 (4) If the department orders a mobile manufactured home park 387 owner to obtain an independent inspection report as part of the owner's 388 application for a license, or for renewal of a license, to operate a mobile 389 manufactured home park, the department shall issue such order to such 390 owner at the electronic mail address such owner most recently provided 391 to the department in such owner's application. Such order shall provide 392 a description of the condition or conditions that require further 393 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.

399 (6) Each independent inspection report required under this 400 subsection shall include (A) an assessment of (i) all conditions outlined 401 in the department's order requiring such report that impact public 402 health and safety for the purpose of assessing the risk that such 403 conditions pose to public health and safety, and (ii) the severity of the 404 conditions described in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, and (B) 405 a detailed plan of action to remedy each condition described in 406 subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision.

407 (7) Not later than ten days after a mobile manufactured home park408 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.

413 (8) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or chapter 416, each independent inspection report or proof of compliance submitted to 414 415 the department pursuant to this subsection, each detailed plan provided 416 to the department pursuant to this subsection and each order issued by 417 the department pursuant to this subsection shall be a public record or 418 file within the meaning of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined 419 in section 1-200, and the department shall disclose such independent inspection report, proof of compliance, detailed plan or order to any 420 421 person in accordance with the provisions of said act regardless of whether such independent inspection report, proof of compliance, 422 detailed plan or order is relevant to an ongoing investigation or 423 424 enforcement action by the department under this chapter.

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

428 (d) The department may issue an order to any owner determined to 429 be in violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued 430 under this section after an inspection of a mobile manufactured home 431 park, providing for the immediate discontinuance of the violation or 432 timely remediation of such violation. Any owner of a mobile 433 manufactured home park who fails to comply with any orders 434 contained in a notice of violation resulting from a reinspection of such 435 park not later than thirty days after issuance of such notice, including 436 confirmation of active licensure, shall be fined five hundred dollars per 437 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

441 <u>adopted pursuant to this chapter or any other state or local law or</u>
 442 <u>regulation concerning mobile manufactured home parks.</u>

443 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 21-80 of the general statutes is 444 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 445 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:

(A) Nonpayment of rent, utility charges or reasonable incidentalservices 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;

455 (C) Material noncompliance by the resident with the rental 456 agreement or with rules or regulations adopted under section 21-70<u>, as</u> 457 <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

461 (E) A change in the use of the land on which such mobile 462 manufactured home is located, provided all of the affected residents 463 receive written notice (i) at least three hundred sixty-five days before 464 the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession of the 465 mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice is 466 given before June 23, 1999, or (ii) at least five hundred forty-five days 467 before the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession 468 of the mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice 469 is given on or after June 23, 1999, regardless of whether any other notice 470 under this section or section 21-70, as amended by this act, has been given before June 23, 1999; provided nothing in subsection (f) of section
21-70, as amended by this act, section 21-70a, as amended by this act,
subsection (a) of this section, this subdivision and section 21-80b shall
be construed to invalidate the effectiveness of or require the reissuance
of any valid notice given before June 23, 1999.

476 (2) An owner may not maintain a summary process action under 477 subparagraph (B), (C) or (D) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except 478 a summary process action based upon conduct which constitutes a 479 serious nuisance or a violation of subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of 480 section 21-82, prior to delivering a written notice to the resident specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and that the 481 482 rental agreement shall terminate upon a date not less than thirty days 483 after receipt of the notice. If such breach can be remedied by repair by 484 the resident or payment of damages by the resident to the owner and 485 such breach is not so remedied within twenty-one days, the rental 486 agreement shall terminate except that (A) if the breach is remediable by 487 repairs or the payment of damages and the resident adequately 488 remedies the breach within said twenty-one-day period, the rental 489 agreement shall not terminate, or (B) if substantially the same act or 490 omission for which notice was given recurs within six months, the 491 owner may terminate the rental agreement in accordance with the 492 provisions of sections 47a-23 to 47a-23b, inclusive. For the purposes of 493 this subdivision, "serious nuisance" means (i) inflicting bodily harm 494 upon another resident or the owner or threatening to inflict such harm 495 with the present ability to effect the harm and under circumstances 496 which would lead a reasonable person to believe that such threat will be 497 carried out, (ii) substantial and wilful destruction of part of the premises, (iii) conduct which presents an immediate and serious danger 498 499 to the safety of other residents or the owner, or (iv) using the premises 500 for prostitution or the illegal sale of drugs. If the owner elects to evict 501 based upon an allegation, pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (b) 502 of section 21-82, that the resident failed to require other persons on the 503 premises with the resident's consent to conduct themselves in a manner 504 that will not constitute a serious nuisance, and the resident claims to

have had no knowledge of such conduct, then, if the owner establishes
that the premises have been used for the illegal sale of drugs, the burden
shall be on the resident to show that the resident had no knowledge of
the creation of the serious nuisance.

- 509 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47a-23, termination of 510 any tenancy in a mobile manufactured home park shall be effective only 511 if made in the following manner:
- 512 (A) By the resident giving at least thirty days' notice to the owner; <u>or</u>

513 (B) By the owner giving the resident at least sixty days' written notice, 514 which shall state the reason or reasons for such termination, except that, 515 when termination is based upon subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of 516 this subsection, the owner need give the resident only thirty days' 517 written notice, which notice shall state the total arrearage due provided, 518 the owner shall not maintain or proceed with a summary process action 519 against a resident who tenders the total arrearage due to the owner 520 within such thirty days and who has not so tendered an arrearage under 521 this subparagraph during the preceding twelve months.

522 (4) Except as otherwise specified, proceedings under this section shall523 be as prescribed by chapter 832.

524 (5) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an owner from increasing 525 the rent at the termination of the rental agreement if (A) the owner 526 delivers a written notice of the proposed rent increase to the resident at 527 least thirty days before the start of a new rental agreement; (B) the 528 proposed rent is consistent with rents for comparable lots, [in the same 529 park] provided the proposed rent shall not increase at a rate that exceeds 530 any increase in the consumer price index over the preceding twelve-531 month period plus one per cent; and (C) the rent is not increased in order 532 to defeat the purpose of this subsection.

533 Sec. 6. Section 21-83 of the general statutes is repealed and the 534 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, 47a35 to 47a-35b, inclusive, 47a-41a, 47a-43 and 47a-46, or under any section
of the general statutes or any municipal ordinance, unless such section
or ordinance expressly states that such rights may be waived;

(2) Any provision which permits the owner to terminate the rental
agreement for failure to pay rent unless such rent is unpaid when due
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;

558 (5) Any provision which allows the owner to increase the total rent 559 or change the payment arrangements during the term of the rental 560 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 <u>or</u>
<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>;

568 (7) Any provision allowing the owner to charge an entrance fee to a 569 resident assuming occupancy;

570 (8) Any provision allowing the owner to charge ancillary fees in an
571 aggregate amount that exceeds fifteen dollars annually;

572 [(8)] (9) Any provision authorizing the owner to confess judgment on 573 a claim arising out of the rental agreement;

574 [(9)] (10) Any provision which waives any cause of action against or 575 indemnification from an owner, by a resident for any injury or harm 576 caused to such resident, his or her family or his or her guests, or to his 577 or her property, or the property of his or her family or his or her guests 578 resulting from any negligence of the owner, his or her agents or his or 579 her assigns in the maintenance of the premises or which otherwise agrees to the exculpation or limitation of any liability of the owner 580 581 arising under law or to indemnify the owner for that liability or the costs 582 connected therewith;

583 [(10)] (11) Any provision permitting the owner to dispossess the 584 resident without resort to court order;

585 [(11)] (<u>12</u>) Any provision consenting to the distraint of the resident's 586 property for rent;

[(12)] (13) Any provision agreeing to pay the owner's attorney's fees
in excess of fifteen per cent of any judgment against the resident in any
action in which money damages are awarded; or

[(13)] (14) Any provision which denies to the resident the right to treat as a breach of the agreement, a continuing violation by the owner, substantial in nature, of any provision set forth in the rental agreement or of any state statute unless the owner discontinues such violation within a reasonable time after written notice is given by the resident by registered or certified mail. 596 (b) A provision prohibited by this chapter included in a rental 597 agreement is unenforceable.

598 Sec. 7. Subsection (i) of section 47a-21 of the general statutes is 599 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 600 *1*, 2025):

601 (i) On and after July 1, 1993, each landlord other than a landlord of a 602 residential unit in any building owned or controlled by any educational 603 institution and used by such institution for the purpose of housing 604 students of such institution and their families, and each landlord or 605 owner of a mobile manufactured home or of a mobile manufactured 606 home space or lot or park, as such terms are defined in [subdivisions (1), 607 (2) and (3) of section 21-64, as amended by this act, shall pay interest on 608 each security deposit received by such landlord at a rate of not less than 609 the average rate paid, as of December 30, 1992, on savings deposits by 610 insured commercial banks as published in the Federal Reserve Board 611 Bulletin rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percentage point, 612 except in no event shall the rate be less than one and one-half per cent. On and after January 1, 1994, the rate for each calendar year shall be not 613 614 less than the deposit index, determined under this section as it was in 615 effect during such year. On and after January 1, 2012, the rate for each 616 calendar year shall be not less than the deposit index, as defined in 617 section 36a-26, for that year. On the anniversary date of the tenancy and 618 annually thereafter, such interest shall be paid to the tenant or resident 619 or credited toward the next rental payment due from the tenant or 620 resident, as the landlord or owner shall determine. If the tenancy is 621 terminated before the anniversary date of such tenancy, or if the 622 landlord or owner returns all or part of a security deposit prior to 623 termination of the tenancy, the landlord or owner shall pay the accrued 624 interest to the tenant or resident not later than twenty-one days after 625 such termination or return. Interest shall not be paid to a tenant for any 626 month in which the tenant has been delinquent for more than ten days 627 in the payment of any monthly rent, unless the landlord imposes a late 628 charge for such delinquency. No landlord shall increase the rent due 629 from a tenant because of the requirement that the landlord pay on 630 interest the security deposit.

631 Sec. 8. Subdivision (5) of section 52-352a of the general statutes is
632 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*633 1, 2025):

(5) "Homestead" means owner-occupied real property, co-op or
mobile manufactured home, as defined in [subdivision (1) of] section 2164, as amended by this act, used as a primary residence.

637 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2025, 638 and annually thereafter, the owner of each mobile manufactured home 639 park, as defined in section 21-64 of the general statutes, as amended by 640 this act, shall submit a report to the Department of Consumer Protection 641 disclosing the water capacity and flow of each fire hydrant located in 642 such park.

(b) The owner of a mobile manufactured home park with a fire
hydrant that is determined by the Commissioner of Consumer
Protection to have insufficient water capacity or flow shall, not later than
thirty days after receiving notification of such determination, and
quarterly thereafter, submit a report to the department detailing the
progress such owner has made in increasing the water capacity or flow
of the fire hydrant to a level deemed sufficient by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 21-64 |
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| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 21-70 |
| Sec. 3 | October 1, 2025 | 21-70a |
| Sec. 4 | October 1, 2025 | 21-71 |
| Sec. 5 | October 1, 2025 | 21-80(b) |
| Sec. 6 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 21-83 |
| Sec. 7 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 47a-21(i) |
| Sec. 8 | October 1, 2025 | 52-352a(5) |
| Sec. 9 | July 1, 2025 | New section |

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