



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Committee Bill No. 5571**

LCO No. 4607



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM RESTOCKING FEE FOR  
RETURNED CONSUMER GOODS.***

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2       (1) "Business" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-158ff  
3       of the general statutes;

4       (2) "Consumer" means an individual who is physically present in this  
5       state and is a prospective purchaser or purchaser of consumer goods;  
6       and

7       (3) "Consumer good" has the same meaning as provided in section  
8       42-158ff of the general statutes.

9       (b) No business shall require a consumer to pay any fee or charge in  
10      exchange for accepting any consumer good for return to such business's  
11      general inventory or regular stock if the amount of such fee or charge  
12      exceeds the lesser of (1) the actual cost incurred by the business in  
13      returning such consumer good to such business's general inventory or  
14      regular stock, or (2) five per cent of the purchase price charged for such

15 consumer good.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
17 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
18 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

19 (d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
20 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b  
21 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a maximum restocking fee for returned consumer goods.

*[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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