



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5571

January Session, 2025



***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 January 1, 2026*) (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 five per cent of the purchase price charged for such consumer
13 good.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (d), "this section" was changed to "subsection (b) of this section" for accuracy.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*