



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6856***

*January Session, 2025*



***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CONSUMER PRODUCTS,  
ABNORMAL ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS AND PRECIPITATING  
EVENTS.***

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

- 1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2       (1) "Consumer product" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3       22a-256 of the general statutes; and
- 4       (2) "Vendor" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-230 of  
5       the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- 6       (b) The University of Connecticut School of Business shall conduct a  
7       study concerning efforts made by vendors to reduce the quantities,  
8       amounts, weights or sizes of consumer products offered or sold in this  
9       state during the period beginning on May 1, 2005, and ending on April  
10      30, 2025.
- 11      (c) Not later than October 1, 2025, The University of Connecticut  
12      School of Business shall submit a report on the results of the study  
13      conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to (1) the joint  
14      standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
15      matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance with the  
16      provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and (2) the office of  
17      the Attorney General.

18 Sec. 2. Section 42-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

20 (a) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Abnormal economic disruption" means a significant disruption  
22 in the production, supply, distribution, wholesale, sale or availability of  
23 a consumer necessity that (A) is caused by a natural or man-made  
24 disaster or emergency, regardless of the location of such disaster or  
25 emergency, and (B) causes ordinary competitive market forces to cease  
26 functioning normally;

27 (2) "Consumer necessity" (A) means an item purchased by or on  
28 behalf of a state agency, as defined in section 1-79, for the purpose of  
29 ensuring the public health or safety of the residents of this state, (B)  
30 includes, but is not limited to, food, diapers, baby formula,  
31 pharmaceutical products and prescription drugs, and (C) does not  
32 include any item that is subject to a continuous maximum price  
33 requirement established in any applicable federal or state law or  
34 regulation;

35 (3) "Precipitating event" means (A) a civil preparedness emergency  
36 declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, (B) a  
37 transportation emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant  
38 to section 3-6b, (C) an abnormal economic disruption notice issued by  
39 the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (D) a  
40 major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President of the  
41 United States;

42 (4) "Unconscionably excessive price" means an increased price at  
43 which a vendor leases, rents or sells an item during a precipitating event  
44 if (A) the increased price is grossly disproportionate to the price at  
45 which the vendor leased, rented or sold such item (i) immediately before  
46 the precipitating event, or (ii) while the precipitating event was  
47 reasonably anticipated, and (B) the increased price is not attributable to  
48 additional costs incurred by the vendor in leasing, renting or selling the  
49 item during the precipitating event; and

50     (5) "Vendor" means a person, corporation or firm, including, but not  
51     limited to, a distributor, manufacturer, retailer, supplier or wholesaler.

52     (b) (1) If the Attorney General determines that an abnormal economic  
53     disruption exists or is substantially likely to be imminent, the Attorney  
54     General may issue a notice for such existing or imminent abnormal  
55     economic disruption. The Attorney General shall make such  
56     determination (A) following a reasonable investigation and consultation  
57     with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and the Commissioner  
58     of Economic and Community Development, and (B) with due  
59     consideration for whether issuing such notice will disrupt the supply of  
60     consumer necessities.

61     (2) (A) A notice of an existing or imminent abnormal economic  
62     disruption issued by the Attorney General pursuant to subdivision (1)  
63     of this subsection shall:

64     (i) Specify (I) the date on which the Attorney General issued such  
65     notice, (II) the anticipated end date of the period for which the Attorney  
66     General issued such notice, (III) the conditions that have caused, or are  
67     substantially likely to have caused, such abnormal economic disruption,  
68     (IV) the consumer necessity, consumer necessities or categories of  
69     consumer necessities affected by such abnormal economic disruption  
70     and therefore subject to the provisions of this section, and (V) the levels  
71     of trade or commerce affected by such abnormal economic disruption  
72     and therefore subject to the provisions of this section, which levels may  
73     include, but need not be limited to, production, supply, distribution,  
74     wholesale, sale or availability;

75     (ii) Be posted by the Attorney General on the home page of the  
76     Internet web site of the office of the Attorney General;

77     (iii) Be filed by the Attorney General (I) with the Secretary of the State,  
78     in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, and (II)  
79     in writing with the joint legislative committee described in  
80     subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision; and

81     (iv) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision or  
82     subdivision (3) of this subsection, expire sixty days after the Attorney  
83     General issued such notice or on an earlier date specified by the  
84     Attorney General in such notice, whichever occurs first.

85     (B) (i) A notice of an existing or imminent abnormal economic  
86     disruption issued by the Attorney General pursuant to subdivision (1)  
87     of this subsection may be disapproved by a majority vote of a joint  
88     legislative committee consisting of the president pro tempore of the  
89     Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority  
90     and minority leaders of both houses of the General Assembly, provided  
91     (I) at least one of the minority leaders votes for disapproval, and (II)  
92     notice of such disapproval is filed with the Secretary of the State, in a  
93     form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, not later than  
94     seventy-two hours after the joint legislative committee receives written  
95     notice from the Attorney General pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii)(II)  
96     of this subdivision.

97     (ii) Any disapproval under subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision  
98     shall become effective when notice of such disapproval is filed with the  
99     Secretary of the State, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary  
100    of the State.

101    (3) (A) The Attorney General may, at any time, modify a notice of an  
102    existing or imminent abnormal economic disruption issued pursuant to  
103    subdivision (1) of this subsection, or extend the term of any such notice  
104    for one or more additional sixty-day periods, provided the Attorney  
105    General issues a notice that:

106    (i) Specifies (I) the information required under subparagraph (A)(i)  
107    of subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (II) the grounds for such  
108    modification or extension;

109    (ii) Is posted by the Attorney General on the home page of the  
110    Internet web site of the office of the Attorney General; and

111    (iii) Is filed by the Attorney General (I) with the Secretary of the State,

112 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, and (II)  
113 in writing with the joint legislative committee described in  
114 subparagraph (B)(i) of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

115 (B) (i) A modification or extension notice issued by the Attorney  
116 General pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision may be  
117 disapproved by a majority vote of the joint legislative committee  
118 described in subparagraph (B)(i) of subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
119 provided (I) at least one of the minority leaders votes for disapproval,  
120 and (II) notice of such disapproval is filed with the Secretary of the State,  
121 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, not later  
122 than seventy-two hours after the joint legislative committee receives  
123 written notice from the Attorney General pursuant to subparagraph  
124 (A)(iii)(II) of this subdivision.

125 (ii) Any disapproval under subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision  
126 shall become effective when notice of such disapproval is filed with the  
127 Secretary of the State, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary  
128 of the State.

129 (c) No [person, firm or corporation] vendor shall [increase the price  
130 of] lease, rent or sell, or offer to lease, rent or sell, any item [which such  
131 person, firm or corporation sells or offers for sale at retail] in the chain  
132 of distribution at an unconscionably excessive price at any location in  
133 an area which is the subject of any [disaster emergency declaration  
134 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, any transportation  
135 emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to section 3-6b  
136 or any major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President  
137 of the United States, until the period of emergency or disaster is declared  
138 by] precipitating event until the Governor, the Attorney General or the  
139 President, as applicable, declares such precipitating event to be at an  
140 end. [Nothing in this section shall prohibit the fluctuation in the price of  
141 items sold at retail which occurs during the normal course of business.  
142 Any person, firm or corporation which violates any provision of this  
143 section shall be fined not more than ninety-nine dollars.]

144 (d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
 145 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
 146 110b. The Attorney General shall have (1) exclusive authority to enforce  
 147 the provisions of this section on behalf of the state, and (2) for the  
 148 purposes of this section, the authority to (A) order an investigation or  
 149 examination pursuant to section 42-110d, or (B) take such other  
 150 enforcement action under sections 42-110e to 42-110q, inclusive, as the  
 151 Attorney General deems necessary.

152 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is  
 153 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
 154 *2025*):

155 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person  
 156 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of  
 157 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)  
 158 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,  
 159 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-  
 160 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of  
 161 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-  
 162 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of  
 163 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-  
 164 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-  
 165 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection  
 166 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section  
 167 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-  
 168 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,  
 169 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,  
 170 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of  
 171 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section  
 172 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,  
 173 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58  
 174 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,  
 175 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,  
 176 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,  
 177 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-

178 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b  
179 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-  
180 224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-  
181 267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of  
182 section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277,  
183 section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-  
184 283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa,  
185 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326,  
186 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section  
187 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of  
188 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,  
189 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of  
190 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,  
191 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of  
192 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-  
193 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,  
194 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,  
195 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,  
196 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-  
197 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or  
198 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,  
199 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or  
200 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,  
201 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section  
202 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,  
203 section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,  
204 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section  
205 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,  
206 section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section  
207 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section  
208 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34,  
209 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l,  
210 subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of  
211 section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m,  
212 section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o,

213 subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section  
214 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-  
215 326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection  
216 (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection  
217 (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366,  
218 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a)  
219 of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,  
220 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,  
221 section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b,  
222 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section  
223 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-  
224 18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-  
225 56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61,  
226 section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89,  
227 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117,  
228 subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138,  
229 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215,  
230 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-  
231 230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-  
232 285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13,  
233 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),  
234 (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision  
235 (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of  
236 section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-  
237 335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section  
238 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11,  
239 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36,  
240 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-  
241 52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section  
242 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of  
243 section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412,  
244 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57,  
245 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-  
246 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq,  
247 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764,



248 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, [42-230,] 42-470 or 42-480,  
 249 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634  
 250 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-  
 251 81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection  
 252 (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21,  
 253 section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-  
 254 362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-  
 255 290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331,  
 256 subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of  
 257 section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422  
 258 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2) a violation under the  
 259 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in  
 260 accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or  
 261 (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or  
 262 borough, except violations of building codes and the health code, for  
 263 which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two  
 264 hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established  
 265 a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section  
 266 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	42-230
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	51-164n(b)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 2(b)(2)(B)(i)(I) and (3)(B)(i)(I), "minority members of the committee" was changed to "minority leaders" for internal consistency.

**GL**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*