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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-289 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 There shall be an Architectural Licensing Board in the Department of  
6 Consumer Protection. The board shall consist of five members. The  
7 Governor shall appoint two members of the board who shall be public  
8 members and three members of the board who shall be architects  
9 residing in this state. The Governor shall have the power to remove any  
10 member from office for misconduct, incapacity or neglect of duty.  
11 Members shall not be compensated for their services but shall be  
12 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
13 duties. The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a roster of

14 all licensed architects entitled to practice architecture and of all persons  
15 holding certificates of authority under sections 20-295 and 20-295a of the  
16 general statutes, revised to 1968, and corporations holding certificates  
17 of authorization for the practice of architecture under section 20-298b in  
18 this state. The department shall adopt regulations, in consultation with  
19 the board and in accordance with chapter 54, concerning eligibility for  
20 architectural licensing examinations, appeals of examination grades,  
21 reciprocal licensing, requirements for continuing professional education  
22 for renewal of licensure, qualifications for registration for Architect  
23 Emeritus and such other matters as the department deems necessary to  
24 carry out the purposes of this chapter. The board shall, annually,  
25 prepare a roster of all licensed architects and the last-known mailing  
26 address of such architects. A copy of such roster shall be placed on file  
27 with the Secretary of the State and with the town building department  
28 of each town. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with advice  
29 and assistance from the board, shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
30 with chapter 54, (1) concerning professional ethics and conduct  
31 appropriate to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity and  
32 dignity in the practice of the profession, and (2) for the conduct of the  
33 board's affairs and for the examination of applicants for a license. The  
34 board shall, after public notice, hold at least one meeting per quarter, in  
35 each calendar year, for the purpose of considering applications for  
36 licenses and for the transaction of other business. Any person aggrieved  
37 by an order made under this chapter may appeal from such order as  
38 provided in section 4-183. Appeals under this section shall be privileged  
39 in respect to the order of trial and assignment.

40 Sec. 2. Section 20-290 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
41 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

42 In order to safeguard life, health and property, no person shall  
43 practice architecture in this state, except as provided in this chapter, or  
44 use the title "architect", or display or use any words, terms, letters,  
45 figures, title, sign, seal, advertisement or other device to indicate that  
46 such person practices or offers to practice architecture, including, but

47 not limited to, the terms "architectural design", "architectural services"  
48 and "architectural drawings", unless such person has obtained a license  
49 as provided in this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent any  
50 Connecticut corporation in existence prior to 1933, whose charter  
51 authorizes the practice of architecture, from making plans and  
52 specifications or supervising the construction of any building, except  
53 that no such corporation shall issue plans or specifications unless such  
54 plans or specifications have been signed and sealed by an architect  
55 licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

56 Sec. 3. Section 20-292 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

58 (a) Each licensed architect shall renew his or her license annually.  
59 Pursuant to section 20-289, as amended by this act, a licensee shall pay  
60 to the department the professional services fee for class F, as defined in  
61 section 33-182l and shall submit proof of, or attest to, completion of  
62 continuing professional education requirements.

63 (b) Each corporation holding a certificate of authorization for the  
64 practice of architecture shall renew its certificate of authorization for the  
65 practice of architecture each year and pay to the department a renewal  
66 fee of two hundred twenty dollars.

67 (c) An applicant for examination or reexamination under this chapter  
68 shall pay a nonrefundable fee of seventy-two dollars and an amount  
69 sufficient to meet the cost of conducting each portion of the examination  
70 taken by such applicant. The fee for an applicant who qualifies for a  
71 license, other than by examination, in accordance with the provisions of  
72 section 20-291, shall be one hundred dollars.

73 (d) Pursuant to section 20-289, as amended by this act, an architect  
74 who is retired and not practicing any aspect of architecture and who [is]  
75 (1) is sixty-five years of age or older, or (2) has been licensed for a  
76 minimum of ten years in this state, may apply for registration as an  
77 Architect Emeritus. The fee for such registration shall be ten dollars. An

78 Architect Emeritus may not engage in the practice of architecture  
79 without applying for and receiving an architect license.

80 (e) [For] (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of  
81 this subsection, for renewal of a license under this section, other than  
82 under subsection (d) of this section, an applicant shall submit proof or  
83 attest that he or she has completed twelve hours of continuing  
84 professional education during the continuing professional education  
85 period. The continuing professional education period shall commence  
86 three calendar months prior to the license expiration date and shall run  
87 for a period of twelve months from the date of commencement.

88 (2) No licensed architect shall be required to comply with the  
89 continuing professional education requirements established in this  
90 section until after the licensed architect's first license renewal.

91 (3) No architect who is registered as an Architect Emeritus in the  
92 manner set forth in subsection (d) of this section shall be subject to the  
93 continuing professional education requirements established in this  
94 section.

95 (4) (A) The board may, in the board's discretion, excuse a licensed  
96 architect from the continuing professional education requirements  
97 established in this section for reasons of health, military service or other  
98 individual hardship, provided (i) the licensed architect otherwise  
99 satisfies all requirements to renew such licensed architect's license, and  
100 (ii) the board issues its decision to excuse the licensed architect from  
101 such continuing professional education requirements in writing.

102 (B) A written decision issued by the board pursuant to subparagraph  
103 (A) of this subdivision shall be a final decision and not appealable to the  
104 department.

105 (f) (1) For renewal of a license under this section, the department shall  
106 charge the following fees for failure to earn continuing professional  
107 education credits by the end of the continuing professional education  
108 period:

109 (A) Three hundred fifteen dollars for reporting on a renewal  
110 application that any of the minimum of twelve hours of continuing  
111 professional education was earned up to thirteen weeks following the  
112 end of the continuing professional education period; and

113 (B) Six hundred twenty-five dollars for reporting on a renewal  
114 application that any of the minimum of twelve hours of continuing  
115 professional education was earned for more than thirteen weeks and up  
116 to twenty-six weeks following the end of the continuing professional  
117 education period.

118 (2) Failure [.] on the part of a licensee under this section to comply  
119 with the continuing professional education requirements for more than  
120 twenty-six weeks beyond the continuing professional education period  
121 may result in the imposition of a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed  
122 one thousand dollars, or in the suspension, revocation or refusal to  
123 renew the licensee's license, by the board or department [.] following an  
124 administrative hearing held pursuant to chapter 54.

125 Sec. 4. Section 20-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

127 (a) The following activities are exempted from the provisions of this  
128 chapter: (1) The practice of engineering by a professional engineer  
129 licensed under the provisions of chapter 391, and the performance by  
130 such professional engineer of architectural work for which such  
131 professional engineer is qualified by education and experience and  
132 which is incidental to such professional engineer's engineering work; (2)  
133 the construction or alteration of a residential building to provide  
134 dwelling space for not more than two families, or of a private garage or  
135 other accessory building intended for use with such residential  
136 building, or of any farm building or structure for agricultural use; (3)  
137 the preparation of details and shop drawings by persons other than  
138 architects, for use in execution of the work of such persons, when  
139 buildings are designed in accordance with the requirements of this  
140 chapter; (4) the activities of employees of architects licensed in this state

141 acting under the instructions, control or supervision of their employers;  
142 (5) the superintendence by builders, or properly qualified  
143 superintendents employed by such builders, of the construction or  
144 structural alteration of buildings or structures; (6) the activities of  
145 officers and employees of any public utility corporation whose  
146 operations are under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Regulatory  
147 Authority; (7) the activities of officers and employees of the government  
148 of the United States while engaged in this state in the practice of  
149 architecture for said government; and (8) the making of plans and  
150 specifications for or supervising the erection of any building, any  
151 building addition or any alteration to an existing building, where the  
152 building, including any addition, contains less than five thousand  
153 square feet total area, provided (A) this subdivision shall not be  
154 construed to exempt from the provisions of this chapter buildings of less  
155 than five thousand square feet total area of the use groups as defined in  
156 the State Building Code as follows: Assembly, educational, institutional,  
157 high hazard, transient residential, which includes hotels, motels,  
158 rooming or boarding houses, dormitories and similar buildings, and (B)  
159 the area specified in this subdivision is to be calculated from the exterior  
160 dimensions of the outside walls of the building and shall include all  
161 occupiable floors or levels.

162 (b) No person claiming an exemption under subsection (a) of this  
163 section shall use the title "architect", or display or use any words, terms,  
164 letters, figures, title, sign, seal, advertisement or other device to indicate  
165 or imply that such person practices or offers to practice architecture,  
166 including, but not limited to, the terms "architectural design",  
167 "architectural services" and "architectural drawings", unless such person  
168 has obtained a license as provided in this chapter.

169 (c) A person claiming an exemption under subdivisions (1) to (6),  
170 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section or subdivision (8) of said  
171 subsection (a) of this section who has not obtained a license as provided  
172 in this chapter shall clearly and conspicuously include the words "NOT  
173 A LICENSED ARCHITECT" on all contracts, advertisements,

174 promotional materials, plans and specifications.

175       Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is  
176 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
177 *2025*):

178       (c) In order to determine the competency of any applicant for a real  
179 estate licensee's license, the commission or Commissioner of Consumer  
180 Protection shall, on payment of an application fee of one hundred  
181 twenty dollars by an applicant for a real estate broker's license or an  
182 application fee of eighty dollars by an applicant for a real estate  
183 salesperson's license, subject such applicant to personal written  
184 examination as to the applicant's competency to act as a real estate  
185 broker or real estate salesperson, as the case may be. Each examination  
186 shall be prepared by the department or by a national testing service  
187 designated by the commissioner and shall be administered to applicants  
188 by the department or by such testing service at such times and places as  
189 the commissioner may deem necessary. The commission or  
190 commissioner may waive the uniform portion of the written  
191 examination requirement in the case of an applicant who has taken the  
192 national testing service examination in another state within two years  
193 from the date of application and has received a score deemed  
194 satisfactory by the commission or commissioner. Upon application to  
195 the department for an initial real estate license, an applicant shall submit  
196 evidence of the applicant's successful completion of such applicant's  
197 final required licensure examination, which successful completion shall  
198 occur not more than two years prior to the date of application unless the  
199 commission, in the commission's discretion, grants a hardship extension  
200 to the applicant. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in  
201 accordance with chapter 54, establishing passing scores for  
202 examinations. In addition to such application fee, applicants taking the  
203 examination administered by a national testing service shall be required  
204 to pay directly to such testing service an examination fee covering the  
205 cost of such examination. Each payment of such application fee shall  
206 entitle the applicant to take such examination within the one-year

207 period from the date of payment.

208 Sec. 6. Section 20-324e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

210 [(a) When any aggrieved person commences any action for a  
211 judgment which may result in collection from the Real Estate Guaranty  
212 Fund, the aggrieved person shall notify the commission or department  
213 in writing to this effect at the time of the commencement of such action.  
214 Such written notice shall toll the time for making application to the  
215 commission pursuant to section 20-324d. The commission or  
216 department shall have the right to enter an appearance, intervene in or  
217 defend any such action and may waive the required written notice for  
218 good cause shown.]

219 [(b)] (a) When any aggrieved person [recovers a valid judgment in  
220 the Superior Court] obtains a binding arbitration decision,  
221 administrative decision, court judgment, order or decree against any  
222 real estate licensee or the unlicensed employee of any such real estate  
223 licensee for loss or damages sustained by reason of the embezzlement  
224 of money or property, or money or property unlawfully obtained from  
225 any person by false pretenses, artifice or forgery or by reason of any  
226 fraud, misrepresentation or deceit by or on the part of such real estate  
227 licensee or the unlicensed employee of any such real estate [broker]  
228 licensee, such aggrieved person may upon the final determination of, or  
229 expiration of time for appeal in connection with, any decision,  
230 judgment, order or decree, apply to the [commission] department for an  
231 order directing payment out of the Real Estate Guaranty Fund of the  
232 amount unpaid upon the decision, judgment, order or decree, subject to  
233 the limitations stated in section 20-324a and the limitations specified in  
234 this section.

235 [(c)] (b) The [commission] department shall proceed upon such  
236 application in a summary manner, and [, upon the hearing thereof,] the  
237 aggrieved person shall be required to show that: (1) Such aggrieved  
238 person is not a spouse of the debtor or the personal representative of



239 such spouse; (2) such aggrieved person has complied with all the  
240 requirements of this section; (3) such aggrieved person has obtained a  
241 decision, judgment, order or decree as provided in subsection [(b)] (a)  
242 of this section, stating the amount thereof and the amount owing  
243 thereon at the date of the application; (4) such aggrieved person has  
244 caused to be issued a writ of execution upon the decision, judgment,  
245 order or decree and the officer executing the same has made a return  
246 showing that no personal or real property of the [judgment] debtor  
247 liable to be levied upon in satisfaction of the decision, judgment, order  
248 or decree could be found, or that the amount realized on the sale of them  
249 or of such of them as were found, under the execution, was insufficient  
250 to satisfy the decision, judgment, order or decree, stating the amount so  
251 realized and the balance remaining due on the decision, judgment, order  
252 or decree after application thereon of the amount realized; (5) such  
253 aggrieved person has made all reasonable searches and inquiries to  
254 ascertain whether the [judgment debtor] real estate licensee or  
255 unlicensed employee of a real estate licensee possesses real or personal  
256 property or other assets, liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of the  
257 decision, judgment, order or decree; and (6) that by such search such  
258 aggrieved person has discovered no personal or real property or other  
259 assets liable to be sold or applied, or that such aggrieved person has  
260 discovered certain of them, describing them, owned by the [judgment  
261 debtor] real estate licensee or unlicensed employee of a real estate  
262 licensee and liable to be so applied, and that such aggrieved person has  
263 taken all necessary action and proceedings for the realization thereof,  
264 and that the amount thereby realized was insufficient to satisfy the  
265 decision, judgment, order or decree, stating the amount so realized and  
266 the balance remaining due on the decision, judgment, order or decree  
267 after application of the amount realized.

268 [(d)] (c) Whenever the aggrieved person satisfies the [commission]  
269 department that it is not practicable to comply with one or more of the  
270 requirements enumerated in subdivisions (4), (5) and (6) of subsection  
271 [(c)] (b) of this section and that such aggrieved person has taken all  
272 reasonable steps to collect the amount of the decision, judgment, order

273 or decree or the unsatisfied part thereof and has been unable to collect  
274 the same, the [commission] department may in its discretion waive such  
275 requirements.

276 [(e)] (d) The [commission] department shall order payment from the  
277 Real Estate Guaranty Fund of any sum it shall find to be payable upon  
278 the claim, pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the  
279 limitations contained in this section and section 20-324a, if the  
280 [commission] department is satisfied [, upon the hearing,] of the truth  
281 of all matters required to be shown by the aggrieved person by  
282 subsection [(c)] (b) of this section and that such aggrieved person has  
283 fully pursued and exhausted all remedies available to such aggrieved  
284 person for recovering the amount awarded by the decision, judgment,  
285 [of the court] order or decree.

286 [(f)] (e) If the [commission] department pays from the Real Estate  
287 Guaranty Fund any amount in settlement of a claim or toward  
288 satisfaction of a decision, judgment, order or decree against a real estate  
289 licensee or an unlicensed employee of a real estate licensee pursuant to  
290 an order under subsection [(e)] (d) of this section, such [real estate  
291 licensee] person shall not be eligible to receive a new license until such  
292 [real estate licensee] person has repaid in full, plus interest at [a] the rate  
293 [to be determined by the commission and which shall reflect current  
294 market rates, the amount paid from the fund on such real estate  
295 licensee's account] of ten per cent per year. A discharge in bankruptcy  
296 shall not relieve a person from the penalties and disabilities provided in  
297 this subsection.

298 [(g)] (f) If, at any time, the money deposited in the Real Estate  
299 Guaranty Fund is insufficient to satisfy any duly authorized claim or  
300 portion thereof, the [commission] department shall, when sufficient  
301 money has been deposited in the fund, satisfy such unpaid claims or  
302 portions thereof, in the order that such claims or portions thereof were  
303 originally filed, plus accumulated interest at the rate of four per cent a  
304 year.

305 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 20-333 of the general statutes is  
306 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
307 *passage*):

308 (b) The department shall conduct such written, oral and practical  
309 examinations as the appropriate board, with the consent of the  
310 commissioner, deems necessary to test the knowledge of the applicant  
311 in the work for which a license is being sought. The department shall  
312 allow any applicant, who has not participated in [an] a registered  
313 apprenticeship program, as set forth in section 31-22r, but either  
314 presents a recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 31-  
315 22u [.] or demonstrates to the department, in consultation with the  
316 applicable board, equivalent experience and training, to sit for any such  
317 examination. Any person completing the required apprentice training  
318 program for a journeyman's license under section 20-334a shall, [within]  
319 not later than thirty days [following such completion] after completing  
320 such program, apply for a licensure examination given by the  
321 department or a person authorized by the department to give such  
322 examination. If an applicant does not pass such licensure examination,  
323 the commissioner shall provide each failed applicant with information  
324 on how to retake the examination and a report describing the applicant's  
325 strengths and weaknesses in such examination. Any apprentice permit  
326 issued under section 20-334a to an applicant who fails three licensure  
327 examinations in any one-year period shall remain in effect if such  
328 applicant applies for and takes the first licensure examination given by  
329 the department following the one-year period [from] beginning on the  
330 date of such applicant's third and last unsuccessful licensure  
331 examination. Otherwise, such permit shall be revoked as of the date of  
332 the first examination given by the department following expiration of  
333 such one-year period. Upon application to the department for an initial  
334 license under the provisions of this chapter, an applicant shall submit  
335 evidence of successful completion of the applicant's final licensure  
336 examination, which successful completion shall occur not more than  
337 two years prior to the date of the relevant licensure application, unless  
338 the appropriate board grants a hardship extension of such two-year

339 period.

340       Sec. 8. Section 20-341 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
341 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

342       (a) (1) Any person who wilfully engages in or practices the work or  
343 occupation for which a license is required by this chapter or chapter  
344 399b without having first obtained an apprentice permit or a certificate  
345 and license for such work, as applicable, or who wilfully employs or  
346 supplies for employment a person who does not have a certificate and  
347 license for such work, or who wilfully and falsely pretends to qualify to  
348 engage in or practice such work or occupation, including, but not  
349 limited to, offering to perform such work in any print, electronic,  
350 television or radio advertising or listing when such person does not hold  
351 a license for such work as required by this chapter, or who wilfully  
352 engages in or practices any of the work or occupations for which a  
353 license is required by this chapter after the expiration of such person's  
354 license, shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor, except that no criminal  
355 charges shall be instituted against such person pursuant to this  
356 [subsection] subdivision unless the work activity in question is  
357 reviewed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the  
358 commissioner's authorized agent, and the commissioner or such agent  
359 specifically determines, in writing, that such work activity requires a  
360 license and is not the subject of a bona fide dispute between persons  
361 engaged in any trade or craft, whether licensed or unlicensed.  
362 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) or (e) of section 53a-  
363 29 and subsection (d) of section 54-56e, if the court determines that such  
364 person cannot fully repay any victims of such person within the period  
365 of probation established in subsection (d) or (e) of section 53a-29 or  
366 subsection (d) of section 54-56e, the court may impose probation for a  
367 period of not more than five years. The penalty provided in this  
368 [subsection] subdivision shall be in addition to any other penalties and  
369 remedies available under this chapter or chapter 416.

370       [(b)] (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may order any  
371 person who is not registered as an apprenticeship sponsor with the

372 Labor Department and who advertises, offers, engages in or practices  
373 the work of a program of apprenticeship training for the purpose of  
374 providing the experience necessary to obtain a journey person's license  
375 under this chapter without first registering such program with the  
376 Labor Department pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive, to  
377 immediately cease and desist such advertising, offer, engagement or  
378 practice until such person and program are properly registered with the  
379 Labor Department pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive. The  
380 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, after a hearing held in  
381 accordance with chapter 54, impose a fine in an amount not to exceed  
382 five thousand dollars for each violation of this [subsection] subdivision.

383 [(c)] (3) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may order any  
384 person who is registered as an apprenticeship sponsor with the Labor  
385 Department to provide a program of apprenticeship training pursuant  
386 to sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive, for the purpose of providing the  
387 experience necessary to obtain a journey person's license under this  
388 chapter and who employs an individual as an apprentice without first  
389 verifying that such individual is registered as an apprentice under this  
390 chapter to immediately cease and desist any conduct for which an  
391 apprenticeship registration is required under this chapter. The  
392 commissioner may, after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54,  
393 impose a fine in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars for each  
394 violation of this [subsection] subdivision.

395 [(d)] (4) The appropriate examining board or the Commissioner of  
396 Consumer Protection may, after notice and a hearing conducted in  
397 accordance with chapter 54, impose a civil penalty for each violation on  
398 any person who [(1)] (A) engages in or practices the work or occupation  
399 for which a license or apprentice registration certificate is required by  
400 this chapter, chapter 394, chapter 399b or chapter 482 without having  
401 first obtained such a license or certificate, [or (2)] (B) wilfully employs  
402 or supplies for employment a person who does not have such a license  
403 or certificate or who wilfully and falsely pretends to qualify to engage  
404 in or practice such work or occupation, [or (3)] (C) engages in or

405 practices any of the work or occupations for which a license or certificate  
406 is required by this chapter, chapter 394, chapter 399b or chapter 482 after  
407 the expiration of the license or certificate, or [(4)] (D) violates any of the  
408 provisions of this chapter, chapter 394, chapter 399b or chapter 482 or  
409 the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Such penalty shall be in an  
410 amount not to exceed three thousand dollars for each violation of this  
411 [subsection] subdivision, except that any individual employed as an  
412 apprentice but improperly registered shall not be penalized for a first  
413 offense.

414 [(e)] (5) If an examining board or the Commissioner of Consumer  
415 Protection imposes a civil penalty under the provisions of [subsection  
416 (d) of this section] subdivision (4) of this subsection as a result of a  
417 violation initially reported by a municipal building official in  
418 accordance with subsection (c) of section 29-261, the commissioner shall,  
419 not less than sixty days after collecting such civil penalty, remit one-half  
420 of the amount collected to such municipality.

421 [(f)] (6) A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be  
422 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of  
423 section 42-110b.

424 [(g)] (7) This section shall not apply to any person who [(1)] (A) holds  
425 a license issued under this chapter, chapter 394, chapter 399b or chapter  
426 482 and performs work that is incidentally, directly and immediately  
427 appropriate to the performance of such person's trade where such work  
428 commences at an outlet, receptacle or connection previously installed  
429 by a person holding the proper license, or [(2)] (B) engages in work that  
430 does not require a license under this chapter, chapter 394, chapter 399b  
431 or chapter 482.

432 (b) (1) The Department of Consumer Protection may issue a notice of  
433 violation against a person following an inspection of any place or  
434 premises, performed in accordance with section 21a-11, as amended by  
435 this act, where the department discovers one or more of the following  
436 violations: (A) Offering or performing work that requires a credential

437 under this chapter without the appropriate credential, in violation of  
438 section 20-334, (B) failure to comply with the allowable hiring ratios set  
439 forth in section 20-332b, (C) failure to obtain an apprentice registration  
440 certificate for one or more persons as required by applicable law, or (D)  
441 failure to obtain a permit as required by applicable law.

442 (2) (A) If the Department of Consumer Protection determines that a  
443 person has failed to correct all violations for which a notice of violation  
444 was issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
445 department may issue a stop work order against such person requiring  
446 the cessation of the practice of the trade or occupation for which a  
447 credential is required under this chapter, at the place or premises where  
448 the violation was found, as set forth in the notice of violation. Such stop  
449 work order shall be effective, and such notice sufficient, when served  
450 upon such person by (i) personal service, (ii) delivery by United States  
451 mail with delivery tracking, (iii) delivery by electronic mail sent with  
452 tracking and delivery confirmation, or (iv) posting notice of the stop  
453 work order in a conspicuous location at the place or premises subject to  
454 such stop work order.

455 (B) A stop work order served in the manner set forth in subparagraph  
456 (A) of this subdivision shall remain in effect until the department (i)  
457 determines that the person against whom the department issued the  
458 stop work order has come into compliance with the requirements set  
459 forth in the notice of violation issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
460 subsection, and (ii) issues an order releasing such stop work order (I)  
461 after a hearing decision rendered in accordance with subdivision (4) of  
462 this subsection, or (II) after a decision rendered by the commissioner or  
463 the commissioner's authorized representative pursuant to subdivision  
464 (5) of this subsection.

465 (3) If a person fails to comply with a stop work order following  
466 service made in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this  
467 subsection, the Department of Consumer Protection may impose on  
468 such person a fine in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars per  
469 violation per day after such stop work order was served. Such fine shall

470 be effective upon written notice to the person who failed to comply with  
471 the stop work order and payment of such fine shall be due to the  
472 department not later than fifteen days after such person receives such  
473 written notice. Any fine for failure to comply with a stop work order  
474 shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account  
475 established in section 21a-8a.

476 (4) Any person who holds a credential issued by the Department of  
477 Consumer Protection pursuant to this chapter and has been served with  
478 a stop work order pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection may  
479 request an administrative hearing to contest such stop work order and  
480 any associated fine imposed on such person pursuant to subdivision (3)  
481 of this subsection. Such request shall be made in writing to the  
482 commissioner not more than fifteen days after such person was served  
483 with such stop work order. Such hearing shall be conducted in  
484 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. No request for an  
485 administrative hearing made pursuant to this subdivision shall operate  
486 to toll the stop work order or any fine associated with such stop work  
487 order unless so ordered by the commissioner or the commissioner's  
488 authorized representative.

489 (5) (A) Any person who does not hold a credential issued by the  
490 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to this chapter and has  
491 been served with a stop work order pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
492 subsection may submit a petition to the commissioner to lift the stop  
493 work order on the ground that (i) an error of fact or law should be  
494 corrected, (ii) new evidence has been discovered (I) which materially  
495 affects the merits of such stop work order, and (II) which for good  
496 reasons was not presented to the department upon such person's receipt  
497 of the notice of violation, or (iii) other good cause has been shown.

498 (B) A petition submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this  
499 subsection shall be submitted in writing not later than fifteen days after  
500 the person was served with a stop work order pursuant to subdivision  
501 (2) of this subsection. Such petition shall not operate to toll such stop  
502 work order or any associated fine imposed on such person pursuant to



503 subdivision (3) of this subsection unless so ordered by the commissioner  
504 or the commissioner's authorized representative. The decision of the  
505 commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative on such  
506 petition, or the failure by the commissioner or the commissioner's  
507 authorized representative to render a decision within the fifteen-day  
508 period beginning on the date on which the commissioner or the  
509 commissioner's authorized representative received such petition, shall  
510 constitute a final decision for purposes of chapter 54 and the person may  
511 appeal therefrom in accordance with section 4-183.

512 (6) The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized  
513 representative may apply to the Superior Court, which court, after a  
514 hearing thereon, may issue a temporary restraining order, temporary  
515 injunction or permanent injunction (A) ordering compliance with a stop  
516 work order issued and served pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
517 subsection, and (B) granting such other relief as may be required until  
518 the person obeys the stop work order. Any disobedience of an order  
519 issued by a court under this subdivision shall be punishable as a  
520 contempt thereof. The application for the temporary restraining order,  
521 temporary injunction, permanent injunction and for such other relief  
522 shall be brought, and the proceedings thereon conducted, by the  
523 Attorney General.

524 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 20-341gg of the general statutes is  
525 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
526 *2025*):

527 (b) No person shall engage in or offer to perform the work of any  
528 major contractor in this state on any proposed structure or existing  
529 structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits contained in  
530 section 29-276b unless such person has first obtained a license or  
531 certificate of registration as required under the provisions of chapter 539  
532 or a registration from the Department of Consumer Protection in  
533 accordance with the provisions of this section. Individuals licensed  
534 under chapter 393 shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter  
535 while engaging in work that they are licensed to perform. The

536 [department] Department of Consumer Protection shall issue a  
537 certificate of registration to any person who demonstrates to the  
538 Department of Consumer Protection that such person is prequalified as  
539 a contractor or substantial subcontractor by the Department of  
540 Administrative Services pursuant to section 4a-100. [who applies for  
541 registration in accordance with this section. Such prequalified person  
542 shall not be required to pay a fee for such registration at any time that  
543 the person maintains valid prequalification.] Any person who  
544 demonstrates to the Department of Consumer Protection that such  
545 person is prequalified as a contractor or substantial subcontractor  
546 pursuant to section 4a-100 shall be issued a certificate of registration as  
547 a major contractor, and shall not be required to pay any fee for such  
548 registration or submit any additional proof that such person is qualified  
549 for such registration. If the individual or the firm, company, partnership  
550 or corporation employing such individual is engaged in work on a  
551 structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits contained in  
552 section 29-276b and requires licensure under chapter 393, the firm,  
553 company, partnership or corporation shall be exempt from the  
554 provisions of this chapter concerning registration of major contractors,  
555 if the firm, company, partnership or corporation employs an individual  
556 who is licensed as a contractor under chapter 393 to perform such work.  
557 The department shall furnish to each qualified applicant a registration  
558 certifying that the holder of such registration is entitled to engage in the  
559 work for which the person has been issued a registration under this  
560 subsection, and the holder of such registration shall carry [it] such  
561 registration on his or her person while engaging in such work. Such  
562 registration shall be shown to any properly interested person upon  
563 request. No such registration shall be transferred to or used by any  
564 person other than the person to whom the registration was issued. The  
565 department shall maintain rosters of registrants and shall update such  
566 rosters annually. The department may provide copies of rosters to the  
567 public for an appropriate fee. The department may deny, suspend or  
568 revoke any registration issued by the department if the holder of such  
569 registration (1) is convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is  
570 based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the

571 registration holder's ability to safely or competently perform the work  
572 under such registration, (B) information pertaining to the degree of  
573 rehabilitation of the registration holder, and (C) the time elapsed since  
574 the conviction or release, (2) is grossly incompetent, (3) is disqualified,  
575 pursuant to section 4a-100 or whose prequalification certificate has been  
576 revoked pursuant to section 4a-100, (4) engages in malpractice or  
577 unethical conduct or knowingly makes false, misleading or deceptive  
578 representations regarding his work, or (5) violates any regulation  
579 adopted under subsection (c) of this section. Before any registration is  
580 suspended or revoked, such holder shall be given notice and an  
581 opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations adopted under  
582 subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
583 shall provide written notice of any suspension or revocation of a  
584 registration to the Commissioner of Administrative Services not later  
585 than ten days after such suspension or revocation.

586 Sec. 10. Section 20-417a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
587 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

588 As used in this section and sections 20-417b to 20-417j, inclusive:

589 (1) "Certificate" means a certificate of registration issued under  
590 section 20-417b;

591 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
592 Protection or any person designated by the commissioner to administer  
593 and enforce this section and sections 20-417b to 20-417j, inclusive;

594 (3) "Completion" means the stage of construction of a new home in  
595 which the new home construction contractor is in receipt of the  
596 certificate of occupancy for such new home issued by the municipality  
597 in which such new home is constructed;

598 (4) "Consumer" means (A) the buyer or prospective buyer, or the heir  
599 or designated representative of the buyer or prospective buyer, of any  
600 new home, or (B) the owner of property on which a new home is being  
601 or will be constructed, regardless of whether such owner obtains a

602 building permit as the owner of premises affected pursuant to section  
603 29-263;

604 [(3)] (5) "Contract" means any agreement between a new home  
605 construction contractor and a consumer for the construction or sale of a  
606 new home or any portion of a new home prior to occupancy;

607 [(4)] (6) "Engage in the business" means that the person engages in  
608 the business for the purpose of compensation or profit;

609 (7) "New home" means any newly constructed (A) single-family  
610 dwelling unit, (B) dwelling consisting of not more than two units, (C)  
611 unit, common element or limited common element in a condominium,  
612 as said terms are defined in section 47-68a, or (D) unit, common element  
613 or limited common element in a common interest community, as said  
614 terms are defined in section 47-202;

615 [(5)] (8) "New home construction contractor" means any person who  
616 contracts with a consumer to construct or sell a new home or any portion  
617 of a new home prior to occupancy;

618 [(6)] "New home" means any newly constructed (A) single-family  
619 dwelling unit, (B) dwelling consisting of not more than two units, or (C)  
620 unit, common element or limited common element in a condominium,  
621 as defined in section 47-68a, or in a common interest community, as  
622 defined in section 47-202;]

623 [(7)] (9) "Person" means one or more individuals, partnerships,  
624 associations, corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts,  
625 legal representatives or any organized group of persons; and

626 [(8)] "Consumer" means the buyer or prospective buyer, or the buyer's  
627 or prospective buyer's heirs or designated representatives, of any new  
628 home or the owner of property on which a new home is being or will be  
629 constructed regardless of whether such owner obtains a building permit  
630 as the owner of the premises affected pursuant to section 29-263; and

631 (9) "Completion" means the stage of construction of a new home in  
632 which the new home construction contractor is in receipt of the  
633 certificate of occupancy for such new home issued by the municipality  
634 in which such new home is constructed.]

635 (10) "Proprietor" means an individual who (A) has an ownership  
636 interest in a business entity that holds, or previously held, a certificate  
637 of registration issued under section 20-417b, and (B) has been found by  
638 a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of this  
639 chapter related to the conduct of a business entity holding a certificate  
640 or that has held a certificate issued under this chapter within two years  
641 of the effective date of entering into a contract with an owner harmed  
642 by the actions of such individual or business entity.

643 Sec. 11. Subsections (d) to (n), inclusive, of section 20-417i of the  
644 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
645 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

646 (d) Whenever a consumer obtains a binding arbitration decision, a  
647 court judgment, order or decree against or regarding any new home  
648 construction contractor holding a certificate or who has held a certificate  
649 under sections 20-417a to 20-417j, inclusive, as amended by this act, or  
650 against a proprietor, within two years of the date [of entering] such  
651 contractor entered into the contract with the consumer, for loss or  
652 damages sustained by reason of any violation of the provisions of  
653 sections 20-417a to 20-417j, inclusive, as amended by this act, by a person  
654 holding a certificate under said sections, such consumer may, upon the  
655 final determination of, or expiration of time for taking, an appeal in  
656 connection with any such decision, judgment, order or decree, apply to  
657 the commissioner for an order directing payment out of the New Home  
658 Construction Guaranty Fund of the amount, not exceeding [thirty] fifty  
659 thousand dollars, unpaid upon the decision, judgment, order or decree  
660 for actual damages and costs taxed by the court against such contractor  
661 or proprietor, exclusive of punitive damages. The application shall be  
662 made on forms provided by the commissioner and shall be  
663 accompanied by a copy of the decision, court judgment, order or decree

664 obtained against the new home construction contractor or proprietor  
665 together with a statement signed and sworn to by the consumer,  
666 affirming that the consumer has: (1) Complied with all the requirements  
667 of this subsection; (2) obtained a decision, judgment, order or decree  
668 stating the amount of the decision, judgment, order or decree and the  
669 amount owing on the decision, judgment, order or decree at the date of  
670 application; and (3) made a good faith effort to satisfy any such decision,  
671 judgment, order or decree in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
672 906, which effort may include causing to be issued a writ of execution  
673 upon such decision, judgment, order or decree, [but] provided the  
674 officer executing the same has made a return showing that no bank  
675 accounts or personal property of such contractor liable to be levied upon  
676 in satisfaction of the decision, judgment, order or decree could be found,  
677 or that the amount realized on the sale of them or of such of them as  
678 were found, under the execution, was insufficient to satisfy the actual  
679 damage portion of the decision, judgment, order or decree or stating the  
680 amount realized and the balance remaining due on the decision,  
681 judgment, order or decree after application on the decision, judgment,  
682 order or decree of the amount realized, except that the requirements of  
683 this subdivision shall not apply to a judgment, order or decree obtained  
684 by the consumer in small claims court. A true and attested copy of such  
685 executing officer's return, when required, shall be attached to such  
686 application. Whenever the consumer satisfies the commissioner or the  
687 commissioner's designee that it is not practicable to comply with the  
688 requirements of subdivision (3) of this subsection and that the consumer  
689 has taken all reasonable steps to collect the amount of the decision,  
690 judgment, order or decree or the unsatisfied part of the decision,  
691 judgment, order or decree and has been unable to collect the same, the  
692 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may, in the  
693 commissioner's or the commissioner's designee's discretion, dispense  
694 with the necessity for complying with such requirement. No application  
695 for an order directing payment out of the fund shall be made later than  
696 two years from the final determination of, or expiration of time for  
697 taking, an appeal of such decision, court judgment, order or decree and  
698 no such application shall be for an amount in excess of [thirty] fifty

699 thousand dollars.

700 (e) Upon receipt of such application together with such copy of the  
701 decision, court judgment, order or decree, statement and, except as  
702 otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, true and attested  
703 copy of the executing officer's return, the commissioner or the  
704 commissioner's designee shall inspect such documents for their veracity  
705 and upon a determination that such documents are complete and  
706 authentic and that the consumer has not been paid, the commissioner  
707 shall order payment out of the New Home Construction Guaranty Fund  
708 of the amount not exceeding [thirty] fifty thousand dollars unpaid upon  
709 the decision, judgment, order or decree for actual damages and costs  
710 taxed by the court against the new home construction contractor or  
711 proprietor, exclusive of punitive damages.

712 (f) [Beginning] (1) During the period beginning October 1, 2000, and  
713 ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this  
714 section, whenever a consumer is awarded an order of restitution against  
715 any new home construction contractor for loss or damages sustained as  
716 a result of any violation of the provisions of sections 20-417a to 20-417j,  
717 inclusive, as amended by this act, by a person holding a certificate or  
718 who has held a certificate under said sections within two years of the  
719 date [of entering] such contractor entered into the contract with the  
720 consumer, in [(1)] (A) a proceeding brought by the commissioner  
721 pursuant to subsection [(h)] (i) of this section or subsection (d) of section  
722 42-110d, as amended by this act, [(2)] (B) a proceeding brought by the  
723 Attorney General pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110m or  
724 subsection (d) of section 42-110d, as amended by this act, or [(3)] (C) a  
725 criminal proceeding pursuant to section 20-417e, such consumer may,  
726 upon the final determination of, or expiration of time for taking, an  
727 appeal in connection with any such order of restitution, apply to the  
728 commissioner for an order directing payment out of the New Home  
729 Construction Guaranty Fund [of the] in an amount not [exceeding  
730 thirty] to exceed fifty thousand dollars unpaid upon the order of  
731 restitution. The commissioner may issue such order upon a

732 determination that the consumer has not been paid.

733     (2) Beginning on the effective date of this section, whenever a  
734 consumer is awarded an order of restitution against any new home  
735 construction contractor or proprietor for loss or damages sustained as a  
736 result of any violation of the provisions of sections 20-417a to 20-417j,  
737 inclusive, as amended by this act, by a person holding a certificate or  
738 who held a certificate under said sections within two years of the date  
739 such contractor entered into the contract with the consumer, in (A) a  
740 proceeding brought by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (i) of  
741 this section or subsection (d) of section 42-110d, as amended by this act,  
742 (B) a proceeding brought by the Attorney General pursuant to  
743 subsection (a) of section 42-110m or subsection (d) of section 42-110d, as  
744 amended by this act, or (C) a criminal proceeding pursuant to section  
745 20-417e, such consumer may, upon the final determination of, or  
746 expiration of time for taking, an appeal in connection with any such  
747 order of restitution, apply to the commissioner for an order directing  
748 payment out of the New Home Construction Guaranty Fund in an  
749 amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars unpaid upon the order of  
750 restitution. The commissioner may issue such order upon a  
751 determination that the consumer has not been paid.

752     (g) Whenever the commissioner orders that payment be made to a  
753 consumer out of the New Home Construction Guaranty Fund based on  
754 a decision, judgment, order or decree of restitution, the new home  
755 construction contractor and the proprietor of such contractor shall be  
756 liable for the resulting debt to the fund.

757     ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Before the commissioner may issue any order directing  
758 payment out of the New Home Construction Guaranty Fund to a  
759 consumer pursuant to subsection (e) or (f) of this section, the  
760 commissioner shall first notify the new home construction contractor of  
761 the consumer's application for an order directing payment out of the  
762 fund and of [the new home construction] such contractor's right to a  
763 hearing to contest the disbursement in the event that such contractor or  
764 the proprietor of such contractor has already paid the consumer. Such



765 notice shall be given to the new home construction contractor not later  
766 than fifteen days after receipt by the commissioner of the consumer's  
767 application for an order directing payment out of the fund. If the new  
768 home construction contractor requests a hearing, in writing, [by  
769 certified mail] not later than fifteen days after receiving the notice from  
770 the commissioner, the commissioner shall grant such request and shall  
771 conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the  
772 commissioner does not receive a written request for a hearing [by  
773 certified mail] from the new home construction contractor on or before  
774 the fifteenth day from [the] such contractor's receipt of such notice, the  
775 commissioner shall conclude that the consumer has not been paid, and  
776 the commissioner shall issue an order directing payment out of the fund  
777 for the amount not exceeding [thirty] fifty thousand dollars unpaid  
778 upon the judgment, order or decree for actual damages and costs taxed  
779 by the court against [the new home construction] such contractor or the  
780 proprietor of such contractor, exclusive of punitive damages, or for the  
781 amount not exceeding [thirty] fifty thousand dollars unpaid upon the  
782 order of restitution.

783 [(h)] (i) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may  
784 proceed against any new home construction contractor holding a  
785 certificate or who has held a certificate under sections 20-417a to 20-417j,  
786 inclusive, as amended by this act, within two years of the [effective date  
787 of entering] date such contractor entered into the contract with the  
788 consumer, for an order of restitution arising from loss or damages  
789 sustained by any consumer as a result of any violation of the provisions  
790 of said sections 20-417a to 20-417j, inclusive, by such contractor or the  
791 proprietor of such contractor. Any such proceeding shall be held in  
792 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. In the course of such  
793 proceeding, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall  
794 decide whether to (1) exercise the powers specified in section 20-417c,  
795 (2) order restitution arising from loss or damages sustained by any  
796 consumer as a result of any violation of the provisions of sections 20-  
797 417a to 20-417j, inclusive, as amended by this act, and (3) order payment  
798 out of the New Home Construction Guaranty Fund. Notwithstanding

799 the provisions of chapter 54, the decision of the commissioner or the  
800 commissioner's designee shall be final with respect to any proceeding to  
801 order payment out of the fund and the commissioner and the  
802 commissioner's designee shall not be subject to the requirements of  
803 chapter 54 as such requirements relate to an appeal from any such  
804 decision. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may hear  
805 complaints of all consumers submitting claims against a single new  
806 home construction contractor in one proceeding.

807     [(i)] (j) No application for an order directing payment out of the New  
808 Home Construction Guaranty Fund shall be made later than two years  
809 from the final determination of, or expiration of time for, an appeal in  
810 connection with any judgment, order or decree of restitution, and no  
811 such application shall be for an amount in excess of [thirty] fifty  
812 thousand dollars.

813     [(j)] (k) In order to preserve the integrity of the New Home  
814 Construction Guaranty Fund, the commissioner, in the commissioner's  
815 sole discretion, may order payment out of the fund of an amount less  
816 than the actual loss or damages incurred by the consumer or less than  
817 the order of restitution awarded by the commissioner or the Superior  
818 Court. In no event shall any payment out of the fund be in excess of  
819 [thirty] fifty thousand dollars for any single claim by a consumer.

820     [(k)] (l) If the money deposited in the New Home Construction  
821 Guaranty Fund is insufficient to satisfy any duly authorized claim or  
822 portion of a claim, the commissioner shall, when sufficient money has  
823 been deposited in the fund, satisfy such unpaid claims or portions of  
824 claims not exceeding [thirty] fifty thousand dollars, in the order that  
825 such claims or portions of claims were originally determined.

826     [(l)] (m) Whenever the commissioner has caused any sum to be paid  
827 from the New Home Construction Guaranty Fund to a consumer, the  
828 commissioner shall be subrogated to all of the rights of the consumer up  
829 to the amount paid plus reasonable interest, and prior to receipt of any  
830 payment from the fund, the consumer shall assign all of the consumer's

831 right, title and interest in the claim up to such amount to the  
832 commissioner, and any amount and interest recovered by the  
833 commissioner on the claim shall be deposited in the fund.

834     ~~[(m)]~~ (n) If the commissioner orders the payment of any amount as a  
835 result of a guaranty fund claim against a new home construction  
836 contractor or proprietor, the commissioner shall determine if such  
837 contractor is possessed of assets liable to be sold or applied in  
838 satisfaction of the claim on the New Home Construction Guaranty  
839 Fund. If the commissioner discovers any such assets, the commissioner  
840 may request that the Attorney General take any action necessary for the  
841 reimbursement of the fund.

842     ~~[(n)]~~ (o) If the commissioner orders the payment of an amount as a  
843 result of a guaranty fund claim against a new home construction  
844 contractor, the commissioner may, after notice and hearing in  
845 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, revoke the certificate of  
846 such contractor and such contractor shall not be eligible to receive a new  
847 or renewed certificate until such contractor has repaid such amount in  
848 full, plus interest from the time such payment is made from the New  
849 Home Construction Guaranty Fund, at a rate to be in accordance with  
850 section 37-3b, except that the commissioner may, in the commissioner's  
851 sole discretion, permit a new home construction contractor to receive a  
852 new or renewed certificate after such contractor has entered into an  
853 agreement with the commissioner whereby such contractor agrees to  
854 repay the fund in full in the form of periodic payments over a set period  
855 of time. Any such agreement shall include a provision providing for the  
856 summary suspension of any and all certificates held by the new home  
857 construction contractor if payment is not made in accordance with the  
858 terms of the agreement.

859     Sec. 12. Section 20-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
860 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

861     As used in this section and sections ~~[20-450]~~ 20-451 to 20-462,  
862 inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

863 (1) "Association" means (A) an association, as defined in section 47-  
864 202, and an association of unit owners, as defined in section 47-68a and  
865 in section 47-68 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
866 January 1, 1975, and (B) the mandatory owners organization of any  
867 common interest community, as defined in section 47-202, which  
868 community was not created under chapter 825 or 828 or under chapter  
869 825 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 1975.  
870 "Association" does not include an association of a common interest  
871 community which contains only units restricted to nonresidential use;

872 [(2) "Community association manager" means a natural person who  
873 directly provides association management services;]

874 [(3)] (2) "Association management services" means services provided  
875 to an association for remuneration, including one or more of the  
876 following: (A) Collecting, controlling or disbursing funds of the  
877 association or having the authority to do so; (B) preparing budgets or  
878 other financial documents for the association; (C) assisting in the  
879 conduct of, or conducting, association meetings; (D) advising or  
880 assisting the association in obtaining insurance; (E) coordinating or  
881 supervising the [overall] operations of the association; and (F) advising  
882 the association on the [overall] operations of the association; [. Any  
883 person licensed in this state under any provision of the general statutes  
884 or rules of court who provides the services for which such person is  
885 licensed to an association for remuneration shall not be deemed to be  
886 providing association management services. Any director, officer or  
887 other member of an association who provides services specified in this  
888 subdivision to the association of which he or she is a member shall not  
889 be deemed to be providing association management services unless  
890 such director, officer or other member owns or controls more than two-  
891 thirds but less than all of the votes in such association;]

892 [(4)] (3) "Commission" means the Connecticut Real Estate  
893 Commission appointed under the provisions of section 20-311a;

894 (4) "Community association manager" means a natural person who

895 directly provides association management services;

896 (5) "Community association manager trainee" means a natural person  
897 working under the direct supervision of a community association  
898 manager for the purpose of being trained in the provision of association  
899 management services;

900 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer  
901 Protection; and

902 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
903 limited liability company or other legal entity. ; and

904 (7) "Community association manager trainee" means a natural person  
905 working under the direct supervision of a community association  
906 manager, for the purpose of being trained in the provision of association  
907 management services.]

908 Sec. 13. Section 20-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
909 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

910 (a) Any person seeking a certificate of registration as a community  
911 association manager or as a community association manager trainee  
912 shall apply to the department in writing, on a form provided by the  
913 department. Such application shall include the applicant's name,  
914 residence address, business address, business telephone number, a  
915 question as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony in  
916 any state or jurisdiction and such other information as the department  
917 may require. Except for a community association manager trainee, any  
918 person seeking an initial certificate of registration as a community  
919 association manager shall submit to a request by the [commissioner]  
920 Commissioner of Consumer Protection for a state and national criminal  
921 history records check, conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
922 section 29-17a. No registration as a community association manager  
923 shall be issued unless the commissioner has received the results of such  
924 records check.

925 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration as a community  
926 association manager shall be accompanied by an application fee of sixty  
927 dollars and a registration fee of one hundred dollars. The department  
928 shall refund the registration fee if it refuses to issue a certificate of  
929 registration. The department shall not charge either an application or a  
930 registration fee for a certificate of registration as a community  
931 association manager trainee.

932 (c) The following persons shall be exempt from registration as a  
933 community association manager under this chapter: (1) Any person,  
934 including, but not limited to, any attorney admitted to practice law in  
935 this state, any certified public accountant licensed under chapter 389 or  
936 any insurance producer licensed under chapter 701a, who provides to  
937 an association professional services, for which such person is licensed  
938 or admitted, for remuneration; (2) any director, officer or other member  
939 of an association who provides association management services to the  
940 association of which he or she is a member, unless such director, officer  
941 or other member owns or controls more than two-thirds but less than all  
942 of the votes in such association; and (3) any person who provides  
943 administrative support services to a community association manager as  
944 set forth in section 20-451.

945 Sec. 14. Section 20-457 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
946 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

947 (a) Each community association manager shall (1) exhibit his or her  
948 certificate of registration upon request by any interested party, (2) state  
949 in any advertisement the fact that he or she is registered, and (3) include  
950 his or her registration number in any advertisement. In the case of a  
951 business entity, the advertisement shall identify at least one principal,  
952 officer or director of the entity that is a community association manager  
953 and shall include the registration number of such principal, officer or  
954 director.

955 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his or her  
956 own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a

957 material nature to the commission or department for the purpose of  
958 procuring a certificate, (3) represent himself or herself falsely as, or  
959 impersonate, a registered community association manager, (4) use or  
960 attempt to use a certificate which has expired or which has been  
961 suspended or revoked, (5) offer to provide association management  
962 services without having a current certificate of registration under  
963 sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, as amended by this act, or (6)  
964 represent in any manner that his or her registration constitutes an  
965 endorsement of the quality of his or her services or of his or her  
966 competency by the commission or department. In addition to any other  
967 remedy provided for in sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, as amended  
968 by this act, any person who violates any provision of this subsection  
969 shall [, after an administrative hearing,] be fined not more than one  
970 thousand dollars, or shall be imprisoned for not more than one year or  
971 be both fined and imprisoned. A violation of any of the provisions of  
972 sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be  
973 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of  
974 section 42-110b.

975 (c) Certificates issued to community association managers shall not  
976 be transferable or assignable.

977 (d) All certificates issued to community association managers under  
978 the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, as amended by this  
979 act, shall expire annually on the thirty-first day of January. A holder of  
980 a certificate of registration who seeks to renew his or her certificate shall,  
981 when filing an application for renewal of the certificate, submit  
982 documentation to the department which establishes that he or she has  
983 passed any examination and completed any educational coursework, as  
984 the case may be, required for certification under this chapter. The fee for  
985 renewal of a certificate shall be two hundred dollars.

986 (e) Failure to receive a notice of expiration or a renewal application  
987 shall not exempt a community association manager from the obligation  
988 to renew.

989 (f) All certificates issued to community association manager trainees  
990 under the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, as amended  
991 by this act, shall expire six months from the date of issuance and shall  
992 not be renewable.

993 (g) (1) Each community association manager who enters into a  
994 contract with an association for the purpose of providing association  
995 management services shall disclose to the association:

996 (A) Whether the community association manager has any ownership  
997 or managerial interest in any entity that solicits business from the  
998 association or the community association manager; and

999 (B) If the community association manager is required to provide any  
1000 construction oversight or project coordination services to the association  
1001 that are not included in the scope of the general association management  
1002 services the community association manager is required to provide  
1003 under such contract, any amount the community association manager  
1004 will charge to provide such construction oversight or project  
1005 coordination services.

1006 (2) Each disclosure made pursuant to this subsection shall be clear,  
1007 conspicuous and in writing.

1008 Sec. 15. Section 21-35b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1009 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1010 (a) No person shall advertise, offer for sale or sell a stock of goods,  
1011 wares or merchandise [under the description] as part of a closing-out  
1012 sale unless [he shall have] such person has obtained [a license] from the  
1013 Commissioner of Consumer Protection a state closing-out sale license  
1014 authorizing [the conducting of] such sale for each location at which such  
1015 sale is to be conducted.

1016 (b) Each person desiring to conduct a closing-out sale shall [deposit  
1017 with] pay to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection [the sum of five  
1018 hundred dollars or a dollar amount equal to one per cent of the



1019 wholesale cost of the inventory filed pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
1020 section whichever is greater; provided that no such deposit shall exceed  
1021 five thousand dollars. Upon application in the sum to be prescribed by  
1022 said commissioner and upon deposit to said commissioner of a further  
1023 sum] a state closing-out sale license fee in the amount of one hundred  
1024 dollars [as a state license fee, said] and the commissioner shall issue to  
1025 the applicant a ["closing-out sale license"] state closing-out sale license,  
1026 authorizing [him] the licensee to advertise and conduct a closing-out  
1027 sale consistent with that requested in the application.

1028 (c) Each person applying for a ["closing-out sale license"] state  
1029 closing-out sale license shall make [such] an application [therefor] for  
1030 such license in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
1031 Consumer Protection. Such application shall be in writing and [under  
1032 oath stating all the facts relating to the reasons and character of such  
1033 sale, including] include the opening and terminating dates of the  
1034 proposed closing-out sale [, a complete inventory of the goods, wares  
1035 and merchandise actually on hand in the place where such sale is to be  
1036 conducted in the manner prescribed by the commissioner, and all  
1037 details necessary to locate exactly and identify fully the goods, wares or  
1038 merchandise to be sold, and shall disclose the names and residences of  
1039 owner or owners or partners in whose interest the sale is to be  
1040 conducted] and an attestation by the applicant that such applicant is not  
1041 delinquent in payment of any taxes due and owing to this state or any  
1042 political subdivision of this state. No state closing-out sale license shall  
1043 be issued unless the application is submitted to the [commissioner]  
1044 Department of Consumer Protection at least five days prior to the  
1045 requested commencement date of the closing-out sale. Any applicant  
1046 who uses the services of a promoter, as defined in section 21-35a, for a  
1047 closing-out sale shall include [a signed and dated copy of the agreement  
1048 between such applicant and such promoter as part of the application] in  
1049 the application the name and license number for each such promoter.  
1050 The commissioner may, by regulation, request such other information  
1051 to be submitted by the applicant as he deems necessary.

1052        [(d) Each person holding a closing-out sale license issued under this  
1053 section shall file with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a  
1054 monthly report, commencing one month from the opening date of the  
1055 sale, enumerating all goods, wares or merchandise sold, transferred or  
1056 otherwise disposed of by the licensee or his agents, servants or  
1057 employees during that month pursuant to the closing-out sale. Said  
1058 commissioner shall prescribe the form for such reporting.]

1059        [(e)] (d) All documentation concerning the goods, wares and  
1060 merchandise to be included in such closing-out sale, including but not  
1061 limited to purchase orders and delivery statements, shall be made  
1062 available by the licensee for inspection by an authorized representative  
1063 of the [commissioner] Commissioner of Consumer Protection during  
1064 regular business hours.

1065        [(f)] (e) Each person holding a state closing-out sale license shall (1)  
1066 include the state closing-out sale license number in any advertisement,  
1067 together with clear and conspicuous disclosure of the termination date  
1068 of such state closing-out sale license, and (2) post such state closing-out  
1069 sale license in a conspicuous location at the point of sale.

1070        Sec. 16. Section 21-35c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1071 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1072        [(a) All state licenses] Except as provided in section 21-35e, as  
1073 amended by this act, a state closing-out sale license issued under this  
1074 chapter shall expire ninety days [from the date thereof] after the date on  
1075 which such state closing-out sale license was issued or on the  
1076 termination date designated in the original application for such state  
1077 closing-out sale license, whichever occurs first. [Each state license upon  
1078 expiration, or voluntary surrender prior to expiration, shall be returned  
1079 to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection who shall cancel the same,  
1080 endorse the date of delivery and cancellation thereon and place the same  
1081 on file. The commissioner shall then hold the special deposit of each  
1082 such licensee for a period of sixty days and, after satisfying all claims  
1083 made upon the same under this section, shall return such deposit or

1084 such portion of the same, if any, as may remain in the commissioner's  
1085 hands to the licensee depositing it, or as directed by the licensee in the  
1086 original application. Each deposit made with the commissioner shall be  
1087 subject, as long as it remains in the commissioner's hands, to attachment  
1088 or execution on behalf of creditors or consumers whose claims may arise  
1089 in connection with business done under the authorized sale. Said  
1090 commissioner may also be held to answer as garnishee under process of  
1091 foreign attachment, where such process is used, in any civil action  
1092 brought against any licensee. The commissioner shall pay over, under  
1093 order of court or upon execution of a judgment, such sum of money as  
1094 the commissioner may be chargeable with upon the commissioner's  
1095 disclosure or otherwise. Such deposit shall not be paid over by said  
1096 commissioner on garnishee process or to such licensee until the  
1097 expiration of the sixty-day period specified in this section. Such deposit  
1098 shall also be subject to the payment of any fine or penalty imposed on  
1099 the licensee for violation of any provision of this chapter, provided  
1100 written notice of the name of such licensee and of the amount of such  
1101 fine or penalty shall be given during such period to the commissioner  
1102 by the clerk of the court in which such fine or penalty was imposed.

1103 (b) Whenever any state license, issued under the provisions of section  
1104 21-35b has been lost or destroyed, so that such license cannot, after the  
1105 expiration of the term thereof, be returned or surrendered under the  
1106 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the licensee may file an  
1107 affidavit with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection describing  
1108 such license with sufficient particularity to identify the same and the  
1109 claimant thereunder, and showing such loss or destruction; and the  
1110 commissioner, upon such proof of loss and identity as is satisfactory to  
1111 him, may accept such affidavit in lieu of the return or surrender of such  
1112 license, and such licensee shall have the same right to the return of the  
1113 special deposit made by him as though he had returned or surrendered  
1114 his license.]

1115 Sec. 17. Section 21-35d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1117 Before selling under the state closing-out sale license prescribed in  
1118 section 21-35b, as amended by this act, in any town, city or borough,  
1119 each person conducting a closing-out sale shall make application for a  
1120 municipal closing-out sale license to the selectmen or other authority of  
1121 such town, city or borough authorized to issue licenses therein; and,  
1122 unless the fee therefor is fixed as herein provided, shall file with them a  
1123 true statement, under oath, of the average quantity and value of the  
1124 stock of goods, wares and merchandise kept or intended to be kept or  
1125 exposed by [him] such person for sale. Such selectmen or other authority  
1126 shall submit such statement to the assessors of the town, who, after such  
1127 examination and inquiry as they deem necessary, shall determine such  
1128 average quantity and value, and shall forthwith transmit a certificate  
1129 thereof to such selectmen or other authority. Thereupon such selectmen  
1130 or other authority shall authorize the town clerk, upon the payment by  
1131 the applicant of a fee equal to the taxes assessable in such town, city or  
1132 borough under the last-preceding tax levy therein upon an amount of  
1133 property of the same valuation, to issue to [him] such person a  
1134 municipal closing-out sale license authorizing such closing-out sale in  
1135 such municipality. Such authority may authorize the issue of such  
1136 municipal closing-out sale license without the filing of such statement,  
1137 upon the payment of a municipal closing-out sale license fee fixed by it.  
1138 Upon payment of such fee, such town clerk shall issue such municipal  
1139 closing-out sale license, which shall remain in force as long as the  
1140 licensee continuously keeps and exposes for sale in such municipality  
1141 such stock of goods, wares or merchandise, but not later than the first  
1142 day of October following its date. [Upon such payment and proof of  
1143 payment of all other license fees, if any, chargeable upon local sales,  
1144 such town clerk shall record the state license of such transient vendor in  
1145 full, shall endorse thereon the words "local license fees paid" and shall  
1146 affix thereto his official signature and the date of such endorsement.]

1147 Sec. 18. Section 21-35e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1149 No [goods, wares or merchandise other than those listed in the

1150 inventory required in this chapter shall be included in any closing-out  
1151 sale and no] sale shall continue beyond a reasonable date to be specified  
1152 in the required application, except [, that an extension may be  
1153 authorized] the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may authorize  
1154 an extension upon a proper showing of need. [, such extension being  
1155 contingent on the submitting of a revised inventory showing the items  
1156 listed on the original inventory remaining unsold and not listing any  
1157 goods not included in the original application and inventory.]

1158 Sec. 19. Section 21-35f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1159 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1160 No person in contemplation of a closing-out sale under a state  
1161 closing-out sale license as provided for in section 21-35b, as amended by  
1162 this act, shall order any goods, wares or merchandise for the purpose of  
1163 selling and disposing of the same at such sale, and any unusual  
1164 purchases and additions to the stock of such goods, wares or  
1165 merchandise within sixty days prior to the filing of application for a  
1166 state closing-out sale license to conduct such sale shall be presumptive  
1167 evidence that such purchases and additions to stock were made in  
1168 contemplation of such sale.

1169 Sec. 20. Subsections (a) to (h), inclusive, of section 21-82 of the general  
1170 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1171 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1172 (a) At all times during the tenancy the owner shall:

1173 (1) Comply with the requirements of the State Building Code, the Fire  
1174 Safety Code, and all applicable state laws and regulations, local  
1175 ordinances and planning and zoning regulations materially affecting  
1176 health and safety;

1177 (2) Maintain the premises and regrade them when necessary to  
1178 prevent the accumulation of stagnant water and to prevent the  
1179 detrimental effects of moving water;

1180 (3) Maintain the ground at such a level that the mobile manufactured  
1181 home will not tilt from its original position;

1182 (4) Keep each mobile manufactured home space or lot marked in such  
1183 a way that each resident will be certain of his area of responsibility;

1184 (5) Keep any exterior area of the park not the responsibility of each  
1185 resident free from any species of weed or plant growth which are  
1186 noxious or detrimental to the health of the residents;

1187 (6) Make all repairs and do whatever is necessary to put and keep the  
1188 portion of the mobile manufactured home park that is not the  
1189 responsibility of each resident in a fit and habitable condition, except  
1190 where such premises are intentionally rendered unfit or uninhabitable  
1191 by the resident, a member of his family or other person on the premises  
1192 with his consent, in which case such duty shall be the responsibility of  
1193 the resident;

1194 (7) Keep all common areas of the premises in a clean and safe  
1195 condition;

1196 (8) Be responsible for the extermination of any insect, rodent, vermin  
1197 or other pest dangerous to the health of the residents whenever  
1198 infestation exists in the area of the park not the responsibility of the  
1199 resident or in the area for which the resident is responsible including the  
1200 mobile manufactured home if such infestation is not the fault of the  
1201 resident and particularly if such infestation existed prior to the  
1202 occupancy of the resident claiming relief;

1203 (9) Maintain all mobile manufactured homes rented by the owner in  
1204 a condition which is structurally sound and capable of withstanding  
1205 adverse effects of weather conditions;

1206 (10) Maintain all electrical, plumbing, gas or other utilities provided  
1207 by him in good working condition except during any emergency after  
1208 which any repair shall be completed within seventy-two hours unless  
1209 good cause is shown as to why such repair has not been completed;

1210 (11) Maintain all water and sewage lines and connections in good  
1211 working order [,] and, in the event of any emergency, make necessary  
1212 arrangements for the provision of such service on a temporary basis;

1213 (12) Maintain all septic systems, leaching fields and septic lines and  
1214 connections in good working order and, in the event of any emergency,  
1215 make necessary arrangements for the provision of temporary septic  
1216 service;

1217 [(12)] (13) Arrange for the removal from waste receptacles of ashes,  
1218 garbage, rubbish and other waste incidental to the occupancy of the  
1219 dwelling unit;

1220 [(13)] (14) Maintain any road within the park in good condition,  
1221 provide adequate space for parking of two cars for each lot except that  
1222 any park which provided only one space for each lot on January 1, 1985,  
1223 and which provided only one space for each lot on October 1, 1972, shall  
1224 be exempt from such requirement, and be responsible for damage to any  
1225 vehicle which is the direct result of any unrepaired or poorly maintained  
1226 access road within the park;

1227 [(14)] (15) Respect the privacy of the resident and if only the space or  
1228 lot is rented, agree to enter the mobile manufactured home only with  
1229 the permission of the resident;

1230 [(15)] (16) Allow all residents freedom of choice in the purchase of all  
1231 services pursuant to section 21-78; and

1232 [(16)] (17) Allow a resident to terminate a rental agreement whenever  
1233 a change in the location of such resident's employment requires a  
1234 change in the location of his residence if such resident gives thirty days'  
1235 notice; provided, a resident who is a member of the armed forces of the  
1236 United States may terminate his rental agreement with less than notice  
1237 of thirty days if he receives reassignment orders which do not allow  
1238 such prior notification.

1239 (b) At all times during the tenancy the resident shall:

1240 (1) Comply with all obligations primarily imposed upon residents by  
1241 applicable provisions of any building, housing or fire code materially  
1242 affecting health and safety;

1243 (2) Keep the unit and his area of responsibility as marked by the  
1244 owner in a clean and sanitary condition, free of garbage and rubbish;

1245 (3) Keep the supplied basic facilities including any plumbing fixture,  
1246 cooking and refrigeration equipment and electrical fixtures in a rented  
1247 mobile manufactured home unit in a clean and sanitary condition and  
1248 exercise reasonable care in their proper use and operation;

1249 (4) Dispose of any rubbish, garbage and other waste material in a  
1250 clean and sanitary manner;

1251 (5) Not wilfully or negligently destroy, deface, damage, impair or  
1252 remove any part of the premises or permit any other person to do so;

1253 (6) Observe all reasonable rules of the owner concerning the use,  
1254 occupation and maintenance of the premises, provided such reasonable  
1255 rules are brought to his attention at the time he signs a rental agreement;

1256 (7) Unless otherwise agreed, occupy the dwelling unit only as a  
1257 dwelling unit;

1258 (8) Conduct himself and require other persons on the premises with  
1259 his consent to conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb his  
1260 neighbors' peaceful enjoyment of the premises or constitute a nuisance,  
1261 as defined in section 47a-32, or a serious nuisance, as defined in section  
1262 21-80; and

1263 (9) If judgment has entered against a member of the resident's  
1264 household pursuant to subsection (c) of section 47a-26h for serious  
1265 nuisance by using the premises for the illegal sale of drugs, not permit  
1266 such person to resume occupancy of the dwelling unit, except with the  
1267 consent of the owner.

1268 (c) Rent is payable without demand or notice at the time and place



1269 agreed upon by the parties. Unless otherwise agreed, (1) rent is payable  
1270 at the premises, and (2) periodic rent is payable at the beginning of any  
1271 term of one month or less and for terms of more than one month in equal  
1272 monthly installments at the beginning of each month. In the absence of  
1273 agreement, the resident shall pay the fair rental value for the use and  
1274 occupancy of the premises.

1275 (d) The terms for the payment of rent shall be clearly set forth and  
1276 any charge for services, space or lot rent, unit rent or any other charge  
1277 shall be specifically itemized in the rental agreement and in any billing  
1278 to the resident by the owner. The total rent for the term of the rental  
1279 agreement shall be stated therein.

1280 (e) Reasonable rules for guest parking shall be clearly stated and  
1281 unless violation thereof occurs, no fee shall be charged a resident or a  
1282 guest.

1283 (f) Any action on the part of the resident which may be grounds for  
1284 eviction from the park or termination of the rental agreement shall be  
1285 clearly and specifically stated therein.

1286 (g) The right of the resident to sell his mobile manufactured home  
1287 pursuant to section 21-79 shall be clearly stated in the rental agreement.

1288 (h) If the owner makes an entry prohibited by subdivision [(14)] (15)  
1289 of subsection (a) of this section, or makes repeated demands for entry  
1290 otherwise lawful but which have the effect of unreasonably harassing  
1291 the resident, the resident may recover actual damages not less than an  
1292 amount equal to one month's rent and reasonable attorney's fees. The  
1293 resident may also obtain injunctive relief to prevent the recurrence of  
1294 the conduct or terminate the rental agreement.

1295 Sec. 21. Section 21-83c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1296 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1297 A rental agreement shall not permit the receipt of rent for any period  
1298 during which the owner has failed to comply with the provisions of

1299 subdivisions (1) to [(13)] (14), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 21-  
1300 82, as amended by this act, and such failure materially affects the health  
1301 and safety of the residents or materially affects habitability.

1302 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 47a-14h of the general statutes is  
1303 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1304 *2025*):

1305 (a) Any tenant who claims that the landlord has failed to perform his  
1306 or her legal duties, as required by section 47a-7 or 47a-7a or subdivisions  
1307 (1) to [(13)] (14), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 21-82, as amended  
1308 by this act, may institute an action in the superior court having  
1309 jurisdiction over housing matters in the judicial district in which such  
1310 tenant resides to obtain the relief authorized by this section and sections  
1311 47a-7a, 47a-20 and 47a-68. No tenant may institute an action under this  
1312 section if a valid notice to quit possession or occupancy based upon  
1313 nonpayment of rent has been served on such tenant prior to the  
1314 institution of an action under this section or if a valid notice to quit  
1315 possession or occupancy based on any other ground has been served on  
1316 such tenant prior to such tenant making the complaint to the agency  
1317 referred to in subsection (b) of this section, provided any such notice to  
1318 quit is still effective.

1319 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 21a-9 of the general statutes is  
1320 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1321 *passage*):

1322 (c) Each such board or commission may act in accordance with the  
1323 provisions of [subdivision (7) of] section 21a-7, and the commissioner  
1324 may act in accordance with the provisions of [subdivision (4) of  
1325 subsection (b) of] section 21a-8, in the case of a practitioner who: (1)  
1326 Engages in fraud or material deception in order to obtain a license,  
1327 registration or certificate issued by the board, commission or  
1328 commissioner or to aid another in obtaining a license, registration or  
1329 certificate issued by the board, commission or commissioner; (2)  
1330 performs work beyond the scope of the license, registration or certificate

1331 issued by the board, commission or commissioner; (3) illegally uses or  
1332 transfers a license, registration or certificate issued by the board,  
1333 commission or commissioner; (4) performs incompetent or negligent  
1334 work; (5) makes false, misleading or deceptive representations to the  
1335 public; (6) has been subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified  
1336 in [subdivision (7) of] section 21a-7 or [subdivision (4) of subsection (b)  
1337 of section] 21a-8 by a duly authorized professional agency of the United  
1338 States, any state within the United States, the District of Columbia, a  
1339 United States possession or territory or a foreign jurisdiction; or (7)  
1340 violates any provision of the general statutes or any regulation  
1341 established thereunder, relating to the practitioner's profession or  
1342 occupation.

1343 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 21a-11 of the general statutes is  
1344 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1345 *passage*):

1346 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, subject to the  
1347 provisions of chapter 67, employ such agents and assistants as are  
1348 necessary to enforce the provisions of the general statutes wherein the  
1349 commissioner is empowered to carry out the duties and responsibilities  
1350 assigned to the commissioner or the Department of Consumer  
1351 Protection. For the purpose of inquiring into any suspected violation of  
1352 such provisions, the commissioner and the commissioner's deputy and  
1353 assistants shall (A) have free access, at all reasonable hours, to all places  
1354 and premises, homes and apartments of private families keeping no  
1355 boarders excepted, and shall be permitted therein to inspect and  
1356 document by audio and visual means, and (B) unless prohibited by  
1357 other applicable law, be provided, upon request, copies of any accounts,  
1358 books, records, memoranda, correspondence, signage and other  
1359 documents related to such suspected violation.

1360 (2) The commissioner and the commissioner's deputy or assistants  
1361 shall have the authority to issue citations pursuant to section 51-164n for  
1362 violations for the purpose of enforcing [such] the provisions of the  
1363 general statutes wherein the commissioner is empowered to carry out

1364 the duties and responsibilities assigned to the commissioner or the  
1365 department. The commissioner may delegate the commissioner's  
1366 authority to render a final decision in a contested case to a hearing  
1367 officer employed by, or contracted with, the department.

1368 [(2)] (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Freedom of  
1369 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, all records, papers and  
1370 documents obtained during an investigation or enforcement action  
1371 conducted pursuant to [subdivision] subdivisions (1) and (2) of this  
1372 subsection shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under said  
1373 act until such investigation or enforcement action has been finally  
1374 adjudicated or otherwise settled or closed.

1375 Sec. 25. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 21a-38 of the general statutes  
1376 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1377 *from passage*):

1378 (a) [The] Following an administrative hearing held in accordance  
1379 with the provisions of chapter 54, the commissioner may suspend or  
1380 revoke any license issued under the provisions of section 21a-35 or 21a-  
1381 36 for violation of the provisions of sections 21a-34 to 21a-45, inclusive,  
1382 or any regulation adopted thereunder or for violation of any applicable  
1383 municipal health ordinance or state or federal law or regulation. [No  
1384 such suspension or revocation shall take effect except upon notice to the  
1385 licensee and hearing thereon. Notice shall be in writing, given by  
1386 registered or certified mail, and shall state: (1) The condition or violation  
1387 found; (2) the corrective action, if any, to be taken and the period of time  
1388 within which such action must be taken; and (3) that an opportunity for  
1389 hearing will be provided upon written request filed within ten days  
1390 after receipt of such notice.]

1391 (b) Whenever the commissioner finds any grossly unsanitary  
1392 condition or any other condition which constitutes a substantial hazard  
1393 to public health or safety involving the preparation or transportation of  
1394 any food or beverage or the use of any vending machine [he] the  
1395 commissioner may, without notice or hearing, issue a written order to

1396 the licensee citing the existence of such condition and specifying the  
1397 corrective action to be taken, and, if [he] the commissioner deems it  
1398 necessary, require that use of such facility or machine be discontinued.  
1399 Any licensee to whom such order is issued may [petition for a hearing,  
1400 which shall be granted, but no such petition shall] request an  
1401 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54  
1402 to contest such order. No such request shall stay the execution or  
1403 effectiveness of any order issued pursuant to this subsection pending an  
1404 administrative hearing. Each such order shall continue in effect until [it]  
1405 such order is rescinded by the commissioner or until the condition cited  
1406 is corrected, as determined by the commissioner or the commissioner's  
1407 designee.

1408 Sec. 26. Section 21a-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1409 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1410 Any license may be revoked by the Commissioner of Consumer  
1411 Protection [after notice to the licensee by mail or otherwise and  
1412 opportunity to be heard] if it appears that any statement upon which [it]  
1413 such license was issued was false or misleading or that any frozen  
1414 dessert and frozen dessert mix manufactured by the licensee is  
1415 adulterated or misbranded, or was manufactured in a plant not  
1416 maintained in accordance with the standards of sanitation prescribed in  
1417 the regulations promulgated under the authority of section 21a-58, or  
1418 that the brand name or any label or advertising of any frozen dessert  
1419 and frozen dessert mix manufactured by the licensee gives a false  
1420 indication of origin, character, composition or place of manufacture, or  
1421 is otherwise false or misleading in any particular way. A license may  
1422 also [, after such notice and hearing,] be suspended for any of the  
1423 foregoing reasons until the licensee complies with the conditions  
1424 prescribed by the [Commissioner of Consumer Protection]  
1425 commissioner for its reinstatement. The commissioner shall not revoke  
1426 or suspend a license except upon notice and hearing in accordance with  
1427 chapter 54. The commissioner may summarily suspend a license  
1428 pending such a hearing if the commissioner has reason to believe that

1429 the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency  
1430 action.

1431 Sec. 27. Subsection (b) of section 21a-118 of the general statutes is  
1432 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1433 *1, 2025*):

1434 (b) If an inspection reveals a violation of any provision of this chapter  
1435 concerning a food factory, food warehouse or food establishment, the  
1436 commissioner shall notify the owner of such factory, warehouse or  
1437 establishment of any such violation and his right to a hearing under this  
1438 section by certified mail within fifteen days of the date of such original  
1439 inspection. Such owner may contest the violations cited in such notice  
1440 by requesting a hearing in writing by certified mail within fifteen days  
1441 of the date of receipt of such notice. The commissioner shall grant such  
1442 a request and conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of  
1443 chapter 54. The [cost of all reinspections] fee for each reinspection  
1444 necessary to determine compliance with any such provision shall be  
1445 [forty] one hundred seventy-five dollars [an hour] and shall be charged  
1446 to such owner. [, except that if the first reinspection following the  
1447 original inspection indicates compliance with such provision no charge  
1448 shall be made.]

1449 Sec. 28. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 21a-152 of the general  
1450 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1451 (*Effective from passage*):

1452 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may revoke, suspend,  
1453 place conditions upon or issue a civil penalty against a bakery, food  
1454 manufacturing establishment or food warehouse license for any  
1455 violation of sections 21a-151 to 21a-159, inclusive, [after a hearing  
1456 conducted] in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. In addition,  
1457 the commissioner may summarily suspend a bakery, food  
1458 manufacturing establishment or food warehouse license pending a  
1459 hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 if the  
1460 commissioner has reason to believe that the public health, safety or

1461 welfare imperatively requires emergency action. [Not later than ten  
1462 days following the suspension order, the commissioner shall cause to be  
1463 held a hearing which shall be conducted in accordance with the  
1464 provisions of chapter 54. Following such hearing, the commissioner  
1465 shall dissolve such suspension or order revocation of the bakery, food  
1466 manufacturing establishment or food warehouse license. Any  
1467 corporation, firm or person whose license has been revoked may apply  
1468 for a new license and the commissioner shall act on such application not  
1469 later than thirty days after the commissioner receives such application.  
1470 The costs of any inspections] The fee for each inspection necessary to  
1471 determine whether or not an applicant, whose license has been revoked,  
1472 is entitled to have a new license granted shall be borne by the applicant  
1473 at such rates as the commissioner may determine. The commissioner  
1474 may refuse to grant any bakery, food manufacturing establishment or  
1475 food warehouse a license if the commissioner finds that the applicant  
1476 has evidenced a pattern of noncompliance with the provisions of  
1477 sections 21a-151 to 21a-159, inclusive. Prima facie evidence of a pattern  
1478 of noncompliance shall be established if the commissioner shows that  
1479 the applicant has had two or more bakery, food manufacturing  
1480 establishment or food warehouse licenses revoked.

1481 (d) All vehicles used in the transportation of food for human  
1482 consumption, including, but not limited to, bakery, food manufacturing  
1483 establishment or food warehouse products, shall be kept in a sanitary  
1484 condition [and shall have the name and address of the bakery, food  
1485 manufacturing establishment or food warehouse owner, operator or  
1486 distributor legibly printed on both sides] in accordance with the sanitary  
1487 transportation requirements established in the regulations adopted  
1488 pursuant to the Food Safety Modernization Act, 21 CFR Parts 1 and 11,  
1489 as amended from time to time. Each compartment in which [unwrapped  
1490 bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse products  
1491 are] food for human consumption is transported shall be enclosed in a  
1492 manner approved by the commissioner.

1493 Sec. 29. Section 21a-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1494 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1495       (a) ~~[Every]~~ Each contract for health club services shall provide that  
1496 such contract may be cancelled ~~[within]~~ not later than three business  
1497 days after the date ~~[of receipt by]~~ on which the buyer ~~[of]~~ under such  
1498 contract receives a copy of ~~[the]~~ such contract, by written cancellation  
1499 notice delivered, with delivery tracking, to the ~~[seller]~~ health club or the  
1500 ~~[seller's]~~ health club's agent at an address ~~[which]~~ that shall be specified  
1501 in ~~[the]~~ such contract. Not later than ten business days after the health  
1502 club or the health club's agent receives such written cancellation notice,  
1503 the health club shall provide to the buyer a written statement confirming  
1504 that such contract has been cancelled and disclosing the effective date of  
1505 such cancellation. After receipt of such written cancellation notice, the  
1506 health club may request the return of any cards or equipment that were  
1507 delivered to the buyer as part of the membership. Cancellation shall be  
1508 without liability on the part of the buyer, except for the fair market value  
1509 of services actually received and the buyer shall be entitled to a refund  
1510 of the entire consideration paid for the health club contract, if any, less  
1511 the fair market value of the services or use of facilities already actually  
1512 received. Such right of cancellation shall not be affected by the terms of  
1513 the health club contract and may not be waived or otherwise  
1514 surrendered. ~~[Such]~~

1515       (b) (1) Each health club contract ~~[for health club services]~~ shall also  
1516 ~~[contain a clause providing]~~ provide that:

1517       (A) The buyer or the buyer's estate shall be relieved of any further  
1518 obligation not due and owing under such contract (i) if the person  
1519 receiving the benefits of such contract (I) relocates further than twenty-  
1520 five miles from a health club ~~[facility]~~ location operated by the ~~[seller]~~  
1521 health club or a substantially similar health club ~~[facility]~~ location which  
1522 would accept the ~~[seller's obligation]~~ health club's obligations under  
1523 ~~[the]~~ such contract, or (II) dies during the membership term following  
1524 the effective date of such contract, or (ii) if the health club ceases  
1525 operation at the health club location where the buyer entered into ~~[the]~~  
1526 such contract; ~~[, the buyer or his estate shall be relieved of any further~~



1527 obligation for payment under the contract not then due and owing. The  
1528 contract shall also provide that if]

1529 (B) If the buyer becomes disabled during the membership term, the  
1530 buyer shall have the option of [(1)] (i) being relieved of liability for  
1531 payment on that portion of the contract term for which the buyer is  
1532 disabled, or [(2)] (ii) extending the [duration of the] original term of such  
1533 contract, at no cost to the buyer, for a period equal to the duration of the  
1534 disability; [.] and

1535 (C) The buyer may, at the buyer's option, void such contract  
1536 prospectively if (i) the health club ceases to offer facilities or amenities  
1537 that are substantially similar to the facilities or amenities that such  
1538 health club offered to the buyer when the buyer initially entered into  
1539 such contract, or (ii) the services offered under such contract are no  
1540 longer available, or are substantially unavailable, because the  
1541 operations of the health club have permanently discontinued or there  
1542 has been a substantial change in the operations of the health club  
1543 location primarily used by the buyer.

1544 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the health club location  
1545 primarily used by the buyer shall be (A) the health club location  
1546 designated by the buyer as the buyer's preferred health club location for  
1547 delivery of services under the health club contract, or (B) if the buyer  
1548 does not designate a health club location as the buyer's preferred health  
1549 club location for delivery of services under the health club contract, the  
1550 health club location most frequented by the buyer during the preceding  
1551 calendar year.

1552 (c) [The] A health club shall have the right to require and verify  
1553 reasonable evidence of relocation, disability or death. In the case of  
1554 disability, [the] a health club may require that documentation from a  
1555 licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed advanced  
1556 practice registered nurse or another credentialed medical provider be  
1557 submitted as verification.

1558 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 21a-218 of the general statutes is  
1559 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1560 *1, 2025*):

1561 (a) A copy of the health club contract shall be delivered to the buyer  
1562 at the time the contract is signed. All health club contracts shall (1) be in  
1563 writing and signed by the buyer, (2) designate the date on which the  
1564 buyer actually signs the contract, (3) identify the address of the location  
1565 at which the buyer entered the contract, and (4) contain a statement of  
1566 the buyer's rights which complies with this section. The following  
1567 statement shall prominently and conspicuously appear, in at least  
1568 twelve-point font, at the top of the contract:

1569 "BUYER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL

1570 If you wish to cancel this contract, you may cancel by sending a  
1571 written notice stating that you do not wish to be bound by this contract.  
1572 The notice must be delivered or mailed before midnight of the third  
1573 business day after you sign this contract. The notice must be delivered  
1574 or mailed to:

1575 ....

1576 ....

1577 (Insert name, electronic mail address and mailing address for  
1578 cancellation notice.)

1579 You may also cancel this contract if:

1580 (1) You relocate your residence further than twenty-five (25) miles  
1581 from any health club operated by the seller or from any other  
1582 substantially similar health club which would accept the obligation of  
1583 the seller;

1584 (2) You die; or

1585 (3) The health club ceases operation at the location where you entered

1586 into this contract or the location closest to your primary residence.

1587 If you become disabled, you shall have the option of:

1588 (1) Being relieved of liability for payment on that portion of the  
1589 contract term for which you are disabled; or

1590 (2) Extending the duration of the original contract at no cost to you  
1591 for a period equal to the duration of the disability.

1592 You must send a written notice of disability, which may be sent to the  
1593 health club in an electronic form. You may be required to prove such  
1594 disability by submitting documentation from a licensed physician, a  
1595 licensed physician assistant, a licensed advanced practice registered  
1596 nurse or another credentialed medical provider. If you cancel, the health  
1597 club may keep or collect an amount equal to the fair market value of the  
1598 services or use of facilities you have already received.

1599 NOTICE OF GUARANTY FUND

1600 The Connecticut Health Club Guaranty Fund is administered by the  
1601 Department of Consumer Protection to protect consumers who have a  
1602 health club contract with a club that closes down or moves. If a health  
1603 club is no longer operating at the location where you entered into the  
1604 contract, you may be eligible for reimbursement through the fund. For  
1605 further information, and to apply to the fund, please visit (insert  
1606 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site address) or  
1607 contact the department by phone at (insert Department of Consumer  
1608 Protection's main telephone number)."

1609 Sec. 31. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 21a-223 of the general  
1610 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1611 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1612 (a) Each individual place of business of each health club shall obtain  
1613 a license from the Department of Consumer Protection prior to the sale  
1614 of any health club contract. Application for such license shall be made

1615 on forms provided by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and  
1616 said commissioner shall require as a condition to the issuance and  
1617 renewal of any license obtained under this chapter (1) that the applicant  
1618 provide for and maintain on the premises of the health club sanitary  
1619 facilities; (2) that the applicant [, on and after October 1, 2022,] (A) (i)  
1620 provide and maintain in a readily accessible location on the premises of  
1621 the health club at least one automatic external defibrillator, as defined  
1622 in section 19a-175, and (ii) make such location known to employees of  
1623 such health club, (B) ensure that at least one employee is on the premises  
1624 of such health club during staffed business hours who is trained in  
1625 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automatic external  
1626 defibrillator in accordance with the standards set forth by the American  
1627 Red Cross or American Heart Association, (C) maintain and test the  
1628 automatic external defibrillator in accordance with the manufacturer's  
1629 guidelines, and (D) promptly notify a local emergency medical services  
1630 provider after each use of such automatic external defibrillator; (3) that  
1631 the application be accompanied by (A) a license or renewal fee of two  
1632 hundred fifty dollars, (B) a list of the equipment and each service that  
1633 the applicant intends to have available for use by buyers during the year  
1634 of operations following licensure or renewal, and (C) an electronic copy  
1635 of each health club contract that the applicant is currently using or  
1636 intends to use; and (4) compliance with the requirements of section 21a-  
1637 226, as amended by this act. Such licenses shall be renewed annually.

1638 (b) No health club shall (1) engage in any act or practice that is in  
1639 violation of or contrary to the provisions of this chapter or any  
1640 regulation adopted to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including  
1641 the use of contracts that do not conform to the requirements of this  
1642 chapter, or (2) engage in conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive  
1643 or defraud the buyer, the public or the commissioner. The  
1644 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may refuse to grant or renew a  
1645 license to, impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed one  
1646 thousand dollars per violation on or [may] suspend, place conditions on  
1647 or revoke the license of [,] any health club [which] that engages in any  
1648 conduct prohibited by this chapter.

1649 Sec. 32. Subsections (g) and (h) of section 21a-226 of the general  
1650 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1651 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1652 (g) After hearing, the commissioner shall issue an order requiring  
1653 payment from the guaranty fund of any sum the commissioner finds to  
1654 be payable upon such application. The total compensation payable from  
1655 the guaranty fund on the closing of any one health club location shall  
1656 not exceed [seventy-five thousand] one hundred twenty-five thousand  
1657 dollars.

1658 (h) If the commissioner pays any amount as a result of a claim against  
1659 a health club pursuant to an order under subsection (g) of this section,  
1660 the health club shall pay the amount due plus interest at the rate of ten  
1661 per cent per year. A health club shall not be eligible to receive a new or  
1662 renewed license until the health club has repaid such amount in full, [,  
1663 plus interest at a rate to be determined by the commissioner.] All funds  
1664 paid pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the guaranty fund.

1665 Sec. 33. Subsection (a) of section 21a-430 of the general statutes is  
1666 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1667 *1, 2025*):

1668 (a) No person shall place or cause to be placed in a public place a  
1669 donation bin for the donation of clothing or other articles unless (1) such  
1670 person [has been granted permission] obtains advance written consent  
1671 from the owner of such public place, or such owner's duly authorized  
1672 agent, to place such donation bin, or cause such bin to be placed, in such  
1673 public place, [by the owner of such public place or by such owner's duly  
1674 authorized agent] and [unless] (2) such bin contains a notice, in block  
1675 letters at least two inches high, stating, [: (1) If] (A) if the donation is for  
1676 a charitable purpose, [(A)] (i) the name of the nonprofit organization  
1677 that will benefit from the donation, [and the percentage of the donated  
1678 articles or of the proceeds from the sale of the donated articles that the  
1679 nonprofit organization will receive from the owner of such bin, (B)] (ii)  
1680 the name and contact information of the owner of such bin, and [(C)]

1681 (iii) that the public may contact the Department of Consumer Protection  
1682 for further information, or ~~[(2)]~~ (B) if not intended for a charitable  
1683 purpose, that such donation is not for a charitable purpose. Such notice  
1684 shall be on the same side of the bin where the donation is likely to be  
1685 made. As used in this section, "public place" means any area that is used  
1686 or held out for use by the public, whether owned or operated by public  
1687 or private interests, and "donation bin" means a large container  
1688 commonly placed in a parking lot for the purpose of encouraging  
1689 individuals to donate clothing or other items.

1690 Sec. 34. Section 21a-434 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1691 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1692 (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "at retail" includes any retail  
1693 transaction conducted in person, excluding any transaction: (A) By  
1694 telephone, mail or the Internet, (B) for parking at a parking lot or a  
1695 parking garage, (C) at a wholesale club that sells consumer goods and  
1696 services through a membership model, (D) at a retail store selling  
1697 consumer goods exclusively through a membership model that requires  
1698 payment by means of an affiliated mobile device application, (E) for the  
1699 rental of consumer goods, services or accommodations for which  
1700 posting of collateral or security is typically required, ~~[and]~~ (F) for  
1701 consumer goods or services provided exclusively to employees and  
1702 individuals other than customers who are authorized to be on the  
1703 employer's premises, and (G) at a location where no individual is  
1704 employed to provide in-person assistance with any offer or purchase of  
1705 consumer goods or services, and (2) "cash" means legal tender.

1706 (b) [A] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person  
1707 selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail in this state shall  
1708 not: (1) Refuse to accept cash as a form of payment for such goods or  
1709 services, (2) post signs stating that cash payment is not accepted, or (3)  
1710 charge a customer paying cash a higher price than such customer would  
1711 pay using any other form of payment.

1712 (c) A person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail in

1713 this state shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements established  
1714 in subsection (b) of this section if the person provides a device to  
1715 consumers that converts cash into a prepaid card, and:

1716 (1) Such person and such person's device vendor do not, directly or  
1717 indirectly:

1718 (A) Require payment of any fee for initial receipt of such prepaid  
1719 card;

1720 (B) Charge any fee to use such prepaid card, including, but not  
1721 limited to, (i) a fee charged to (I) check the balance of such prepaid card,  
1722 or (II) deposit additional cash on such prepaid card, or (ii) any recurring  
1723 fee;

1724 (C) Require payment of a minimum deposit for such prepaid card in  
1725 an amount that is greater than one dollar;

1726 (D) Establish an expiration date for such prepaid card or otherwise  
1727 subject such prepaid card to an expiration date;

1728 (E) Limit the number of transactions that may be completed by using  
1729 such prepaid card; or

1730 (F) Require a consumer to provide any personally identifiable  
1731 information, including, but not limited to, a telephone number,  
1732 electronic mail address or Social Security number, to receive or use such  
1733 prepaid card;

1734 (2) Such device shall, upon request, provide a printed receipt to a  
1735 consumer indicating the amount of cash the consumer has deposited  
1736 onto such prepaid card; and

1737 (3) In the event such device malfunctions, the retail store where such  
1738 device is located shall:

1739 (A) Accept payment in cash from consumers until such device is  
1740 restored and satisfies the requirements established in this subsection;

1741 and

1742 (B) Post a sign in a conspicuous location on or immediately adjacent  
1743 to such device stating that such retail store is required by law to accept  
1744 cash if such device malfunctions.

1745 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
1746 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions  
1747 of this section.

1748 Sec. 35. Section 42-110d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1749 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1750 (a) For the purposes of this chapter the [commissioner]  
1751 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall have the power to order an  
1752 investigation and examination to be made. In addition to other powers  
1753 conferred upon the commissioner by this chapter, the commissioner or  
1754 [his] the commissioner's authorized representatives may issue  
1755 subpoenas to any person involved in any matter under investigation  
1756 and examination, administer an oath or affirmation to any person, and  
1757 conduct hearings in aid of any investigation or examination, provided  
1758 none of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be used for the  
1759 purpose of compelling any natural person to furnish testimony or  
1760 evidence which might tend to incriminate him or subject him to a  
1761 penalty or forfeiture.

1762 (b) [Said commissioner] The Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
1763 or [said] the commissioner's authorized representatives shall have the  
1764 right to (1) enter any place or establishment within the state, at  
1765 reasonable times, for the purpose of making an investigation; (2) check  
1766 the invoices and records pertaining to costs and other transactions of  
1767 commodities; (3) take samples of commodities for evidence upon  
1768 tendering the market price therefor to the person having such  
1769 commodity in such person's custody; (4) subpoena documentary  
1770 material relating to such investigation; and (5) have access to, for the  
1771 purpose of examination, documentary material and the right to copy



1772 and receive electronic copies of such documentary material of any  
1773 person being investigated or proceeded against. The commissioner or  
1774 the commissioner's authorized representatives shall have power to  
1775 require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the  
1776 production of all such documentary material relating to any matter  
1777 under investigation.

1778 (c) In addition to other powers conferred upon the [commissioner,  
1779 said] Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the commissioner may  
1780 execute in writing and cause to be served, through reasonable efforts to  
1781 effectuate notice as set forth in section 21a-2, an investigative demand  
1782 upon any person suspected of using, having used or about to use any  
1783 method, act or practice declared by section 42-110b to be unlawful or  
1784 upon any person from whom [said] the commissioner wants assurance  
1785 that section 42-110b has not, is not or will not be violated. Such  
1786 investigative demand shall contain a description of the method, act or  
1787 practice under investigation, provide a reasonable time for compliance,  
1788 and require such person to furnish under oath or otherwise, as may be  
1789 specified in said demand, a report in writing setting forth relevant facts  
1790 or circumstances together with documentary material. Notwithstanding  
1791 subsection [(f)] (g) of this section, responses to investigative demands  
1792 issued under this subsection may be withheld from public disclosure  
1793 during the full pendency of the investigation.

1794 (d) [Said commissioner] The Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
1795 in conformance with sections 4-176e to 4-185, inclusive, whenever the  
1796 commissioner has reason to believe that any person has been engaged  
1797 or is engaged in an alleged violation of any provision of this chapter,  
1798 shall deliver to such person, in a manner that is sufficient to effectuate  
1799 notice as set forth in section 21a-2, a complaint stating the charges and  
1800 containing a notice of a hearing, to be held upon a day and at a place  
1801 therein fixed at least fifteen days after the date of such complaint. The  
1802 person so notified shall have the right to file a written answer to the  
1803 complaint and charges therein stated and appear at the time and place  
1804 so fixed for such hearing, in person or otherwise, with or without

1805 counsel, and submit testimony and be fully heard. Any person may  
1806 make application, and upon good cause shown shall be allowed by the  
1807 commissioner to intervene and appear in such proceeding by counsel or  
1808 in person. The testimony in any such proceeding, including the  
1809 testimony of any intervening person, shall be under oath and shall either  
1810 be reduced to writing by the recording officer of the hearing or recorded  
1811 in an audio or audiovisual format. The commissioner or the  
1812 commissioner's authorized representatives shall have the power to  
1813 require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the  
1814 production of any documentary material at such proceeding. If upon  
1815 such hearing the commissioner is of the opinion that the method of  
1816 competition or the act or practice in question is prohibited by this  
1817 chapter, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall [make  
1818 a report in writing to the person complained of in which the  
1819 commissioner or such designee shall state the commissioner's or such  
1820 designee's findings as to the facts and shall forward by certified mail to]  
1821 issue a final decision, which may include orders for such person [an  
1822 order] to cease and desist from using such methods of competition or  
1823 such act or practice. The commissioner may impose a civil penalty, in an  
1824 amount not to exceed the amount set forth in subsection (b) of section  
1825 42-110o, after a hearing conducted pursuant to chapter 54, or, if the  
1826 amount involved is less than ten thousand dollars, an order directing  
1827 restitution, or both. The commissioner may apply for the enforcement  
1828 of any cease and desist order, civil penalty, order directing restitution or  
1829 consent order issued or imposed under this chapter to the superior court  
1830 for the judicial district of Hartford, or to any judge thereof if the same is  
1831 not in session, for an order temporarily or permanently restraining and  
1832 enjoining any person from continuing any violation of such cease and  
1833 desist order, an order directing payment of any civil penalty or  
1834 restitution or a consent order. Such application for a temporary  
1835 restraining order, temporary and permanent injunction, order directing  
1836 payment of any civil penalty or restitution and for such other  
1837 appropriate decree or process shall be brought and the proceedings  
1838 thereon conducted by the Attorney General.

1839       (e) If the Commissioner of Consumer Protection determines that the  
1840 public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action,  
1841 the commissioner may order any person to cease and desist from any  
1842 act or practice the commissioner has reason to believe is in violation of  
1843 any provision of this chapter pending institution of administrative  
1844 proceedings pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, which  
1845 administrative proceedings shall be promptly instituted and resolved.  
1846 The commissioner shall not make such determination unless the  
1847 commissioner has concluded, based on the nature, severity and  
1848 duration of the anticipated harm, that immediate correction or cessation  
1849 of operations is necessary in order to prevent injury or serious illness.  
1850 Upon the close of the record in an administrative proceeding on an  
1851 emergency order issued by the commissioner pursuant to this  
1852 subsection or forty-five calendar days after the issuance of such order,  
1853 whichever occurs first, any party named in such order may appeal from  
1854 such order, as a preliminary order, to the Superior Court in accordance  
1855 with the provisions of section 4-183. Such appeal to the Superior Court  
1856 shall not enjoin such emergency order during the pendency of such  
1857 appeal unless so ordered by the Superior Court. Nothing in this  
1858 subsection shall be construed to limit the commissioner's ability to issue  
1859 a final decision following a hearing or the ability of any party named in  
1860 an emergency order issued pursuant to this subsection to appeal from a  
1861 final decision for the purposes of section 4-183.

1862       ~~[(e)]~~ (f) In addition to any injunction issued pursuant to subsection  
1863 (d) of this section, the court may make such additional orders or  
1864 judgments as may be necessary to restore to any person in interest any  
1865 moneys or property, real or personal, which may have been acquired by  
1866 means of any practices prohibited by this chapter, including the  
1867 appointment of a receiver or the revocation of a license or certificate  
1868 authorizing the person subject to the order or injunction to engage in  
1869 business in this state, or both.

1870       ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The ~~[commissioner]~~ Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
1871 or the Attorney General or their employees shall disclose, in accordance

1872 with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in  
1873 section 1-200, all records concerning the investigation of any alleged  
1874 violation of any provision of this chapter, including, but not limited to,  
1875 any complaint initiating an investigation and all records of the  
1876 disposition or settlement of a complaint. For purposes of this section,  
1877 "disposition" shall include the following action or nonaction with  
1878 respect to any complaints or investigations: (1) No action taken because  
1879 of (A) a lack of jurisdiction, (B) unsubstantiated allegations, or (C) a lack  
1880 of sufficient information to draw a conclusion, as determined by the  
1881 commissioner, after investigation; (2) referral to another state agency, or  
1882 to a federal or local agency, or to law enforcement authorities; (3) an  
1883 acceptance of an assurance of voluntary compliance in accordance with  
1884 the provisions of section 42-110j, as amended by this act; and (4) formal  
1885 action taken, including the institution of administrative proceedings  
1886 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section or court proceedings pursuant  
1887 to section 42-110m, 42-110o or 42-110p. The commissioner may withhold  
1888 such records from disclosure during the pendency of an investigation  
1889 or examination held in accordance with subsection (a) of this section,  
1890 but in no event shall the commissioner withhold any such records  
1891 longer than a period of eighteen months after the date on which the  
1892 initial complaint was filed with the commissioner or after the date on  
1893 which the investigation or examination was commenced, whichever is  
1894 earlier. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect the rights of litigants,  
1895 including parties to administrative proceedings, under the laws of  
1896 discovery of this state.

1897 Sec. 36. Section 42-110j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1898 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1899 In the administration of this chapter, the commissioner may accept  
1900 an assurance of voluntary compliance with respect to any method, act  
1901 or practice deemed in violation of this chapter from any person alleged  
1902 to be engaged or to have been engaged in such method, act or practice.  
1903 Such assurance may include an amount as a monetary settlement and  
1904 as restitution to aggrieved persons and for investigative costs. No such

1905 assurance of voluntary compliance shall be considered an admission of  
1906 violation for any purpose. Matters thus closed may at any time be  
1907 reopened by the commissioner for further proceedings in the public  
1908 interest. In the event of any violation of the terms of an assurance of  
1909 voluntary compliance accepted under this section, the commissioner  
1910 may proceed as provided in sections 42-110d, as amended by this act,  
1911 and 42-110e or may request that the Attorney General apply in the name  
1912 of the state to the Superior Court for relief from such violation consistent  
1913 with section 42-110m.

1914 Sec. 37. Section 42-134a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1915 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1916 As used in this chapter:

1917 [(a)] (1) "Home solicitation sale" means a sale, lease, or rental of  
1918 consumer goods or services, whether under single or multiple contracts,  
1919 in which the seller or his representative personally solicits the sale,  
1920 including those in response to or following an invitation by the buyer,  
1921 and the buyer's agreement or offer to purchase is made at a place other  
1922 than the place of business of the seller. The term "home solicitation sale"  
1923 does not include a transaction: [(1)] (A) Made pursuant to prior  
1924 negotiations in the course of a visit by the buyer to a retail business  
1925 establishment having a fixed, permanent location where goods are  
1926 exhibited or the services are offered for sale on a continuing basis; [(2)]  
1927 (B) in which the buyer has initiated the contact and the goods or services  
1928 are needed to meet a bona fide immediate personal emergency of the  
1929 buyer, and the buyer furnishes the seller with a separate dated and  
1930 signed personal statement in the buyer's handwriting describing the  
1931 situation requiring immediate remedy and expressly acknowledging  
1932 and waiving the right to cancel the sale within three business days; [(3)]  
1933 (C) conducted and consummated entirely by mail or telephone and  
1934 without any other contact between the buyer and the seller or its  
1935 representative prior to delivery of the goods or performance of the  
1936 services; [(4)] (D) in which the buyer has initiated the contact and  
1937 specifically requested the seller to visit his home for the purpose of

1938 repairing or performing maintenance upon the buyer's personal  
1939 property. If in the course of such a visit, the seller sells the buyer the  
1940 right to receive additional services or goods other than replacement  
1941 parts necessarily used in performing the maintenance or in making the  
1942 repairs, the sale of those additional goods or services shall not come  
1943 within this exclusion; [(5)] (E) pertaining to the sale or rental of real  
1944 property, to the sale of insurance, to the sale of newspapers or to the sale  
1945 of securities or commodities by a broker-dealer registered with the  
1946 securities and exchange commission; [(6)] (F) made pursuant to a home  
1947 party plan sales and demonstration; or [(7)] (G) in the case of consumer  
1948 goods, other than magazine sales or subscriptions, where the purchase  
1949 price, whether under single or multiple contracts, does not exceed  
1950 twenty-five dollars.

1951 [(b)] (2) "Consumer goods or services" means goods or services  
1952 purchased, leased, or rented primarily for personal, family, or  
1953 household purposes, including courses of instruction or training  
1954 regardless of the purpose for which they are taken.

1955 [(c)] (3) "Seller" means any person, partnership, corporation, limited  
1956 liability company or association engaged in home solicitation sales of  
1957 consumer goods or services.

1958 [(d)] (4) "Place of business" means the main or permanent branch  
1959 office or local address of a seller.

1960 [(e)] (5) "Purchase price" means the total price paid or to be paid for  
1961 the consumer goods or services, including all interest and service  
1962 charges.

1963 [(f)] (6) "Business day" means any calendar day except Saturday,  
1964 Sunday or any [of the following business holidays: New Year's Day,  
1965 Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,  
1966 Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day]  
1967 legal holiday designated, appointed or recommended under section 1-  
1968 4.

1969       Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 36a-671b of the general statutes is  
1970 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1971 *2025*):

1972       (a) A debt negotiator shall provide to each debtor a contract that shall  
1973 include a complete, detailed list of services to be performed, the costs of  
1974 such services and the results to be achieved. Each debt negotiation  
1975 service contract shall contain (1) a statement certifying that the person  
1976 offering debt negotiation services has reviewed the consumer's debt,  
1977 and (2) an individualized evaluation of the likelihood that the proposed  
1978 debt negotiation services would reduce the consumer's debt or debt  
1979 service or, if appropriate, prevent the consumer's residential home from  
1980 being foreclosed. Each contract shall allow the consumer to cancel or  
1981 rescind such contract within three business days after the date on which  
1982 the consumer signed the contract. Such contract shall contain a clear and  
1983 conspicuous caption that shall read, "Debtor's three-day right to cancel",  
1984 along with the following statement: "If you wish to cancel this contract,  
1985 you may cancel by mailing a written notice by certified or registered  
1986 mail to the address specified below. The notice shall state that you do  
1987 not wish to be bound by this contract and must be delivered or mailed  
1988 before midnight of the third business day after you sign this contract."  
1989 As used in this section, "business day" [has the same meaning as  
1990 provided in section 42-134a] means any calendar day except Sunday or  
1991 any of the following business holidays: New Year's Day, Washington's  
1992 Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus  
1993 Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

1994       Sec. 39. Subdivision (4) of section 42-481 of the general statutes is  
1995 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1996 *2025*):

1997       (4) "Sales representative" means a person who: (A) Establishes a  
1998 business relationship with a principal to solicit orders for products or  
1999 services, and (B) is compensated in whole, or in part, by commission.  
2000 "Sales representative" does not include an employee or a person who  
2001 places orders or purchases on the person's own account or for resale or

2002 a seller, as defined in [subsection (c) of] section 42-134a, as amended by  
2003 this act; and

2004 Sec. 40. Section 42-135a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2005 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

2006 No agreement in a home solicitation sale shall be effective against the  
2007 buyer if [it] the agreement is not signed and dated by the buyer or if the  
2008 seller shall:

2009 (1) Fail to furnish the buyer with a fully completed receipt or copy of  
2010 all contracts and documents pertaining to such sale at the time of its  
2011 execution, which contract shall be in the same language as that  
2012 principally used in the oral sales presentation and which shall show the  
2013 date of the transaction and shall contain the name and address of the  
2014 seller, and in immediate proximity to the space reserved in the contract  
2015 for the signature of the buyer, or on the front page of the receipt if a  
2016 contract is not used, and in boldface type of a minimum size of [ten]  
2017 twelve points, a statement in substantially the following form:

2018 YOU, THE BUYER, MAY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION AT ANY  
2019 TIME PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT OF THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY AFTER  
2020 THE DATE OF THIS TRANSACTION. SEE THE ATTACHED NOTICE  
2021 OF CANCELLATION FORM FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THIS  
2022 RIGHT.

2023 (2) Fail to furnish each buyer, at the time such buyer signs the home  
2024 solicitation sales contract or otherwise agrees to buy consumer goods or  
2025 services from the seller, a [completed] form completed by the seller in  
2026 duplicate, captioned "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION", which shall be  
2027 attached to the contract or receipt and easily detachable, and which shall  
2028 contain in [ten-point] twelve-point boldface type the following  
2029 information and statements in the same language as that used in the  
2030 contract:

2031 [NOTICE OF CANCELLATION



2032 .... (Date of Transaction)

2033 YOU MAY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION, WITHOUT ANY  
2034 PENALTY OR OBLIGATION, WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS  
2035 FROM THE ABOVE DATE.

2036 IF YOU CANCEL, ANY PROPERTY TRADED IN, ANY PAYMENTS  
2037 MADE BY YOU UNDER THE CONTRACT OR SALE, AND ANY  
2038 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT EXECUTED BY YOU WILL BE  
2039 RETURNED WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT  
2040 BY THE SELLER OF YOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE, AND ANY  
2041 SECURITY INTEREST ARISING OUT OF THE TRANSACTION WILL  
2042 BE CANCELLED.

2043 IF YOU CANCEL, YOU MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE  
2044 SELLER AT YOUR RESIDENCE, IN SUBSTANTIALLY AS GOOD  
2045 CONDITION AS WHEN RECEIVED, ANY GOODS DELIVERED TO  
2046 YOU UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR SALE; OR YOU MAY, IF YOU  
2047 WISH, COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SELLER  
2048 REGARDING THE RETURN SHIPMENT OF THE GOODS AT THE  
2049 SELLER'S EXPENSE AND RISK.

2050 IF YOU DO MAKE THE GOODS AVAILABLE TO THE SELLER  
2051 AND THE SELLER DOES NOT PICK THEM UP WITHIN TWENTY  
2052 DAYS OF THE DATE OF CANCELLATION, YOU MAY RETAIN OR  
2053 DISPOSE OF THE GOODS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER OBLIGATION.  
2054 IF YOU FAIL TO MAKE THE GOODS AVAILABLE TO THE SELLER,  
2055 OR IF YOU AGREE TO RETURN THE GOODS TO THE SELLER AND  
2056 FAIL TO DO SO, THEN YOU REMAIN LIABLE FOR PERFORMANCE  
2057 OF ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACT.

2058 TO CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION, MAIL OR DELIVER A SIGNED  
2059 AND DATED COPY OF THIS CANCELLATION NOTICE OR ANY  
2060 OTHER WRITTEN NOTICE, OR SEND A TELEGRAM TO .... (Name of  
2061 Seller) AT .... (Address of Seller's Place of Business) NOT LATER THAN  
2062 MIDNIGHT OF .... (Date)

2063 I HEREBY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION.

2064 .... (Date)

2065 .... (Buyer's Signature)]

2066 "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

2067 Seller: (Seller's name inserted by seller)

2068 Date of Transaction: (Date of transaction inserted by seller)

2069 You have the right to cancel this contract or sale by following the  
2070 instructions in this notice. Your deadline is midnight on (date of the  
2071 third business day after the date of the transaction, as inserted in  
2072 boldface type by seller) to cancel. You have until this deadline to sign,  
2073 date, and send this notice of cancellation to the Seller by email, fax, or  
2074 mail to the contact information listed below.

2075 (Instructions for seller: To determine the third business day, start  
2076 counting on the day following the day when the transaction took place  
2077 and do not count Saturdays, Sundays, or days designated as legal  
2078 holidays in Connecticut.)

2079 There is no penalty if you cancel. You do not have any legal  
2080 obligations under the contract if you cancel. If you cancel, the seller must  
2081 return to you any payments made by you, any property you traded in,  
2082 and any negotiable instrument executed by you, such as a personal  
2083 check, money order or promissory note. The seller has ten days after it  
2084 receives your cancellation notice to return those items to you. Any  
2085 security interest arising out of the transaction will be cancelled, such as  
2086 a legal claim or a lien on your property.

2087 If you cancel, you must make available to the seller any goods  
2088 delivered to you under this contract or sale. The goods must be in  
2089 substantially as good condition as when you received them. The seller  
2090 can pick them up from your residence. If you make the goods available  
2091 to the seller and the seller does not pick them up, after twenty calendar

2092 days have passed since you sent this notice to the seller, you may keep  
2093 or dispose of the goods. If you do not make the goods available to the  
2094 seller, you will still have to fulfill your contractual obligations.

2095 The seller may also tell you how to return the goods to the seller at  
2096 the seller's own expense and risk, such as by mailing them to the seller.  
2097 You do not have to agree to return the goods to the seller yourself, but  
2098 if you agree to do so but fail to send the goods to the seller, you will still  
2099 have to fulfill your contractual obligations.

2100 To cancel this contract or sale, you must sign and date this notice, and  
2101 send it either by email, by fax, or by regular mail to:

2102 (Seller's name inserted by seller)

2103 Email: (Seller's business electronic mail address inserted by seller)

2104 OR

2105 Fax: (Seller's fax number inserted by seller)

2106 OR

2107 Regular mail: (Address of seller's place of business inserted by seller)

2108 I hereby cancel this transaction.

2109 Dated:

2110 Signed:"

2111 (3) Fail, before furnishing copies of the "Notice of Cancellation" to the  
2112 buyer, to complete both copies by entering the name of the seller, the  
2113 address of the seller's place of business, the date of the transaction, the  
2114 seller's business electronic mail address and the date, not earlier than  
2115 the third business day [following] after the date of the transaction, by  
2116 which the buyer may give notice of cancellation.

2117 (4) Include in any home solicitation sale contract or receipt any

2118 confession of judgment or any waiver of any of the rights to which the  
2119 buyer is entitled under this chapter, including specifically such buyer's  
2120 right to cancel the sale in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2121 (5) Fail to inform each buyer, orally, at the time such buyer signs the  
2122 contract or purchases the goods or services, of such buyer's right to  
2123 cancel.

2124 (6) Misrepresent in any manner the buyer's right to cancel.

2125 (7) Fail or refuse to honor any valid notice of cancellation by a buyer  
2126 and within ten business days after the receipt of such notice, to (A)  
2127 refund all payments made under the contract or sale; (B) return any  
2128 goods or property traded in, in substantially as good condition as when  
2129 received by the seller; (C) cancel and return any negotiable instrument  
2130 executed by the buyer in connection with the contract or sale and take  
2131 any action necessary or appropriate to terminate promptly any security  
2132 interest created in the transaction; and (D) cancel and return any  
2133 contract executed by the buyer in connection with the transaction.

2134 (8) Negotiate, transfer, sell, or assign any note or other evidence of  
2135 indebtedness to a finance company or other third party prior to  
2136 midnight of the fifth business day following the date the contract was  
2137 signed or the goods or services purchased.

2138 (9) Fail, within ten business days of receipt of the buyer's notice of  
2139 cancellation, to notify such buyer whether the seller intends to repossess  
2140 or to abandon any shipped or delivered goods.

2141 (10) Fail, when providing a digital copy of the agreement by  
2142 electronic mail or any other electronic delivery method, to include the  
2143 following statement, immediately adjacent to the body of the message,  
2144 in at least twelve-point type or, if the body of the message is in larger  
2145 size type, the same size type as the body of the message:

2146 PLEASE REVIEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR  
2147 RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT IN THE "NOTICE OF

2148 CANCELLATION" BEING PROVIDED TO YOU.

2149 Sec. 41. Subsection (g) of section 42-179 of the general statutes is  
2150 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2151 *2025*):

2152 (g) (1) No motor vehicle which is returned to any person pursuant to  
2153 any provision of this chapter or in settlement of any dispute related to  
2154 any complaint made under the provisions of this chapter and which  
2155 requires replacement or refund shall be resold, transferred or leased in  
2156 the state without clear and conspicuous written disclosure of the fact  
2157 that such motor vehicle was so returned prior to resale or lease. Such  
2158 disclosure shall be affixed to the motor vehicle and shall be included in  
2159 any contract for sale or lease. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall,  
2160 by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
2161 prescribe the form and content of any such disclosure statement and  
2162 establish provisions by which the commissioner may remove such  
2163 written disclosure after such time as the commissioner may determine  
2164 that such motor vehicle is no longer defective.

2165 (2) For any motor vehicle subject to a complaint made under the  
2166 provisions of this chapter, if a manufacturer accepts the return of a  
2167 motor vehicle or compensates any person who accepts the return of a  
2168 motor vehicle, whether the return is pursuant to an arbitration award or  
2169 settlement, such manufacturer shall stamp the words  
2170 "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and conspicuously  
2171 on the face of the original title in letters at least one-quarter inch high  
2172 and, not later than thirty days after receipt of the title, shall submit a  
2173 copy of the stamped title to the Department of Motor Vehicles and  
2174 electronically remit evidence of such submission to the Department of  
2175 Consumer Protection within such thirty-day period. The Department of  
2176 Motor Vehicles shall maintain a listing of such buyback vehicles and in  
2177 the case of any request for a title for a buyback vehicle, shall cause the  
2178 words "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" to appear clearly and  
2179 conspicuously on the face of the new title in letters which are at least  
2180 one-quarter inch high. Any person who applies for a title shall disclose

2181 to the department the fact that such vehicle was returned as set forth in  
2182 this subsection.

2183 (3) If a manufacturer accepts the return of a motor vehicle from a  
2184 consumer due to a nonconformity or defect, in exchange for a refund or  
2185 a replacement vehicle, whether as a result of an administrative or  
2186 judicial determination, an arbitration proceeding or a voluntary  
2187 settlement, the manufacturer shall notify the Department of Motor  
2188 Vehicles and shall provide the department with all relevant information,  
2189 including the year, make, model, vehicle identification number and  
2190 prior title number of the vehicle. Such manufacturer shall stamp the  
2191 words "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and  
2192 conspicuously on the face of the original title in letters at least one-  
2193 quarter-inch high, and, not later than thirty days after receipt of the title,  
2194 shall submit a copy of the stamped title to the Department of Motor  
2195 Vehicles and remit evidence of such submission to the Department of  
2196 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
2197 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, within such thirty-day period.  
2198 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in  
2199 accordance with chapter 54 specifying the format and time period in  
2200 which such information shall be provided and the nature of any  
2201 additional information which the commissioner may require.

2202 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to motor vehicles  
2203 originally returned in another state from a consumer due to a  
2204 nonconformity or defect in exchange for a refund or replacement vehicle  
2205 and which a lessor or transferor with actual knowledge subsequently  
2206 sells, transfers or leases in this state.

2207 (5) If a manufacturer fails to stamp, submit and remit evidence of  
2208 submission of a title as required by this subsection within thirty days of  
2209 receipt of the title, the Department of Consumer Protection may impose  
2210 a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars on the manufacturer. Any such  
2211 fine shall be deposited into the new automobile warranties account  
2212 established pursuant to section 42-190. A manufacturer that is aggrieved  
2213 by a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection may, within ten days of

2214 receipt of written notice of such fine from the department, request, in  
2215 writing, a hearing. The department shall, upon the receipt of all  
2216 documentation necessary to evaluate the request, determine whether  
2217 circumstances beyond the manufacturer's control prevented  
2218 performance, and may conduct a hearing pursuant to chapter 54, if  
2219 appropriate.

2220 Sec. 42. Section 42-158ff of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2221 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2222 (a) For the purposes of this section:

2223 (1) "Automatic renewal provision" means any provision that is  
2224 included in a consumer agreement under which a business that is a  
2225 party to such agreement may renew such agreement without any action  
2226 on the part of a consumer who is a party to such agreement;

2227 (2) "Business" means any individual or sole proprietorship,  
2228 partnership, firm, corporation, trust, limited liability company, limited  
2229 liability partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association or  
2230 other legal entity through which commerce for profit or not for profit is  
2231 conducted;

2232 (3) "Clearly and conspicuously disclose" means (A) for a disclosure  
2233 made electronically or in writing, to make such disclosure (i) in a  
2234 manner that may be retained by the consumer, and (ii) in text that is (I)  
2235 larger than the size of any surrounding text, or (II) the same size as the  
2236 surrounding text but in a typeface, font or color that contrasts with such  
2237 surrounding text or is set off from such surrounding text by symbols or  
2238 other marks that draw the consumer's attention to such disclosure, and  
2239 (B) for a disclosure made verbally or telephonically, to make such  
2240 disclosure in a volume and cadence that is readily audible to, and  
2241 understandable by, the consumer;

2242 [(3)] (4) "Consumer" means any individual who is a resident of this  
2243 state and a prospective recipient of consumer goods or consumer  
2244 services;

2245        [(4)] (5) "Consumer agreement" means any verbal, telephonic, written  
2246 or electronic agreement, initially entered into or amended on or after  
2247 October 1, 2023, between a business and a consumer under which a  
2248 business agrees to provide consumer goods or consumer services to a  
2249 consumer. "Consumer agreement" does not include any such agreement  
2250 (A) concerning any service provided by a business or its affiliate where  
2251 either the business or its affiliate is doing business pursuant to (i) a  
2252 franchise issued by a political subdivision of the state, or (ii) a license,  
2253 franchise, certificate or other authorization issued by the Public Utilities  
2254 Regulatory Authority, (B) concerning any service provided by a  
2255 business or its affiliate where either the business or its affiliate is  
2256 regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Federal  
2257 Communications Commission or the Federal Energy Regulatory  
2258 Commission, (C) with any entity regulated by the Insurance  
2259 Department or an affiliate of such entity, (D) with any bank, out-of-state  
2260 bank, bank holding company, Connecticut credit union, federal credit  
2261 union or out-of-state credit union, as said terms are defined in section  
2262 36a-2, or any subsidiary thereof, or (E) concerning any global or national  
2263 service largely or predominately consisting of audiovisual content;

2264        [(5)] (6) "Consumer good" means any article that is purchased, leased,  
2265 exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household  
2266 purposes;

2267        [(6)] (7) "Consumer service" means any service that is purchased,  
2268 leased, exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or  
2269 household purposes; and

2270        [(7)] (8) "Continuous services provision" means any provision that is  
2271 included in a consumer agreement under which a business that is a  
2272 party to such agreement may continue to provide consumer services to  
2273 a consumer who is a party to such agreement until the consumer takes  
2274 action to prevent or terminate such business's provision of such  
2275 consumer services under such agreement.

2276        (b) (1) No business shall enter into, or offer to enter into, a consumer



2277 agreement with a consumer if such agreement includes an automatic  
2278 renewal provision or a continuous services provision, unless:

2279 (A) Such business establishes and maintains a toll-free telephone  
2280 number, an electronic mail address or postal address, or the online  
2281 means required under subsection (d) of this section, which the consumer  
2282 may use to prevent automatic renewal or prevent or terminate  
2283 continuous consumer services;

2284 (B) Where such consumer agreement contains an automatic renewal  
2285 provision, such business clearly and conspicuously discloses to the  
2286 consumer, [electronically, verbally, telephonically or in writing in the  
2287 manner specified in subdivision (2) of this subsection and] before such  
2288 automatic renewal, (i) that the business will automatically renew such  
2289 agreement until such consumer takes action to prevent such automatic  
2290 renewal, (ii) a description of the actions such consumer is required to  
2291 take to prevent any automatic renewal of such agreement and, if  
2292 disclosed electronically, a link or other electronic means such consumer  
2293 may use to take such actions as described in subsection (d) of this  
2294 section, (iii) all recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer's  
2295 credit card, debit card or third-party payment account for any automatic  
2296 renewal of such agreement and, if the amount of such charges is subject  
2297 to change, the amount of such change if known by such business, (iv)  
2298 the length of any automatic renewal term for such agreement unless the  
2299 consumer selects the length of such term, (v) any additional provisions  
2300 concerning such renewal term, (vi) any minimum purchase obligation,  
2301 and (vii) contact information for such business;

2302 (C) Where such consumer agreement contains a continuous services  
2303 provision, such business clearly and conspicuously discloses to the  
2304 consumer, [electronically, verbally, telephonically or in writing in the  
2305 manner specified in subdivision (2) of this subsection and] before such  
2306 consumer enters into such agreement, (i) that the business will provide  
2307 continuous consumer services under such agreement until such  
2308 consumer takes action to prevent or terminate such continuous  
2309 consumer services, (ii) a description of the actions such consumer is

2310 required to take to prevent or terminate such continuous consumer  
2311 services, (iii) all recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer's  
2312 credit card, debit card or third-party payment account for such  
2313 continuous consumer services and, if the amount of such charges is  
2314 subject to change, the amount of such change if known by such business,  
2315 (iv) the duration of such continuous consumer services, (v) any  
2316 additional provisions concerning such continuous consumer services,  
2317 (vi) any minimum purchase obligation, and (vii) contact information for  
2318 such business;

2319 (D) If such business intends to make any material change in the terms  
2320 of such automatic renewal provision or continuous services provision,  
2321 such business clearly and conspicuously discloses to the consumer,  
2322 [electronically, verbally, telephonically or in writing in the manner  
2323 specified in subdivision (2) of this subsection and] before such business  
2324 makes such material change, the material change and a description of  
2325 the actions such consumer is required to take to cancel such automatic  
2326 renewal or terminate such continuous consumer services;

2327 (E) If such consumer agreement includes a free gift or trial period,  
2328 such business clearly and conspicuously discloses to the consumer,  
2329 [electronically, verbally, telephonically or in writing in the manner  
2330 specified in subdivision (2) of this subsection] before such consumer  
2331 enters into such agreement, (i) the price that such consumer will be  
2332 charged following expiration of such period, and (ii) any manner in  
2333 which the pricing for such agreement will change following expiration  
2334 of such period; and

2335 (F) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (F)(iii) of this subdivision,  
2336 if such consumer agreement is offered electronically or telephonically  
2337 and includes a free gift or trial period, or a discounted or promotional  
2338 price period, such business clearly and conspicuously discloses to the  
2339 consumer, [electronically or telephonically in the manner specified in  
2340 subdivision (2) of this subsection and] not later than the time specified  
2341 in subparagraph (F)(ii) of this subdivision, (I) that such business will  
2342 automatically renew, or provide continuous consumer services under,

2343 such agreement until such consumer takes action to prevent such  
2344 automatic renewal or prevent or terminate such continuous consumer  
2345 services, (II) the duration of such automatic renewal term or continuous  
2346 consumer services, (III) any additional provisions concerning such  
2347 renewal term or continuous consumer services, (IV) a description of the  
2348 actions such consumer is required to take to prevent such automatic  
2349 renewal or prevent or terminate such continuous consumer services,  
2350 and (V) if such agreement is offered electronically, a prominently  
2351 displayed direct link or button, or an electronic mail message, required  
2352 under subsection (d) of this section.

2353 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (F)(iii) of this subdivision, if  
2354 such business is required to make a disclosure pursuant to  
2355 subparagraph (F)(i) of this subdivision, such business [makes such  
2356 disclosure] clearly and conspicuously discloses (I) where the free gift or  
2357 trial period, or discounted or promotional price period, is at least thirty-  
2358 two days in duration, at least twenty-one days after such period  
2359 commences and not earlier than three days before such period expires,  
2360 or (II) where the free gift or trial period, or discounted or promotional  
2361 price period, is at least one year in duration, at least fifteen days but not  
2362 more than forty-five days before such period expires.

2363 (iii) Such business shall not be required to make the disclosure  
2364 required under subparagraph (F)(i) or (F)(ii) of this subdivision if such  
2365 business has not collected, or does not maintain, the consumer's  
2366 electronic mail address or telephone number, as applicable, and is  
2367 unable to make such disclosure to such consumer by other electronic  
2368 means. For the purposes of subparagraphs (E) and (F) of this  
2369 subdivision, "free gift" does not include a free promotional item or gift  
2370 that a business gives to a consumer if such item or gift differs from the  
2371 consumer goods or consumer services that are the subject of the  
2372 consumer agreement between the business and the consumer.

2373 (2) Each business that is required to make any disclosure under  
2374 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall:

2375 (A) If the consumer agreement is offered, or entered into,  
2376 electronically or in writing, make such disclosure [(i) in a manner that  
2377 may be retained by the consumer, and (ii) in text that is (I) larger than  
2378 the size of any surrounding text, or (II) the same size as the surrounding  
2379 text but in a typeface, font or color that contrasts with such surrounding  
2380 text or is set off from such surrounding text by symbols or other marks  
2381 that draw the consumer's attention to such disclosure] (i) clearly and  
2382 conspicuously, and (ii) electronically or in writing; or

2383 (B) If the consumer agreement is offered, or entered into, verbally or  
2384 telephonically, make such disclosure [in a volume and cadence that is  
2385 readily audible to, and understandable by, the consumer] (i) clearly and  
2386 conspicuously, and (ii) verbally or telephonically.

2387 (c) No business that enters into, or offers to enter into, a consumer  
2388 agreement that includes an automatic renewal provision or a  
2389 continuous services provision shall charge the consumer's credit card,  
2390 debit card or third-party payment account for any automatic renewal or  
2391 continuous consumer services, regardless of whether such renewal or  
2392 continuous consumer services are offered or provided at a promotional  
2393 or discounted price, unless such business has obtained such consumer's  
2394 affirmative consent to such renewal or continuous consumer services.  
2395 In considering whether a business has obtained affirmative consent in  
2396 accordance with the provisions of this subsection, a state agency or court  
2397 of competent jurisdiction shall consider, without limitation, whether the  
2398 business has produced a record of such affirmative consent obtained in  
2399 accordance with the provisions of sections 52-570d and 53a-189.

2400 (d) (1) Each business that enters into a consumer agreement online  
2401 shall, if such agreement includes an automatic renewal provision or  
2402 continuous services provision, allow the consumer to take any action  
2403 necessary to prevent such automatic renewal or prevent or terminate  
2404 such continuous consumer services online and without requiring such  
2405 consumer to take any offline action to prevent such automatic renewal  
2406 or prevent or terminate such continuous consumer services. No  
2407 business that is subject to the provisions of this subdivision shall take

2408 any action to obstruct or delay a consumer's efforts to prevent automatic  
2409 renewal of, or prevent or terminate provision of continuous consumer  
2410 services under, a consumer agreement pursuant to this subdivision.  
2411 Each business that is subject to the provisions of this subdivision shall  
2412 enable a consumer to prevent automatic renewal of, or prevent or  
2413 terminate provision of continuous consumer services under, a consumer  
2414 agreement pursuant to this subdivision by way of:

2415 (A) A prominently displayed direct link or button, which may be  
2416 located within the consumer's (i) account or profile, or (ii) device or user  
2417 settings; or

2418 (B) An electronic mail message from the business to the consumer,  
2419 which is immediately accessible by the consumer and to which the  
2420 consumer may reply without obtaining any additional information.

2421 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a business  
2422 may require a consumer who maintains an account with the business to  
2423 enter the consumer's account information, or otherwise authenticate  
2424 such consumer's identity, online before such consumer may take any  
2425 action to prevent automatic renewal of, or prevent or terminate  
2426 provision of continuous consumer services under, a consumer  
2427 agreement pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. No consumer  
2428 who is unwilling or unable to enter the consumer's account information,  
2429 or otherwise authenticate such consumer's identity, online under this  
2430 subdivision shall be precluded from authenticating such consumer's  
2431 identity, or taking action to prevent such automatic renewal or prevent  
2432 or terminate provision of continuous consumer services, offline by any  
2433 other method set forth in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of  
2434 subsection (b) of this section.

2435 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a private right  
2436 of action.

2437 Sec. 43. Section 14-62a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2438 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2439 (a) No dealer licensed under the provisions of section 14-52 shall  
2440 advertise the price of any motor vehicle unless the stated price in such  
2441 advertisement includes the federal tax, the cost of delivery, dealer  
2442 preparation, any fee, charge or cost imposed for any add-on consumer  
2443 good or consumer service and any other charges of any nature [, except  
2444 that] and such advertisement [shall (1) state] (1) states in at least eight-  
2445 point bold type that any state or local tax, registration fees or dealer  
2446 conveyance fee or processing fee, as defined in subsection (a) of section  
2447 14-62, as amended by this act, [is] are excluded from such advertised  
2448 price, [and] (2) separately [state] states, in at least eight-point bold type,  
2449 immediately next to the phrase "Dealer Conveyance Fee", the amount of  
2450 such dealer conveyance fee or processing fee, and (3) separately states,  
2451 in at least eight-point bold type, immediately next to the phrase  
2452 "Additional Fees, Charges and Costs", the amount of any fee, charge or  
2453 cost imposed for any add-on consumer good or consumer service. For  
2454 the purposes of this subsection, (A) "dealer conveyance fee" and  
2455 "processing fee" have the same meanings as provided in subsection (a)  
2456 of section 14-62, as amended by this act, (B) "consumer good" has the  
2457 same meaning as provided in section 42-110r, and (C) "consumer  
2458 service" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section  
2459 42-158ff, as amended by this act.

2460 (b) Any new or used car dealer violating the provisions of this section  
2461 shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. The Commissioner  
2462 of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke, in accordance with section  
2463 14-64, the license of any such dealer violating the provisions of this  
2464 section.

2465 Sec. 44. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-62 of the general statutes  
2466 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2467 *October 1, 2025*):

2468 (a) Each sale shall be evidenced by an order properly signed by both  
2469 the buyer and seller, a copy of which shall be furnished to the buyer  
2470 when executed, and an invoice upon delivery of the motor vehicle, both  
2471 of which shall contain the following information: (1) Make of vehicle; (2)

2472 year of model, whether sold as new or used, and on invoice the  
2473 identification number; (3) deposit, and (A) if the deposit is not  
2474 refundable, the words "No Refund of Deposit" shall appear at this point,  
2475 and (B) if the deposit is conditionally refundable, the words  
2476 "Conditional Refund of Deposit" shall appear at this point, followed by  
2477 a statement giving the conditions for refund, and (C) if the deposit is  
2478 unconditionally refundable, the words "Unconditional Refund" shall  
2479 appear at this point; (4) cash selling price; (5) finance charges, and (A) if  
2480 these charges do not include insurance, the words "No Insurance" shall  
2481 appear at this point, and (B) if these charges include insurance, a  
2482 statement shall appear at this point giving the exact type of coverage; (6)  
2483 allowance on motor vehicle traded in, if any, and description of the  
2484 same; (7) stamped or printed in a size equal to at least ten-point bold  
2485 type on the face of both the order and invoice one of the following forms:  
2486 (A) "This motor vehicle not guaranteed", or (B) "This motor vehicle is  
2487 guaranteed", followed by a statement as to the terms of such guarantee,  
2488 which terms shall include the duration of the guarantee or the number  
2489 of miles the guarantee shall remain in effect. Such statement shall not  
2490 apply to household furnishings of any trailer; (8) if the motor vehicle is  
2491 new but has been subject to use by the seller or use in connection with  
2492 [his] the seller's business as a dealer, the word "demonstrator" shall be  
2493 clearly displayed on the face of both the order and invoice; (9) any dealer  
2494 conveyance fee or processing fee and a statement that such fee is not  
2495 payable to the state of Connecticut printed in at least ten-point bold type  
2496 on the face of both the order and invoice; and (10) the dealer's legal  
2497 name, address and license number. For the purposes of this  
2498 [subdivision,] section, (A) "dealer conveyance fee" or "processing fee"  
2499 means a fee charged by a dealer to recover reasonable costs for  
2500 processing all documentation and performing services related to the  
2501 closing of a sale, including, but not limited to, the registration and  
2502 transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle which is the subject of the  
2503 sale, (B) "consumer good" has the same meaning as provided in section  
2504 42-110r, and (C) "consumer service" has the same meaning as provided  
2505 in subsection (a) of section 42-158ff, as amended by this act.

2506 (b) (1) The selling price quoted by any dealer to a prospective buyer  
2507 shall include, separately stated, the amount of the dealer conveyance fee  
2508 and that such fee is negotiable. No dealer conveyance fee shall be added  
2509 to the selling price at the time the order is signed by the buyer.

2510 (2) The selling price quoted by any dealer to a prospective buyer shall  
2511 both (A) include any fee, charge or cost imposed for any optional add-  
2512 on consumer good or consumer service, and (B) separately state the  
2513 amount of each such fee, charge or cost and that such fee, charge or cost  
2514 is negotiable.

2515 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) No dealer shall include in the selling price a dealer  
2516 preparation charge for any item or service for which the dealer is  
2517 reimbursed by the manufacturer or any item or service not specifically  
2518 ordered by the buyer and itemized on the invoice.

2519 (4) The form used by a dealer for the order and invoice shall not be  
2520 printed in advance of discussions with a prospective buyer to include  
2521 the amount of any fee, charge or cost imposed for any other optional  
2522 add-on consumer good or consumer service.

2523 Sec. 45. Section 42a-2-313 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2524 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2525 (1) In this section: (a) "Manufacturer" means a seller involved in the  
2526 design, assembly or preparation of any goods before such goods are sold  
2527 or distributed to a consumer at retail. (b) "Seller" means a person who is  
2528 engaged in the business of selling or transferring ownership of, or  
2529 contracting to sell or transfer ownership of, goods and includes a  
2530 manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor or retailer.

2531 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) Express warranties by the seller are created as follows: (a)  
2532 Any affirmation of fact or promise made by the seller to the buyer which  
2533 relates to the goods and becomes part of the basis of the bargain creates  
2534 an express warranty that the goods shall conform to the affirmation or  
2535 promise. (b) Any description of the goods which is made part of the  
2536 basis of the bargain creates an express warranty that the goods shall



2537 conform to the description. (c) Any sample or model which is made part  
2538 of the basis of the bargain creates an express warranty that the whole of  
2539 the goods shall conform to the sample or model. (d) Any affirmation of  
2540 fact or promise made by the seller to repair or replace defective goods  
2541 creates an express warranty that the defective goods shall be repaired or  
2542 replaced in conformance with such affirmation or promise.

2543 [(2)] (3) It is not necessary to the creation of an express warranty that  
2544 the seller use formal words such as "warrant" or "guarantee" or that [he]  
2545 the seller have a specific intention to make a warranty, but an  
2546 affirmation merely of the value of the goods or a statement purporting  
2547 to be merely the seller's opinion or commendation of the goods does not  
2548 create a warranty.

2549 (4) It is not necessary to the assertion of a claim for breach of an  
2550 express warranty for the buyer, or the buyer's successor in interest, to  
2551 have bought the goods directly from, or entered into a sales contract  
2552 with, the seller.

2553 Sec. 46. Section 42a-2a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2554 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2555 (a) In this section:

2556 (1) "Lessor" means a person who is engaged in the business of leasing  
2557 or distributing on condition of being returned, or contracting to lease or  
2558 distribute on condition of being returned, goods and includes a  
2559 manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor or retailer.

2560 (2) "Manufacturer" means a lessor involved in the design, assembly  
2561 or preparation of any goods before such goods are leased or distributed  
2562 to a consumer.

2563 [(a)] (b) Express warranties by the lessor are created as follows:

2564 (1) Any representation made by the lessor to the lessee, including a  
2565 representation made in any medium of communication to the public,

2566 such as advertising, which relates to the goods and becomes part of the  
2567 basis of the bargain creates an express warranty that the goods will  
2568 conform to the representation or, with respect to a sample or model, that  
2569 the whole of the goods will conform to the sample or model.

2570 (2) Any promise made by the lessor to repair or replace defective  
2571 goods creates an express warranty that the defective goods will be  
2572 repaired or replaced in accordance with such promise.

2573 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) To create an express warranty, it is not necessary that the  
2574 lessor use formal words such as "warranty" or "guaranty" or have a  
2575 specific intention to make a warranty. However, a representation merely  
2576 of the value of the goods or an affirmation purporting to be merely the  
2577 lessor's opinion or commendation of the goods does not create an  
2578 express warranty under subsection [(a)] ~~(b)~~ of this section.

2579 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) A representation, including a representation made in any  
2580 medium of communication to the public, such as advertising, which was  
2581 made to the lessee and which relates to the goods becomes part of the  
2582 basis of the bargain unless:

2583 (1) The lessee knew that the representation was not true;

2584 (2) A reasonable person in the position of the lessee would not believe  
2585 that the representation was part of the agreement; or

2586 (3) In the case of a representation made in a medium for  
2587 communication to the public, including advertising, the lessee did not  
2588 know of the representation at the time of the agreement.

2589 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) A right of action for breach of warranty under this section  
2590 accrues as provided under subsection (c) of section 42a-2A-715.

2591 (f) It is not necessary to the assertion of a claim for breach of an  
2592 express warranty for the lessee, or the lessee's successor in interest, to  
2593 have leased the goods directly from, or entered into a contract with, the  
2594 lessor.

2595 Sec. 47. Subsection (b) of section 20-679 of the general statutes is  
2596 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
2597 *passage*):

2598 (b) Not later than seven calendar days after the date on which a  
2599 homemaker-companion agency commences providing homemaker  
2600 services or companion services, such agency shall provide the person  
2601 who receives such services, or the authorized representative of such  
2602 person, with a written contract or service plan. The written contract or  
2603 service plan shall be developed in consultation with such person or  
2604 authorized representative and include (1) a person-centered plan of care  
2605 and services that prescribes the anticipated scope, type, frequency,  
2606 duration and cost of such services, (2) the anticipated scope, type and  
2607 frequency of oversight of an employee assigned to such person by the  
2608 homemaker-companion agency, and (3) a predetermined frequency of  
2609 meetings between the person who oversees such employee and the  
2610 person who receives the services, or the authorized representative of  
2611 such person. In addition, any contract or service plan provided by a  
2612 homemaker-companion agency to a person receiving homemaker  
2613 services or companion services shall also provide conspicuous notice, in  
2614 boldface type, disclosing (A) the person's right to request changes to, or  
2615 review of, the contract or service plan, (B) that such agency shall provide  
2616 at least sixty days' advance written notice to such person or such  
2617 person's authorized representative disclosing any change in the rate for  
2618 the same level or type of services provided and charged for such  
2619 services, (C) the employees of such agency who, pursuant to section 20-  
2620 678 are required to submit to a comprehensive background check, (D)  
2621 that upon the request of such person or an authorized representative of  
2622 such person, such agency shall provide such person or representative of  
2623 such person with written notice that a comprehensive background  
2624 check, as required pursuant to section 20-678, was performed for all  
2625 employees of such agency performing homemaker services or  
2626 companion services for such person, (E) that such agency's records are  
2627 available for inspection or audit by the Department of Consumer  
2628 Protection, (F) that the agency is not able to guarantee the extent to

2629 which its homemaker services or companion services will be covered  
2630 under any insurance plan, and (G) that such contract or service plan may  
2631 be cancelled at any time by the client if such contract or service plan does  
2632 not contain a specific period of duration. On the date that a homemaker-  
2633 companion agency provides such contract or service plan to such  
2634 person, the agency shall also provide a printed copy of the guide that  
2635 details the process by which such person, or such person's authorized  
2636 representative, may file a complaint against such agency, posted on the  
2637 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site pursuant to [20-  
2638 284] section 20-684. No contract or service plan for the provision of  
2639 homemaker or companion services shall be valid against the person  
2640 who receives the services or the authorized representative of such  
2641 person, unless the contract or service plan has been signed by a duly  
2642 authorized representative of the homemaker-companion agency and  
2643 the person who receives the services or the authorized representative of  
2644 such person. No change in the rate for the same level or type of services  
2645 provided and charged for homemaker services or companion services  
2646 shall be valid against a person who is receiving such services unless the  
2647 homemaker-companion agency providing such services provides at  
2648 least sixty days' advance written notice to such person, or such person's  
2649 authorized representative, disclosing such rate change. The  
2650 requirements of this section shall not apply to homemaker services or  
2651 companion services provided under the Connecticut home-care  
2652 program for the elderly administered by the Department of Social  
2653 Services in accordance with section 17b-342. A written contract or  
2654 service plan between a homemaker-companion agency and a person  
2655 receiving services or the authorized representative of such person shall  
2656 not be enforceable against such person receiving services or authorized  
2657 representative unless such written contract or service plan contains all  
2658 of the requirements of this section.

2659 Sec. 48. Subsection (i) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is repealed  
2660 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2661 (i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the [official]

2662 official's or employee's immediate family or a business with which he or  
2663 she is associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at  
2664 one hundred dollars or more, [other than a] unless (A) such contract  
2665 [(A)] is awarded through an open and public process that includes, at a  
2666 minimum, (i) pre-award public disclosure of all offers to enter into such  
2667 contract, and (ii) post-award public disclosure of such contract, or (B)  
2668 such contract is a contract (i) of employment as a state employee, [(B)]  
2669 (ii) with the Technical Education and Career System for students  
2670 enrolled in a school in the system to perform services in conjunction  
2671 with vocational, technical, technological or postsecondary education  
2672 and training any such student is receiving at a school in the system,  
2673 subject to the review process under subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
2674 [(C)] (iii) with a public institution of higher education to support a  
2675 collaboration with such institution to develop and commercialize any  
2676 invention or discovery, [or (D)] (iv) pursuant to a court appointment,  
2677 [unless the contract has been awarded through an open and public  
2678 process, including prior public offer and subsequent public disclosure  
2679 of all proposals considered and the contract awarded] or (v) with the  
2680 office of the Attorney General to be retained as an expert witness for, or  
2681 in anticipation of, litigation or an administrative proceeding, provided  
2682 the office of the Attorney General files with the Office of State Ethics, in  
2683 a form and manner prescribed by the Office of State Ethics and not later  
2684 than thirty days after the expert witness is disclosed, or required to be  
2685 disclosed, to the opposing party or parties, either directly or through the  
2686 court of competent jurisdiction or administrative agency, or resolution  
2687 of the litigation or administrative proceeding for which the expert  
2688 witness was retained, whichever occurs first, a statement disclosing (I)  
2689 the name of the expert witness, (II) the qualifications of the expert  
2690 witness, (III) the scope of the services provided by the expert witness,  
2691 (IV) the date of execution of such contract, (V) the beginning and ending  
2692 dates of the term of such contract, and (VI) the value of such contract, if  
2693 known by the office of the Attorney General. In no event shall an  
2694 executive head of an agency, as defined in section 4-166, including a  
2695 commissioner of a department, or an executive head of a quasi-public  
2696 agency, or the executive head's immediate family or a business with

2697 which he is associated enter into any contract with that agency or quasi-  
2698 public agency. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying  
2699 to any public official who is appointed as a member of the executive  
2700 branch or as a member or director of a quasi-public agency and who  
2701 receives no compensation other than per diem payments or  
2702 reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the  
2703 performance of the public official's duties unless such public official has  
2704 authority or control over the subject matter of the contract. Any contract  
2705 made in violation of this subsection shall be voidable by a court of  
2706 competent jurisdiction if the suit is commenced not later than one  
2707 hundred eighty days after the making of the contract. For purposes of  
2708 this subdivision, "expert witness" means any individual who is qualified  
2709 to provide testimony on any scientific, technical or other specialized  
2710 matter by virtue of his or her knowledge, skill, experience, training or  
2711 education, and is retained to provide his or her testimony on such  
2712 matter, including, but not limited to, in the form of an expert opinion.

2713 (2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System  
2714 shall establish an open and transparent process to review any contract  
2715 entered into under subparagraph [(B)] (B)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this  
2716 subsection.

2717 Sec. 49. Section 21a-190a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2718 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2719 As used in sections 21a-190a to 21a-190l, inclusive, as amended by  
2720 this act:

2721 (1) "Charitable organization" means any person who is [or holds  
2722 himself out to be established for any benevolent, educational,  
2723 philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy,  
2724 public health, environmental conservation, civic or eleemosynary  
2725 purpose, or for the benefit of law enforcement officers, firefighters or  
2726 other persons who protect the public safety] organized and operated, or  
2727 holds himself or herself out as being organized and operated, for one or  
2728 more charitable purposes. "Charitable organization" does not include

2729 any political action committee organization.

2730 (2) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability  
2731 company, association, partnership, trust, foundation or any other entity  
2732 however styled.

2733 (3) "Solicit" and "solicitation" mean any request directly or indirectly  
2734 for money, credit, property, financial assistance or other thing of any  
2735 kind or value on the plea or representation that such money, credit,  
2736 property, financial assistance or other thing of any kind or value is to be  
2737 used for a charitable purpose or benefit a charitable organization.  
2738 "Solicit" and "solicitation" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
2739 following methods of requesting or securing such money, credit,  
2740 property, financial assistance or other thing of value: (A) Any oral, [or]  
2741 written, electronic or online request; (B) any announcement to the press,  
2742 over the radio or television or by telephone or telegraph concerning an  
2743 appeal or campaign by or for any charitable organization or purpose;  
2744 (C) the distribution, circulation, posting or publishing of any handbill,  
2745 written advertisement or other publication; and (D) the sale of, offer or  
2746 attempt to sell, any advertisement, advertising space, book, card, tag,  
2747 coupon, device, magazine, membership, merchandise, subscription,  
2748 flower, ticket, candy, cookies or other tangible item in connection with  
2749 an appeal made for any charitable organization or purpose, or where  
2750 the name of any charitable organization is used or referred to in any  
2751 such appeal as an inducement or reason for making any such sale, or  
2752 when or where in connection with any such sale, any statement is made  
2753 that the whole or any part of the proceeds from any such sale is to be  
2754 used for any charitable purpose or benefit any charitable organization.  
2755 A solicitation shall be deemed to have taken place whether or not the  
2756 person making the same receives any contribution.

2757 (4) "Charitable purpose" means (A) any benevolent, educational,  
2758 philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy,  
2759 public health, environmental conservation, civic or eleemosynary  
2760 objective, and (B) any purpose to benefit law enforcement officers,  
2761 firefighters or other persons who protect the public safety.

2762 (5) "Contribution" means the grant, promise or pledge of money,  
2763 credit, property, financial assistance or other thing of any kind or value,  
2764 [in response to a solicitation.] "Contribution" shall not include bona fide  
2765 fees, dues or assessments paid by members, provided membership is  
2766 not conferred solely as consideration for making a contribution in  
2767 response to a solicitation.

2768 (6) "Fund-raising counsel" means a person who for compensation  
2769 plans, manages, advises or consults with respect to the solicitation in  
2770 this state of contributions by a charitable organization, but who does not  
2771 solicit contributions and who does not directly or indirectly employ,  
2772 procure or engage any person compensated to solicit contributions. [A]  
2773 "Fund-raising counsel" does not include a bona fide nontemporary  
2774 salaried officer or employee of a charitable organization [shall not be  
2775 deemed to be a fund-raising counsel] or an attorney-at-law retained  
2776 exclusively to provide legal services.

2777 (7) "Paid solicitor" means a person who for any consideration, [other  
2778 than] including, but not limited to, monetary compensation but  
2779 excluding any nonmonetary gift of nominal value awarded to a  
2780 volunteer solicitor as an incentive or token of appreciation, performs for  
2781 a charitable organization any service in connection with which  
2782 contributions are solicited by such person or by any person he directly  
2783 or indirectly employs, procures or engages to solicit for such  
2784 compensation. A bona fide nontemporary salaried officer or employee  
2785 of a charitable organization shall not be deemed to be a paid solicitor.

2786 (8) "Commercial coventurer" means a person who for profit is  
2787 regularly and primarily engaged in trade or commerce in this state other  
2788 than in connection with the raising of funds for charitable organizations  
2789 or purposes and who conducts a charitable sales promotion.

2790 (9) "Charitable sales promotion" means an advertising or sales  
2791 campaign, conducted by a commercial coventurer, which represents  
2792 that the purchase or use of goods or services offered by the commercial  
2793 coventurer are to benefit a charitable organization or purpose.



2794 (10) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection.

2795 (11) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
2796 Protection.

2797 (12) "Membership" means that which entitles a person to the  
2798 privileges, professional standing, honors or other direct benefit of the  
2799 organization and the rights to vote, elect officers and hold office in the  
2800 organization.

2801 (13) "Parent organization" means that part of a charitable  
2802 organization which supervises and exercises control over the  
2803 solicitation and expenditure activities of one or more chapters, branches  
2804 or affiliates.

2805 (14) "Gross revenue" means income of any kind from all sources,  
2806 without deduction of any costs or expenses, including all amounts  
2807 received as the result of any solicitation by a paid solicitor.

2808 Sec. 50. Section 21a-190b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2809 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2810 (a) Every charitable organization not exempted by section 21a-190d  
2811 shall annually register with the department prior to conducting any  
2812 solicitation or prior to having any solicitation conducted on its behalf by  
2813 others. Application for registration shall be in a form prescribed by the  
2814 commissioner and shall include a nonrefundable application fee of fifty  
2815 dollars. Such application shall include: (1) A registration statement, (2)  
2816 an annual financial report for such organization for the preceding fiscal  
2817 year that is prepared in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)  
2818 of section 21a-190c, and (3) an audited or reviewed financial statement  
2819 as required by subsection (b) of section 21a-190c, unless the  
2820 commissioner waives such requirement under subdivision (4) of  
2821 subsection (b) of section 21a-190c. An authorized officer of the  
2822 organization shall certify that the statements therein are true and correct  
2823 to the best of their knowledge. A chapter, branch or affiliate in this state  
2824 of a registered parent organization shall not be required to register

2825 provided the parent organization files a consolidated annual  
2826 registration for itself and its chapter, branch or affiliate. Each charitable  
2827 organization shall annually renew its registration not later than eleven  
2828 months after the end of such organization's fiscal year.

2829 (b) In the event the department determines that the application for  
2830 registration does not contain the documents required in subsection (a)  
2831 of this section or is not in accordance with the regulations adopted by  
2832 the commissioner pursuant to this chapter, the department shall notify  
2833 the charitable organization of such noncompliance not later than ten  
2834 days after the department's receipt of such application for registration.  
2835 Any such charitable organization may request a hearing on its  
2836 noncompliant status in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

2837 (c) In addition to the application fee required pursuant to subsection  
2838 (a) of this section, a charitable organization shall pay a late fee of twenty-  
2839 five dollars for each month, or part thereof, that such application for  
2840 registration is late. The commissioner may, upon written request and for  
2841 good cause shown, waive or reduce any late fee under this section.

2842 (d) In the event that a charitable organization fails to register in  
2843 accordance with the provisions of this section, such organization shall  
2844 include in its application for registration an annual financial report for  
2845 each of the previous years in which such organization was required to  
2846 file an application for registration or an annual financial report.

2847 [(e) Any charitable organization registered in accordance with this  
2848 section on September 30, 2005, shall be deemed to be registered  
2849 pursuant to this section until the last day of the fifth month after the  
2850 close of the fiscal year in effect on September 30, 2005.]

2851 Sec. 51. Section 21a-190e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2852 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2853 (a) Each contract between a charitable organization and a fund-  
2854 raising counsel shall be in writing and [shall be filed by the fund-raising  
2855 counsel with the department at least fifteen days prior to the

2856 performance by the fund-raising counsel of any material services  
2857 pursuant to such contract. Each contract shall be filed in a form  
2858 prescribed by the commissioner. The contract shall] contain such  
2859 information as will enable the department to identify the services the  
2860 fund-raising counsel is to provide and the manner of his compensation.  
2861 Each charitable organization employing a fund-raising counsel shall  
2862 retain a copy of the contract between such charitable organization and  
2863 the fund-raising counsel for a period of not less than seven years  
2864 following expiration of such contract, and shall provide such contract to  
2865 the department upon a request made by the department for such  
2866 contract.

2867 (b) A fund-raising counsel who at any time has custody or control of  
2868 contributions from a solicitation shall register with the department.  
2869 Applications for registration or renewal of a registration as a fund-  
2870 raising counsel shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and  
2871 shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of one hundred twenty  
2872 dollars. Each fund-raising counsel shall certify that such application or  
2873 report is true and correct to the best of the fund-raising counsel's  
2874 knowledge. Each application shall contain such information as the  
2875 department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one year  
2876 and may be renewed for additional one-year periods. An applicant for  
2877 registration or for a renewal of registration as a fund-raising counsel  
2878 shall, at the time of making such application, file with and have  
2879 approved by the department a bond in a form prescribed by the  
2880 commissioner, in which the applicant shall be the principal obligor in  
2881 the sum of [twenty] fifty thousand dollars, with one or more responsible  
2882 sureties whose liability in the aggregate as such sureties shall be [no] not  
2883 less than such sum. The fund-raising counsel shall maintain the bond in  
2884 effect as long as the registration is in effect. The bond shall run to the  
2885 state and to any person who may have a cause of action against the  
2886 principal obligor of the bond for any liabilities resulting from the  
2887 obligor's conduct of any activities subject to sections 21a-190a to 21a-  
2888 190l, inclusive, as amended by this act, or arising out of a violation of  
2889 said sections or any regulation adopted pursuant to said sections. Any

2890 such fund-raising counsel shall account to the charitable organization  
2891 with which he has contracted for all income received and expenses paid  
2892 no later than ninety days after a solicitation campaign has been  
2893 completed, and in the case of a solicitation campaign lasting more than  
2894 one year, on the anniversary of the commencement of such campaign.  
2895 Such accounting shall be in writing, shall be retained by the charitable  
2896 organization for three years and shall be available to the department  
2897 upon request.

2898 Sec. 52. Subsection (j) of section 21a-190f of the general statutes is  
2899 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2900 *1, 2025*):

2901 (j) A paid solicitor shall file a financial report for the campaign with  
2902 the department [no] not more than [ninety] forty-five days after a  
2903 solicitation campaign has been completed, and on the anniversary of the  
2904 commencement of any solicitation campaign [which] that lasts more  
2905 than one year, in a form prescribed by the commissioner. The financial  
2906 report shall include gross revenue and an itemization of all expenditures  
2907 incurred. The report shall be completed on a form prescribed by the  
2908 department. An authorized official of the paid solicitor and two  
2909 authorized officials of the charitable organization shall certify that such  
2910 report is true and complete to the best of their knowledge. The  
2911 information contained in such report shall be available to the public.

2912 Sec. 53. Section 21a-190h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2913 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2914 It shall be a violation of sections 21a-190a to 21a-190l, inclusive, as  
2915 amended by this act, for: (1) Any person to misrepresent the purpose or  
2916 beneficiary of a solicitation; (2) any person to misrepresent the purpose  
2917 or nature of a charitable organization; (3) any charitable organization or  
2918 any person while engaged in the conduct of the affairs of a charitable  
2919 organization to engage in any financial transaction [which] or  
2920 nonfinancial conduct that (A) is not related to the accomplishment of  
2921 [its] the charitable organization's charitable purpose, or [which] (B)

2922 jeopardizes or interferes with the ability of the charitable organization  
2923 to accomplish such organization's charitable purpose; (4) any charitable  
2924 organization to expend an unreasonable amount of money for  
2925 [solicitation or] management; (5) any person to use or exploit the fact of  
2926 registration so as to lead the public to believe that such registration  
2927 constitutes an endorsement or approval by the state; (6) any person to  
2928 misrepresent that any other person sponsors or endorses a solicitation;  
2929 (7) any person to use the name of a charitable organization, or to display  
2930 any emblem, device or printed matter belonging to or associated with a  
2931 charitable organization without the express written permission of the  
2932 charitable organization; (8) any charitable organization to use the name  
2933 which is the same as or confusingly similar to the name of another  
2934 charitable organization unless the latter organization shall consent in  
2935 writing to its use; (9) any charitable organization to represent itself as  
2936 being associated with another charitable organization without the  
2937 express written acknowledgment and endorsement of such other  
2938 charitable organization; (10) any person to make any false or misleading  
2939 statement on any document required by sections 21a-190a to 21a-190l,  
2940 inclusive, as amended by this act; (11) any person to fail to comply with  
2941 the requirements of sections 21a-190b to 21a-190g, inclusive, as  
2942 amended by this act; (12) any charitable organization to use the services  
2943 of an unregistered fund-raising counsel or paid solicitor; (13) any fund-  
2944 raising counsel or paid solicitor to perform any services on behalf of an  
2945 unregistered charitable organization; or (14) any person to appropriate  
2946 any property of a charitable organization for a private use.

2947 Sec. 54. Subsection (b) of section 21a-190i of the general statutes is  
2948 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2949 *1, 2025*):

2950 (b) [The] Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the  
2951 commissioner or [his] the commissioner's authorized representative  
2952 may subpoena documentary material relating to any matter under  
2953 investigation, issue subpoenas to any person involved in or who may  
2954 have knowledge of any matter under investigation, administer an oath

2955 or affirmation to any person and conduct hearings on any matter under  
2956 investigation.

2957 Sec. 55. Section 21a-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2958 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

2959 No person shall sell any food, drug or cosmetic, as defined by section  
2960 21a-92, at an auction, unless such person has notified the Commissioner  
2961 of Consumer Protection, in writing, of such sale; provided this section  
2962 shall not apply to the sale of food by any church, parent teacher  
2963 association, charitable organization, as defined [by subdivision (1) of] in  
2964 section 21a-190a, as amended by this act, or any organization of any  
2965 political party. Such notice shall be given at least seven days prior to  
2966 such sale and said commissioner may inspect such food, drug or  
2967 cosmetic and prohibit the sale of the same if [it] such food, drug or  
2968 cosmetic is found to be unfit for human use. This section shall apply to  
2969 the sale of unclaimed freight.

2970 Sec. 56. Subsection (a) of section 47-36ddd of the general statutes is  
2971 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
2972 *passage*):

2973 (a) Not later than July 31, 2024, each real estate listing provider who  
2974 entered into a real estate listing agreement on or before June 30, 2024,  
2975 shall rerecord such agreement, and record notice of such agreement,  
2976 with the town clerk of the town in which the residential real property  
2977 that is the subject of such agreement is located if such agreement (1)  
2978 purports to run with the land or bind future [holders] owners of  
2979 interests in such residential real property, (2) allows for any assignment  
2980 of any right to provide the real estate listing under such agreement  
2981 without first providing notice to, and obtaining consent from, the owner  
2982 of such residential real property, or (3) purports to create any lien or  
2983 encumbrance upon, or other security interest in, such residential real  
2984 property.

2985 Sec. 57. Sections 19a-32n and 20-341s to 20-341bb, inclusive, of the

2986 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2025*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-289
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	20-290
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	20-292
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	20-298
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	20-314(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	20-324e
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	20-333(b)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	20-341
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	20-341gg(b)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	20-417a
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	20-417i(d) to (n)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	20-450
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	20-452
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	20-457
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	21-35b
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	21-35c
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	21-35d
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	21-35e
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	21-35f
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	21-82(a) to (h)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	21-83c
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	47a-14h(a)
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	21a-9(c)
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	21a-11(a)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	21a-38(a) and (b)
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	21a-54
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-118(b)
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	21a-152(c) and (d)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-217
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-218(a)
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-223(a) and (b)
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-226(g) and (h)
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-430(a)
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	21a-434
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	42-110d

Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	42-110j
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	42-134a
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	36a-671b(a)
Sec. 39	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	42-481(4)
Sec. 40	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	42-135a
Sec. 41	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	42-179(g)
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	42-158ff
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-62a
Sec. 44	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-62(a) and (b)
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	42a-2-313
Sec. 46	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	42a-2a-503
Sec. 47	<i>from passage</i>	20-679(b)
Sec. 48	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	1-84(i)
Sec. 49	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-190a
Sec. 50	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-190b
Sec. 51	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-190e
Sec. 52	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-190f(j)
Sec. 53	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-190h
Sec. 54	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-190i(b)
Sec. 55	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-71
Sec. 56	<i>from passage</i>	47-36ddd(a)
Sec. 57	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section