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AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR CONTRACTORS AND CONSUMER PROTECTIONS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-340 of the 2026 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to: (1) Persons
5 employed by any federal, state or municipal agency; (2) employees of
6 any public service company regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory
7 Authority or of any corporate affiliate of any such company when the
8 work performed by such affiliate is on behalf of a public service
9 company, but in either case only if the work performed is in connection
10 with the rendition of public utility service, including the installation or
11 maintenance of wire for community antenna television service, or is in
12 connection with the installation or maintenance of wire or telephone sets
13 for single-line telephone service located inside the premises of a
14 consumer; (3) employees of any municipal corporation specially
15 chartered by this state; (4) employees of any contractor while such

16 contractor is performing electrical-line or emergency work for any
17 public service company; (5) persons engaged in the installation,
18 maintenance, repair and service of electrical or other appliances of a size
19 customarily used for domestic use where such installation commences
20 at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed by persons
21 licensed to do the same and maintenance, repair and service is confined
22 to the appliance itself and its internal operation; (6) employees of
23 industrial firms whose main duties concern the maintenance of the
24 electrical work, plumbing and piping work, solar thermal work,
25 heating, piping, cooling work, sheet metal work, elevator installation,
26 repair and maintenance work, automotive glass work or flat glass work
27 of such firm on its own premises or on premises leased by it for its own
28 use; (7) employees of industrial firms when such employees' main
29 duties concern the fabrication of glass products or electrical, plumbing
30 and piping, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping,
31 cooling, chemical piping, sheet metal or elevator installation, repair and
32 maintenance equipment used in the production of goods sold by
33 industrial firms, except for products, electrical, plumbing and piping
34 systems and repair and maintenance equipment used directly in the
35 production of a product for human consumption; (8) persons
36 performing work necessary to the manufacture or repair of any
37 apparatus, appliances, fixtures, equipment or devices produced by it for
38 sale or lease; (9) employees of stage and theatrical companies
39 performing the operation, installation and maintenance of electrical
40 equipment if such installation commences at an outlet receptacle or
41 connection previously installed by persons licensed to make such
42 installation; (10) employees of carnivals, circuses or similar transient
43 amusement shows who install electrical work, provided such
44 installation shall be subject to the approval of the State Fire Marshal
45 prior to use as otherwise provided by law and shall comply with
46 applicable municipal ordinances and regulations; (11) persons engaged
47 in the installation, maintenance, repair and service of glass or electrical,
48 plumbing, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping,
49 cooling and sheet metal equipment in and about single-family

50 residences owned and occupied or to be occupied by such persons;
51 provided any such installation, maintenance and repair shall be subject
52 to inspection and approval by the building official of the municipality
53 in which such residence is located and shall conform to the requirements
54 of the State Building Code; (12) persons who install, maintain or repair
55 glass in a motor vehicle owned or leased by such persons; (13) persons
56 or entities holding themselves out to be retail sellers of glass products,
57 but not such persons or entities that also engage in automotive glass
58 work or flat glass work; (14) persons who install preglazed or
59 preassembled windows or doors in residential buildings; (15) persons
60 registered under chapter 400 who install safety-backed mirror products
61 or repair or replace flat glass in sizes not greater than thirty square feet
62 in residential buildings; (16) sheet metal work performed in residential
63 buildings consisting of six units or less by new home construction
64 contractors registered pursuant to chapter 399a, by home improvement
65 contractors registered pursuant to chapter 400 or by persons licensed
66 pursuant to this chapter, when such work is limited to exhaust systems
67 installed for hoods and fans in kitchens and baths, clothes dryer exhaust
68 systems, radon vent systems, fireplaces, fireplace flues, masonry
69 chimneys or prefabricated metal chimneys rated by Underwriters
70 Laboratories or installation of stand-alone appliances including wood,
71 pellet or other stand-alone stoves that are installed in residential
72 buildings by such contractors or persons; (17) employees of or any
73 contractor employed by and under the direction of a properly licensed
74 solar contractor, performing work (A) limited to the hoisting, placement
75 and anchoring of solar collectors, photovoltaic panels, towers or
76 turbines, or (B) on a solar photovoltaic facility, with a capacity greater
77 than twenty-five megawatts, limited to (i) the uncrating, hoisting,
78 placement and anchoring of supports, (ii) the mounting of racking
79 systems, (iii) the job site distribution of solar photovoltaic panels, towers
80 or turbines, (iv) pile driving, (v) concrete form work, and (vi) the
81 installation of ground screw supports and racking systems; (18) persons
82 performing swimming pool maintenance and repair work authorized
83 pursuant to section 20-417aa; and (19) any employee of the Connecticut

84 Airport Authority covered by a state collective bargaining agreement.

85 Sec. 2. Section 42-134a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
86 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
87 *October 1, 2026*):

88 As used in this chapter and section 3 of this act:

89 (1) "Business day" means any calendar day except Saturday, Sunday
90 or any legal holiday designated, appointed or recommended under
91 section 1-4;

92 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
93 Protection;

94 (3) "Consumer" means any individual who is physically present in
95 this state and a prospective recipient of consumer goods or consumer
96 services;

97 (4) "Consumer good" (A) means any article purchased, leased or
98 rented primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and (B)
99 includes, but is not limited to, any residential solar photovoltaic system;

100 (5) "Consumer service" (A) means any service purchased, leased or
101 rented primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and (B)
102 includes, but is not limited to, any course of instruction or training,
103 regardless of the purpose for which such course is taken;

104 (6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

105 [(1)] (7) "Home solicitation sale" (A) means a sale, lease [,] or rental of
106 any consumer [goods] good or [services] consumer service, whether
107 under single or multiple contracts, in which the seller or [his] the seller's
108 authorized sales representative personally solicits the sale, lease or
109 rental, including, [those] but not limited to, any sale, lease or rental in
110 response to or following an invitation by the [buyer] consumer, and the
111 [buyer's] consumer's agreement or offer to purchase, lease or rent is

112 made at a place other than the seller's place of business; [of the seller.
113 The term "home solicitation sale"] and (B) does not include [a] any
114 transaction: [(A)] (i) Made pursuant to prior negotiations in the course
115 of a visit by the [buyer] consumer to a retail business establishment
116 having a fixed, permanent location where consumer goods are exhibited
117 or [the] consumer services are offered for sale, lease or rental on a
118 continuing basis; [(B)] (ii) in which the [buyer] consumer has initiated
119 the contact and the consumer goods or consumer services are needed to
120 meet a bona fide immediate personal emergency of the [buyer]
121 consumer, and the [buyer] consumer furnishes the seller with a separate
122 dated and signed personal statement in the [buyer's] consumer's
123 handwriting describing the situation requiring immediate remedy and
124 expressly acknowledging and waiving the right to cancel the sale, lease
125 or rental within three business days; [(C)] (iii) conducted and
126 consummated entirely by mail or telephone and without any other
127 contact between the [buyer] consumer and the seller or [its] the seller's
128 authorized sales representative prior to delivery of the consumer goods
129 or performance of the consumer services; [(D)] (iv) in which the [buyer]
130 consumer has initiated the contact and specifically requested the seller
131 to visit [his] the consumer's home for the purpose of repairing or
132 performing maintenance upon the [buyer's] consumer's personal
133 property. If, in the course of such a visit, the seller sells, leases or rents
134 to the [buyer] consumer the right to receive additional [services or
135 goods] consumer goods or consumer services other than replacement
136 parts necessarily used in performing the maintenance or in making the
137 repairs, the sale of those additional consumer goods or consumer
138 services shall not come within [this] the exclusion established in this
139 clause; [(E)] (v) pertaining to the sale, lease or rental of real property, to
140 the sale of insurance, to the sale of newspapers or to the sale of securities
141 or commodities by a broker-dealer registered with the securities and
142 exchange commission; [(F)] (vi) made pursuant to a home party plan
143 sales and demonstration; or [(G)] (vii) in the case of consumer goods,
144 other than magazine sales or subscriptions, where the purchase price,
145 whether under single or multiple contracts, does not exceed twenty-five

146 dollars; [.]

147 [(2) "Consumer goods or services" means goods or services
148 purchased, leased, or rented primarily for personal, family, or
149 household purposes, including courses of instruction or training
150 regardless of the purpose for which they are taken.

151 (3) "Seller" means any person, partnership, corporation, limited
152 liability company or association engaged in home solicitation sales of
153 consumer goods or services.]

154 (8) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town
155 and city or consolidated town and borough;

156 (9) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
157 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

158 [(4)] (10) "Place of business" means the main or permanent branch
159 office or local address of a seller; [.]

160 [(5)] (11) "Purchase price" means the total price paid or to be paid for
161 the consumer goods or consumer services, including all interest and
162 service charges; [.]

163 [(6) "Business day" means any calendar day except Saturday, Sunday
164 or any legal holiday designated, appointed or recommended under
165 section 1-4.]

166 (12) "Residential solar photovoltaic system" has the same meaning as
167 provided in section 16-245nn;

168 (13) "Seller" (A) means any person engaged in home solicitation sales
169 of consumer goods or consumer services, and (B) includes, but is not
170 limited to, any solar seller; and

171 (14) "Solar seller" means any person engaged in home solicitation
172 sales of residential solar photovoltaic systems.

173 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than December
174 31, 2026, the Office of Consumer Counsel, in consultation with the
175 Department of Consumer Protection, the Public Utilities Regulatory
176 Authority and other interested stakeholders, shall develop a handbook
177 for the purposes of advising consumers on matters relating to home
178 solicitation sales of residential solar photovoltaic systems, including, but
179 not limited to, solicitations made for the purposes of such sales on an in-
180 person basis at consumers' residences. Such handbook shall, at a
181 minimum, include guidance (1) that enables consumers to assess the
182 veracity of sales and marketing assertions made regarding residential
183 solar photovoltaic systems, (2) concerning the penalties applicable to
184 solar sellers and solar sellers' authorized sales representatives under
185 section 42-141 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (3)
186 concerning any other matters the Consumer Counsel, in the Consumer
187 Counsel's discretion, deems relevant for the purposes of this subsection.

188 (b) Not later than January 15, 2027, the department shall make the
189 handbook developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section available
190 for distribution to consumers as part of programs funded by the
191 residential financing program offered by the Energy Efficiency Fund or
192 the Clean Energy Fund established pursuant to section 16-245n of the
193 general statutes.

194 (c) Beginning on January 15, 2027, each solar seller, and each
195 authorized sales representative of a solar seller, shall:

196 (1) Not engage in any in-person solicitation at a consumer's residence
197 for the purposes of a home solicitation sale of a residential solar
198 photovoltaic system outside of the hours set forth in subsection (d) of
199 this section or in any more restrictive municipal ordinance described in
200 said subsection;

201 (2) Carry a current and valid photo identification card at all times
202 while such solar seller or authorized sales representative is engaged in
203 any in-person solicitation at a consumer's residence for the purposes of

204 a home solicitation sale of a residential solar photovoltaic system, which
205 photo identification card shall include (A) such solar seller's name and,
206 in the case of an authorized sales representative, such authorized sales
207 representative's name, (B) a photograph of such solar seller or
208 authorized sales representative, as applicable, and (C) any other
209 information the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the
210 commissioner's discretion, deems relevant for the purposes of this
211 subdivision; and

212 (3) Provide a copy of the handbook developed pursuant to subsection
213 (a) of this section to the consumer at the beginning of an in-person
214 solicitation at the consumer's residence for the purposes of a home
215 solicitation sale of a residential solar photovoltaic system.

216 (d) Beginning on January 15, 2027, no solar seller or solar seller's
217 authorized sales representative shall engage in any in-person
218 solicitation at a consumer's residence for the purposes of a home
219 solicitation sale of a residential solar photovoltaic system outside of the
220 hours of nine o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. eastern time, unless a
221 more restrictive municipal ordinance limits such hours.

222 (e) Not later than January 15, 2027, and annually thereafter, each solar
223 seller shall submit a report to the Department of Consumer Protection,
224 in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
225 Protection, disclosing the identity of each person with whom such solar
226 seller maintains a business relationship and provides financing,
227 installation services or any other related consumer services in
228 partnership with such solar seller.

229 Sec. 4. Section 42-135a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
230 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
231 *October 1, 2026*):

232 No agreement in a home solicitation sale shall be effective against the
233 [buyer] consumer if the agreement is not signed and dated by the
234 [buyer] consumer or if the seller shall:

235 (1) Fail to furnish the [buyer] consumer with a fully completed receipt
236 or copy of all contracts and documents pertaining to such home
237 solicitation sale at the time [of its execution] such agreement is executed,
238 which contract shall be in the same language as that principally used in
239 the oral sales presentation and which shall show the date of the
240 transaction and shall contain the name and address of the seller, and in
241 immediate proximity to the space reserved in the contract for the
242 signature of the [buyer] consumer, or on the front page of the receipt if
243 a contract is not used, and in boldface type of a minimum size of twelve
244 points, a statement in substantially the following form:

245 YOU, THE [BUYER] CONSUMER, MAY CANCEL THIS
246 TRANSACTION AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT OF THE
247 THIRD BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THIS TRANSACTION.
248 SEE THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF CANCELLATION FORM FOR AN
249 EXPLANATION OF THIS RIGHT.

250 (2) Fail to furnish each [buyer] consumer, at the time such [buyer]
251 consumer signs the home solicitation sales contract or otherwise agrees
252 to buy, lease or rent consumer goods or consumer services from the
253 seller, a form completed by the seller in duplicate, captioned "NOTICE
254 OF CANCELLATION", which shall be attached to the contract or receipt
255 and easily detachable, and which shall contain in twelve-point boldface
256 type the following information and statements in the same language as
257 that used in the contract:

258 "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

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

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

261 You have the right to cancel this contract or sale by following the
262 instructions in this notice. Your deadline is midnight on (date of the
263 third business day after the date of the transaction, as inserted in
264 boldface type by seller) to cancel. You have until this deadline to sign,

265 date, and send this notice of cancellation to the Seller by email, fax, or
266 mail to the contact information listed below.

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

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

279 If you cancel, you must make available to the seller any goods
280 delivered to you under this contract or sale. The goods must be in
281 substantially as good condition as when you received them. The seller
282 can pick them up from your residence. If you make the goods available
283 to the seller and the seller does not pick them up, after twenty calendar
284 days have passed since you sent this notice to the seller, you may keep
285 or dispose of the goods. If you do not make the goods available to the
286 seller, you will still have to fulfill your contractual obligations.

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

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

294 (Seller's name inserted by seller)

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

296 OR

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

298 OR

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

300 I hereby cancel this transaction.

301 Dated:

302 Signed:"

303 (3) Fail, before furnishing copies of the "Notice of Cancellation" to the
304 [buyer] consumer, to complete both copies by entering the name of the
305 seller, the address of the seller's place of business, the date of the
306 transaction, the seller's business electronic mail address and the date,
307 not earlier than the third business day after the date of the transaction,
308 by which the [buyer] consumer may give notice of cancellation.

309 (4) Include in any home solicitation sale contract or receipt any
310 confession of judgment or any waiver of any of the rights to which the
311 [buyer] consumer is entitled under this chapter and section 3 of this act,
312 including specifically such [buyer's] consumer's right to cancel the sale
313 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

314 (5) Fail to inform each [buyer] consumer, orally, at the time such
315 [buyer] consumer signs the contract or purchases, leases or rents the
316 consumer goods or consumer services, of such [buyer's] consumer's
317 right to cancel.

318 (6) Misrepresent in any manner the [buyer's] consumer's right to
319 cancel.

320 (7) Fail or refuse to honor any valid notice of cancellation by a [buyer]

321 consumer and within ten business days after the receipt of such notice,
322 to (A) refund all payments made under the contract or home solicitation
323 sale; (B) return any consumer goods or property traded in, in
324 substantially as good condition as when received by the seller; (C) cancel
325 and return any negotiable instrument executed by the [buyer] consumer
326 in connection with the contract or home solicitation sale and take any
327 action necessary or appropriate to terminate promptly any security
328 interest created in the transaction; and (D) cancel and return any
329 contract executed by the [buyer] consumer in connection with the
330 transaction.

331 (8) Negotiate, transfer, sell, or assign any note or other evidence of
332 indebtedness to a finance company or other third party prior to
333 midnight of the fifth business day following the date the contract was
334 signed or the consumer goods or consumer services were purchased,
335 leased or rented.

336 (9) Fail, within ten business days of receipt of the [buyer's]
337 consumer's notice of cancellation, to notify such [buyer] consumer
338 whether the seller intends to repossess or to abandon any shipped or
339 delivered consumer goods.

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

345 PLEASE REVIEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR
346 RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT IN THE "NOTICE OF
347 CANCELLATION" BEING PROVIDED TO YOU.

348 Sec. 5. Section 42-136 of the general statutes is repealed and the
349 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

350 (a) Any note or other evidence of indebtedness given by a [buyer]

351 consumer in respect of a home solicitation sale shall be dated not earlier
352 than the date of the agreement or offer to purchase, lease or rent. Any
353 transfer of a note or other evidence of indebtedness bearing the
354 statement required by subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed an
355 assignment only and any right, title or interest which the transferee may
356 acquire thereby shall be subject to all claims and defenses of the [buyer]
357 consumer against the seller arising under the provisions of this chapter
358 and section 3 of this act.

359 (b) Each note or other evidence of indebtedness given by a [buyer]
360 consumer in respect of a home solicitation sale shall bear on its face a
361 conspicuous statement as follows: THIS INSTRUMENT IS BASED
362 UPON A HOME SOLICITATION SALE, WHICH SALE IS SUBJECT TO
363 THE PROVISIONS OF THE HOME SOLICITATION SALES ACT. THIS
364 INSTRUMENT IS NOT NEGOTIABLE.

365 (c) Compliance with the requirements of this section shall be a
366 condition precedent to any right of action by the seller or any transferee
367 of an instrument bearing the statement required under subsection (b) of
368 this section against the [buyer] consumer upon such instrument and
369 shall be pleaded and proved by any person who may institute action or
370 suit against a [buyer] consumer in respect thereof.

371 (d) A promissory note payable to order or bearer and otherwise
372 negotiable in form issued in violation of this section may be enforced as
373 a negotiable instrument by a holder in due course according to its terms.

374 Sec. 6. Section 42-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
375 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

376 (a) In addition to any right otherwise to revoke an offer, the [buyer]
377 consumer may cancel a home solicitation sale until midnight of the third
378 business day after the day on which the [buyer] consumer signs an
379 agreement subject to the provisions of this chapter and section 3 of this
380 act.

381 (b) Cancellation shall occur when the [buyer] consumer gives written
382 notice of cancellation to the seller at the address specified for notice of
383 cancellation provided by the seller or when such written notice bearing
384 such address is deposited in a mail box.

385 (c) Notice of cancellation given by the [buyer] consumer shall be
386 effective if [it] the notice indicates the intention on the part of the [buyer]
387 consumer not to be bound by the home solicitation sale.

388 Sec. 7. Section 42-138 of the general statutes is repealed and the
389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

390 (a) Except as provided in this section, [within] not later than ten
391 business days after a home solicitation sale has been cancelled the seller
392 shall tender to the [buyer] consumer any payments made by the [buyer]
393 consumer and any note or other evidence of indebtedness.

394 (b) If the down payment includes consumer goods traded in, the
395 consumer goods shall be tendered in substantially as good condition as
396 such consumer goods were in when the consumer received such
397 consumer goods. If the seller fails to tender the consumer goods as
398 provided by this section, the [buyer] consumer may elect to recover an
399 amount equal to the trade-in allowance stated in the agreement.

400 (c) Until the seller has complied with the obligations imposed by this
401 section, the [buyer] consumer may retain possession of consumer goods
402 delivered to [him] the consumer by the seller and has a lien on the
403 consumer goods for any recovery to which [he] the consumer is entitled.

404 Sec. 8. Section 42-139 of the general statutes is repealed and the
405 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

406 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 42-138, as amended
407 by this act, [within] not later than twenty days after a home solicitation
408 sale has been cancelled the [buyer] consumer, upon demand, shall
409 tender to the seller any consumer goods delivered by the seller pursuant

410 to the sale, lease or rental, but [he is] the consumer shall not be obligated
411 to tender to the seller such consumer goods at any place other than [his]
412 the consumer's own address. If the seller fails to take possession of such
413 consumer goods [within] not later than twenty days after cancellation,
414 the consumer goods shall become the property of the [buyer] consumer
415 without obligation to pay for [them] such consumer goods.

416 (b) The [buyer] consumer shall take reasonable care of the consumer
417 goods in [his] the consumer's possession both prior to cancellation and
418 during the twenty-day period following cancellation. During the
419 twenty-day period [after] following cancellation, except for the [buyer's]
420 consumer's duty of care, the consumer goods are at the seller's risk.

421 (c) If the seller has performed any consumer services pursuant to a
422 home solicitation sale prior to its cancellation, the seller [is] shall not be
423 entitled to [no] compensation. If the seller's consumer services result in
424 the alteration of the consumer's property, [of the buyer,] the seller shall
425 restore the consumer's property to substantially as good condition as [it]
426 such property was in at the time the consumer services were rendered.

427 Sec. 9. Section 42-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
428 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

429 No seller or seller's authorized sales representative in a home
430 solicitation sale shall offer to pay a commission or give a rebate or
431 discount to the [buyer] consumer in consideration of the [buyer's]
432 consumer giving to the seller or the seller's authorized sales
433 representative the names of prospective purchasers, lessees or renters or
434 otherwise aiding the seller or the seller's authorized sales representative
435 in making a sale, lease or rental to another person, if the earning of the
436 commission, rebate or discount is contingent upon an event subsequent
437 to the time the [buyer] consumer agrees to [buy] purchase, lease or rent.

438 Sec. 10. Section 42-141 of the general statutes is repealed and the
439 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

440 (a) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or section
441 3 of this act shall be [guilty of a class C misdemeanor] liable for a civil
442 penalty of not more than five hundred dollars per violation. Any sale,
443 lease or rental made in respect to which a commission, rebate or
444 discount is offered in violation of the provisions of this chapter or
445 section 3 of this act shall be voidable at the option of the [buyer]
446 consumer.

447 (b) Violation of any of the provisions of [sections] section 42-135a, as
448 amended by this act, [or] sections 42-137 to 42-139, inclusive, as
449 amended by this act, or section 3 of this act, or failure to honor any
450 provisions of the notice of cancellation required by this chapter, shall
451 constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice as defined by section 42-
452 110b.

453 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

454 (1) "Consumer" means an individual seeking credit for personal,
455 family or household purposes;

456 (2) "Payoff statement" means a statement of the amount of the unpaid
457 balance on a residential solar loan, including principal, interest and
458 other charges properly assessed pursuant to the residential solar loan
459 documentation and a statement of the interest, on a per diem basis, with
460 respect to the unpaid principal balance of the residential solar loan;

461 (3) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
462 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

463 (4) "Residential solar lease agreement" means any agreement
464 embodying the terms and conditions concerning the use of a residential
465 solar photovoltaic system;

466 (5) "Residential solar lender" means any person who, in the ordinary
467 course of such person's business, extends a residential solar loan;

468 (6) "Residential solar lessor" means any person who, in the ordinary

469 course of such person's business, leases a residential solar photovoltaic
470 system to a consumer;

471 (7) "Residential solar loan" includes any line of credit or other
472 extension of credit extended to a consumer for the purpose of providing
473 financing to the consumer to purchase a residential solar photovoltaic
474 system;

475 (8) "Residential solar loan agreement" means a written contract
476 between a residential solar lender and a consumer that sets forth the
477 terms and conditions applicable to the awarding of a residential solar
478 loan;

479 (9) "Residential solar photovoltaic system" has the same meaning as
480 provided in section 16-245nn of the general statutes; and

481 (10) "Transfer documentation" means any documentation necessary
482 for a consumer to transfer the consumer's rights and obligations under
483 a residential solar lease agreement or a residential solar loan agreement
484 to another person in accordance with the terms of the residential solar
485 lease agreement or residential solar loan agreement.

486 (b) A residential solar lender or residential solar lessor shall provide
487 to a consumer any payoff statement or transfer documentation
488 requested by the consumer not later than seven days after the consumer
489 submits a written request to the residential solar lender or residential
490 solar lessor for such payoff statement or transfer documentation.

491 (c) Any residential solar lender or residential solar lessor that fails to
492 provide to a consumer a payoff statement or transfer documentation
493 within the seven-day period established in subsection (b) of this section
494 shall credit the consumer's account with such residential solar lender or
495 residential solar lessor in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars.

496 (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
497 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to

498 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-340
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-134a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-135a
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-136
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-137
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-138
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-139
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-140
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-141
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) exempt from licensing requirements certain persons (A) employed by, and under the direction of, a licensed solar contractor, and (B) performing certain work on a solar photovoltaic facility, (2) amend the Home Solicitation Sales Act by (A) defining and redefining various terms, (B) requiring the Office of Consumer Counsel to develop a consumer handbook concerning home solicitation sales of residential solar photovoltaic systems, (C) requiring sellers to make additional disclosures, (D) establishing requirements concerning sellers of residential solar photovoltaic systems, and (E) modifying the penalty applicable for violations of said act, and (3) require residential solar lenders and lessors to provide payoff statements and transfer documentation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]