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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS REGARDING
RESIDENTIAL SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 42-134a of the 2026 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

6 As used in this chapter and section 2 of this act:

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

10 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
11 Protection;

12 (3) "Consumer" means any individual who is physically present in
13 this state and a prospective recipient of consumer goods or consumer

14 services;

15 (4) "Consumer good" (A) means any article purchased, leased or
16 rented primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and (B)
17 includes, but is not limited to, any residential solar photovoltaic system
18 or residential energy storage system;

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

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

24 [(1)] (7) "Home solicitation sale" (A) means a sale, lease [,] or rental of
25 any consumer [goods] good or [services] consumer service, whether
26 under single or multiple contracts, in which the seller or [his] the seller's
27 authorized sales representative personally solicits the sale, lease or
28 rental, including, [those] but not limited to, any sale, lease or rental in
29 response to or following an invitation by the [buyer] consumer, and the
30 [buyer's] consumer's agreement or offer to purchase, lease or rent is
31 made at a place other than the seller's place of business; [of the seller.
32 The term "home solicitation sale"] and (B) does not include [a] any
33 transaction: [(A)] (i) Made pursuant to prior negotiations in the course
34 of a visit by the [buyer] consumer to a retail business establishment
35 having a fixed, permanent location where consumer goods are exhibited
36 or [the] consumer services are offered for sale, lease or rental on a
37 continuing basis; [(B)] (ii) in which the [buyer] consumer has initiated
38 the contact and the consumer goods or consumer services are needed to
39 meet a bona fide immediate personal emergency of the [buyer]
40 consumer, and the [buyer] consumer furnishes the seller with a separate
41 dated and signed personal statement in the [buyer's] consumer's
42 handwriting describing the situation requiring immediate remedy and
43 expressly acknowledging and waiving the right to cancel the sale, lease
44 or rental within three business days; [(C)] (iii) conducted and
45 consummated entirely by mail or telephone and without any other

46 contact between the [buyer] consumer and the seller or [its] the seller's
47 authorized sales representative prior to delivery of the consumer goods
48 or performance of the consumer services; [(D)] (iv) in which the [buyer]
49 consumer has initiated the contact and specifically requested the seller
50 to visit [his] the consumer's home for the purpose of repairing or
51 performing maintenance upon the [buyer's] consumer's personal
52 property. If, in the course of such a visit, the seller sells, leases or rents
53 to the [buyer] consumer the right to receive additional [services or
54 goods] consumer goods or consumer services other than replacement
55 parts necessarily used in performing the maintenance or in making the
56 repairs, the sale of those additional consumer goods or consumer
57 services shall not come within [this] the exclusion established in this
58 clause; [(E)] (v) pertaining to the sale, lease or rental of real property, to
59 the sale of insurance, to the sale of newspapers or to the sale of securities
60 or commodities by a broker-dealer registered with the [securities and
61 exchange commission; (F)] Securities and Exchange Commission; (vi)
62 made pursuant to a home party plan sales and demonstration; or [(G)]
63 (vii) in the case of consumer goods, other than magazine sales or
64 subscriptions, where the purchase price, whether under single or
65 multiple contracts, does not exceed twenty-five dollars; [.]

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

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

73 (8) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town
74 and city or consolidated town and borough;

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

77 [(4)] (10) "Place of business" means the main or permanent branch
78 office or local address of a seller; [.]

79 [(5)] (11) "Purchase price" means the total price paid or to be paid for
80 the consumer goods or consumer services, including all interest and
81 service charges; [.]

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

85 (12) "Residential energy storage system" means any commercially
86 available technology that (A) is capable of absorbing energy, storing
87 such energy for a period of time and thereafter dispatching such energy,
88 (B) is installed for use at a single-family dwelling or multifamily
89 dwelling consisting of two to four units, and (C) conforms to the
90 Connecticut State Building Code;

91 (13) "Residential solar or energy storage seller" means any person
92 engaged in home solicitation sales of residential solar photovoltaic
93 systems or residential energy storage systems;

94 (14) "Residential solar photovoltaic system" means equipment and
95 devices that (A) have the primary purpose of collecting solar energy and
96 generating electricity by photovoltaic effect, (B) have a nameplate
97 capacity rating of twenty-five kilowatts or less, (C) are installed on the
98 roof of a single-family dwelling or multifamily dwelling consisting of
99 two to four units, and (D) conform to the Connecticut State Building
100 Code; and

101 (15) "Seller" (A) means any person engaged in home solicitation sales
102 of consumer goods or consumer services, and (B) includes, but is not
103 limited to, any residential solar or energy storage seller.

104 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than December
105 31, 2027, the Department of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
106 the Office of Consumer Counsel and the task force established pursuant

107 to section 7 of public act 24-38, as amended by section 59 of public act
108 25-173, as amended by section 11 of this act, shall develop a handbook
109 for the purposes of advising consumers on matters relating to home
110 solicitation sales of residential solar photovoltaic systems and
111 residential energy storage systems, including, but not limited to,
112 solicitations made for the purposes of such sales on an in-person basis
113 at consumers' residences. Such handbook shall, at a minimum, include
114 guidance (1) that enables consumers to assess the veracity of sales and
115 marketing assertions made regarding residential solar photovoltaic
116 systems or residential energy storage systems, (2) concerning the
117 penalties applicable to residential solar or energy storage sellers and
118 such sellers' authorized sales representatives under section 42-141 of the
119 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (3) concerning any other
120 matters the department, in the department's discretion, deems relevant
121 for the purposes of this subsection.

122 (b) Not later than January 15, 2028, the Department of Consumer
123 Protection shall make the handbook developed pursuant to subsection
124 (a) of this section available (1) on the department's Internet web site for
125 distribution to consumers as part of the programs funded by the
126 residential financing program offered by the Energy Efficiency Fund,
127 the Clean Energy Fund established pursuant to section 16-245n of the
128 general statutes or the renewable energy tariffs established pursuant to
129 section 16-244z of the general statutes, or any successor to such
130 programs, (2) to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for posting on
131 the authority's Internet web site, and (3) the Office of Consumer Council
132 for posting on the office's Internet web site.

133 (c) On and after February 15, 2028, each residential solar or energy
134 storage seller, and each authorized sales representative of a residential
135 solar or energy storage seller, shall:

136 (1) Not engage in any in-person solicitation at a consumer's residence
137 for the purposes of a home solicitation sale of a residential solar
138 photovoltaic system or residential energy storage system outside of the
139 hours set forth in subsection (d) of this section or in any more restrictive

140 municipal ordinance described in said subsection;

141 (2) Carry a current and valid identification card at all times while
142 such residential solar or energy storage seller or authorized sales
143 representative is engaged in any in-person solicitation at a consumer's
144 residence for the purposes of a home solicitation sale of a residential
145 solar photovoltaic system or residential energy storage system, which
146 identification card shall include (A) such residential solar or energy
147 storage seller's name and, in the case of an authorized sales
148 representative, such authorized sales representative's name, and (B) any
149 other information the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the
150 commissioner's discretion, deems relevant for the purposes of this
151 subdivision; and

152 (3) Provide a copy of the handbook developed pursuant to subsection
153 (a) of this section to the consumer (A) at the beginning of the first in-
154 person solicitation at the consumer's residence for the purposes of a
155 home solicitation sale of a residential solar photovoltaic system or
156 residential energy storage system, or (B) prior to the consumer executing
157 an agreement in a home solicitation sale of a residential solar
158 photovoltaic system or residential energy storage system if no
159 solicitation is made in person at the consumer's residence for the
160 purposes of such sale.

161 (d) On and after February 15, 2027, no residential solar or energy
162 storage seller or residential solar or energy storage seller's authorized
163 sales representative shall engage in any in-person solicitation at a
164 consumer's residence for the purposes of a home solicitation sale of a
165 residential solar photovoltaic system or residential energy storage
166 system outside of the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m.
167 eastern time, unless a more restrictive municipal ordinance limits such
168 hours. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to
169 prohibit a consumer and a residential solar or energy storage seller from
170 scheduling a time to meet on an in-person basis outside of such hours.

171 (e) Not later than February 15, 2027, and annually thereafter, each

172 residential solar or energy storage seller shall submit a report to the
173 Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed
174 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, disclosing the identity of
175 each person with whom such residential solar or energy storage seller
176 maintains a business relationship and provides any financing,
177 installation services or any other related consumer services in
178 partnership with such residential solar or energy storage seller that
179 involves an in-person interaction with consumers. The provisions of this
180 subsection shall not be construed to require any residential solar or
181 energy storage seller to disclose the identity of an employee of any such
182 person.

183 Sec. 3. Section 42-135a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
184 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
185 *October 1, 2026*):

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

189 (1) Fail to furnish the [buyer] consumer with a fully completed receipt
190 or copy of all contracts and documents pertaining to such home
191 solicitation sale at the time [of its execution] such agreement is executed,
192 which contract shall be in the same language as that principally used in
193 the oral sales presentation and which shall show the date of the
194 transaction and shall contain the name and address of the seller, and in
195 immediate proximity to the space reserved in the contract for the
196 signature of the [buyer] consumer, or on the front page of the receipt if
197 a contract is not used, and in boldface type of a minimum size of twelve
198 points, a statement in substantially the following form:

199 YOU, THE [BUYER] CONSUMER, MAY CANCEL THIS
200 TRANSACTION AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT OF THE
201 THIRD BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THIS TRANSACTION.
202 SEE THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF CANCELLATION FORM FOR AN
203 EXPLANATION OF THIS RIGHT.

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

212 "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

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

233 If you cancel, you must make available to the seller any goods

234 delivered to you under this contract or sale. The goods must be in
235 substantially as good condition as when you received them. The seller
236 can pick them up from your residence. If you make the goods available
237 to the seller and the seller does not pick them up, after twenty calendar
238 days have passed since you sent this notice to the seller, you may keep
239 or dispose of the goods. If you do not make the goods available to the
240 seller, you will still have to fulfill your contractual obligations.

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

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

248 (Seller's name inserted by seller)

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

250 OR

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

252 OR

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

254 I hereby cancel this transaction.

255 Dated:

256 Signed:"

257 (3) Fail, before furnishing copies of the "Notice of Cancellation" to the
258 [buyer] consumer, to complete both copies by entering the name of the
259 seller, the address of the seller's place of business, the date of the

260 transaction, the seller's business electronic mail address and the date,
261 not earlier than the third business day after the date of the transaction,
262 by which the [buyer] consumer may give notice of cancellation.

263 (4) Include in any home solicitation sale contract or receipt any
264 confession of judgment or any waiver of any of the rights to which the
265 [buyer] consumer is entitled under this chapter and section 2 of this act,
266 including specifically such [buyer's] consumer's right to cancel the sale
267 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

268 (5) Fail to inform each [buyer] consumer, orally, at the time such
269 [buyer] consumer signs the contract or purchases, leases or rents the
270 consumer goods or consumer services, of such [buyer's] consumer's
271 right to cancel.

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

274 (7) Fail or refuse to honor any valid notice of cancellation by a [buyer]
275 consumer and within ten business days after the receipt of such notice,
276 to (A) refund all payments made under the contract or home solicitation
277 sale; (B) return any consumer goods or property traded in, in
278 substantially as good condition as when received by the seller; (C) cancel
279 and return any negotiable instrument executed by the [buyer] consumer
280 in connection with the contract or home solicitation sale and take any
281 action necessary or appropriate to terminate promptly any security
282 interest created in the transaction; and (D) cancel and return any
283 contract executed by the [buyer] consumer in connection with the
284 transaction.

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

290 (9) Fail, within ten business days of receipt of the [buyer's]

291 consumer's notice of cancellation, to notify such [buyer] consumer
292 whether the seller intends to repossess or to abandon any shipped or
293 delivered consumer goods.

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

299 PLEASE REVIEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR
300 RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT IN THE "NOTICE OF
301 CANCELLATION" BEING PROVIDED TO YOU.

302 Sec. 4. Section 42-136 of the general statutes is repealed and the
303 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

304 (a) Any note or other evidence of indebtedness given by a [buyer]
305 consumer in respect of a home solicitation sale shall be dated not earlier
306 than the date of the agreement or offer to purchase, lease or rent. Any
307 transfer of a note or other evidence of indebtedness bearing the
308 statement required by subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed an
309 assignment only and any right, title or interest which the transferee may
310 acquire thereby shall be subject to all claims and defenses of the [buyer]
311 consumer against the seller arising under the provisions of this chapter
312 and section 2 of this act.

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

319 (c) Compliance with the requirements of this section shall be a
320 condition precedent to any right of action by the seller or any transferee
321 of an instrument bearing the statement required under subsection (b) of

322 this section against the [buyer] consumer upon such instrument and
323 shall be pleaded and proved by any person who may institute action or
324 suit against a [buyer] consumer in respect thereof.

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

328 Sec. 5. Section 42-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
329 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

330 (a) In addition to any right otherwise to revoke an offer, the [buyer]
331 consumer may cancel a home solicitation sale until midnight of the third
332 business day after the day on which the [buyer] consumer signs an
333 agreement subject to the provisions of this chapter and section 2 of this
334 act.

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

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

342 Sec. 6. Section 42-138 of the general statutes is repealed and the
343 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

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

348 (b) If the down payment includes consumer goods traded in, the
349 consumer goods shall be tendered in substantially as good condition as
350 such consumer goods were in when the consumer received such

351 consumer goods. If the seller fails to tender the consumer goods as
352 provided by this section, the [buyer] consumer may elect to recover an
353 amount equal to the trade-in allowance stated in the agreement.

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

358 Sec. 7. Section 42-139 of the general statutes is repealed and the
359 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

360 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 42-138, as amended
361 by this act, [within] not later than twenty days after a home solicitation
362 sale has been cancelled the [buyer] consumer, upon demand, shall
363 tender to the seller any consumer goods delivered by the seller pursuant
364 to the sale, lease or rental, but [he is] the consumer shall not be obligated
365 to tender to the seller such consumer goods at any place other than [his]
366 the consumer's own address. If the seller fails to take possession of such
367 consumer goods [within] not later than twenty days after cancellation,
368 the consumer goods shall become the property of the [buyer] consumer
369 without obligation to pay for [them] such consumer goods.

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

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

381 Sec. 8. Section 42-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the

382 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

383 No seller or seller's authorized sales representative in a home
384 solicitation sale shall offer to pay a commission or give a rebate or
385 discount to the [buyer] consumer in consideration of the [buyer's]
386 consumer giving to the seller or the seller's authorized sales
387 representative the names of prospective purchasers, lessees or renters or
388 otherwise aiding the seller or the seller's authorized sales representative
389 in making a sale, lease or rental to another person, if the earning of the
390 commission, rebate or discount is contingent upon an event subsequent
391 to the time the [buyer] consumer agrees to [buy] purchase, lease or rent.

392 Sec. 9. Section 42-141 of the general statutes is repealed and the
393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

394 (a) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or section
395 2 of this act shall be [guilty of a class C misdemeanor] liable for a civil
396 penalty of not more than five hundred dollars per violation. Any sale,
397 lease or rental made in respect to which a commission, rebate or
398 discount is offered in violation of the provisions of this chapter or
399 section 2 of this act shall be voidable at the option of the [buyer]
400 consumer.

401 (b) Violation of any of the provisions of [sections] section 42-135a, as
402 amended by this act, [or] sections 42-137 to 42-139, inclusive, as
403 amended by this act, or section 2 of this act, or failure to honor any
404 provisions of the notice of cancellation required by this chapter, shall
405 constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice as defined by section 42-
406 110b.

407 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

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

410 (2) "Payoff statement" means a statement of the amount of the unpaid
411 balance on a residential solar or energy storage loan, including

412 principal, interest and other charges properly assessed pursuant to the
413 residential solar or energy storage loan documentation and a statement
414 of the interest, on a per diem basis, with respect to the unpaid principal
415 balance of the residential solar or energy storage loan;

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

418 (4) "Residential energy storage system" has the same meaning as
419 provided in section 42-134a of the general statutes, as amended by this
420 act;

421 (5) "Residential power purchase agreement" means any agreement
422 embodying the terms and conditions concerning the sale to a consumer
423 of electricity from a residential solar photovoltaic system or residential
424 energy storage system;

425 (6) "Residential solar or energy storage lease agreement" means any
426 agreement embodying the terms and conditions concerning the use of a
427 residential solar photovoltaic system or residential energy storage
428 system;

429 (7) "Residential solar or energy storage lender" means any person
430 who, in the ordinary course of such person's business, extends a
431 residential solar or energy storage loan;

432 (8) "Residential solar or energy storage loan" includes any line of
433 credit or other extension of credit extended to a consumer for the
434 purpose of providing financing to the consumer to purchase a
435 residential solar photovoltaic system or residential energy storage
436 system;

437 (9) "Residential solar or energy storage loan agreement" means a
438 written contract between a residential solar or energy storage lender and
439 a consumer that sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the
440 awarding of a residential solar or energy storage loan;

441 (10) "Residential solar or energy storage provider" means any person
442 who, in the ordinary course of such person's business, (A) leases a
443 residential solar photovoltaic system or residential energy storage
444 system to a consumer, or (B) enters into a residential power purchase
445 agreement with a consumer;

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

448 (12) "Transfer documentation" means any documentation necessary
449 for a consumer to transfer the consumer's rights and obligations under
450 a residential solar or energy storage lease agreement, a residential solar
451 or energy storage loan agreement or residential power purchase
452 agreement to another person in accordance with the terms of the
453 residential solar or energy storage lease agreement, residential solar or
454 energy storage loan agreement or residential power purchase
455 agreement.

456 (b) A residential solar or energy storage lender or residential solar or
457 energy storage provider shall provide to a consumer any payoff
458 statement or transfer documentation requested by the consumer not
459 later than seven days after the consumer submits a written request to
460 the residential solar or energy storage lender or residential solar or
461 energy storage provider for such payoff statement or transfer
462 documentation.

463 (c) Any residential solar or energy storage lender or residential solar
464 or energy storage provider that fails to provide to a consumer a payoff
465 statement or transfer documentation within the seven-day period
466 established in subsection (b) of this section shall credit the consumer's
467 account with such residential solar or energy storage lender or
468 residential solar or energy storage provider in the amount of two
469 hundred fifty dollars.

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

472 implement the provisions of this section.

473 Sec. 11. Section 7 of public act 24-38, as amended by section 59 of
474 public act 25-173, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
475 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

476 (a) There is established a task force to: [examine]

477 (1) Study and make recommendations concerning policy, regulations
478 and legislation to improve disclosure requirements and consumer
479 protection for consumers who purchase, lease or enter into power
480 purchase agreements for solar photovoltaic systems, [. Such] which
481 study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of (A)
482 licensing requirements for contractors who engage in solar electricity
483 work, as defined in section 20-330 of the general statutes, (B) whether
484 special protections are necessary for consumers who are low-income or
485 senior citizens, and (C) requirements concerning audits or other
486 methods of ensuring such contractors or persons engaged in the sale or
487 lease of such systems comply with applicable state laws and regulations;
488 and

489 (2) Develop a handbook (A) for the purposes of advising consumers
490 on matters relating to home solicitation sales of residential solar
491 photovoltaic systems and residential energy storage systems, including,
492 but not limited to, solicitations made for purposes of such sales on an
493 in-person basis at consumers' residences, and (B) that includes, at a
494 minimum, guidance (i) that enables consumers to assess the veracity of
495 sales and marketing assertions made regarding residential solar
496 photovoltaic systems and residential energy storage systems, (ii)
497 concerning the penalties applicable to residential solar or energy storage
498 sellers and such sellers' authorized sales representatives under section
499 42-141 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (iii)
500 concerning any other matters the task force deems relevant for the
501 purposes of this subdivision.

502 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- 503 (1) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
504 the commissioner's designee;
- 505 (2) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
506 the chairperson's designee;
- 507 (3) The Consumer Counsel, or the [Consumer Counsel's] counsel's
508 designee;
- 509 (4) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
510 designee;
- 511 (5) The president of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the president's
512 designee;
- 513 (6) Two appointed by the Governor, who shall be members of an
514 association that represents retailers of solar photovoltaic systems in the
515 state or retailers of solar photovoltaic systems in the state;
- 516 (7) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
517 one of whom shall have experience representing individuals in matters
518 related to consumer protection;
- 519 (8) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
520 whom shall have experience representing consumer groups, especially
521 in underserved communities;
- 522 (9) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
523 Representatives;
- 524 (10) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 525 (11) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
526 Representatives; [and]
- 527 (12) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 528 (13) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General

529 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
530 technology, or their designees;

531 (14) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
532 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
533 protection, or their designees;

534 (15) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
535 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
536 technology, or their designees; and

537 (16) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
538 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
539 protection, or their designees.

540 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (13),
541 (14), (15) or (16) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
542 General Assembly.

543 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not
544 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
545 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

546 ~~[(d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president~~
547 ~~pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force~~
548 ~~from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson]~~ (e) The
549 chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
550 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology and
551 consumer protection, or their designees, shall serve as chairpersons of
552 the task force. The chairpersons of the task force shall schedule the first
553 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days
554 after the effective date of this section.

555 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
556 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
557 technology shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

558 [(f)] (g) Not later than [January 1, 2026] February 1, 2027, the task
 559 force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the
 560 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
 561 of matters relating to energy and technology and [general law]
 562 consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 563 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
 564 submits such report or [January 1, 2026] February 1, 2027, whichever is
 565 later."

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-134a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-135a
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-136
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-137
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-138
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-139
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-140
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-141
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	PA 24-38, Sec. 7