



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6925**

*January Session, 2001*

**AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE RETAIL PRICING SYSTEMS.**

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

1 Section 21a-79a of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21a-79 and any  
4 regulations adopted under said section, the Commissioner of  
5 Consumer Protection may, within available appropriations, establish a  
6 pilot program for the test audit of alternative electronic retail pricing  
7 systems that maintain and display the item and unit price of consumer  
8 commodities, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-79. [The  
9 commissioner shall select one or more retailers to participate in any  
10 such pilot program in accordance with the following requirements: (1)  
11 The] A retailer participating in the pilot program shall conduct  
12 business from one or more stores in this state on October 1, [1998; (2)  
13 the] 2001. The retailer shall submit to the commissioner a written  
14 [request to] statement indicating that such retailer will participate in  
15 the pilot program and [indicate in such written request the retailer's  
16 willingness to] pay all costs associated with a test audit under such  
17 pilot program. [; and (3) the] The retailer shall implement a system to  
18 be test audited that, at a minimum, [(A)] (1) maintains the retailer's  
19 current item prices and unit prices for each product in an electronic  
20 database, [(B)] (2) prints shelf tags that meet all applicable  
21 requirements for item pricing and unit pricing in effect on October 1,

22 [1998] 2001, and [(C)] (3) operates in such a way that [(i)] (A) price  
23 decreases are immediately transmitted directly to the point of sale, and  
24 [(ii)] (B) price increases are transmitted to the point of sale only after  
25 such shelf tags are posted and such posting has been verified in the  
26 electronic database.

27 (b) The commissioner may designate a private auditing organization  
28 to conduct any such test audit and shall charge the cost of such test  
29 audit to the [selected] retailer. No such test audit shall be conducted  
30 for a period exceeding [six months. The retailer shall designate one  
31 store in which the test audit will be conducted] twelve months. During  
32 the test audit, such store shall be exempt from the provisions of  
33 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-79 and any applicable  
34 regulations adopted under said section.

35 (c) The commissioner shall report the results of each test audit  
36 conducted under any such pilot program and any recommendations to  
37 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
38 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection not later than  
39 three months after the completion of such test audit. Such report shall  
40 include a copy of any audit report prepared by the commissioner or  
41 any such private auditing organization.

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