



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6421

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF PERSONS RENTING OR LEASING MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-154a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003, and*
3 *applicable to leases entered into on or after said date*):

4 Any person renting or leasing to another any motor vehicle owned
5 by him shall be liable for any damage to any person or property
6 caused by the operation of such motor vehicle while so rented or
7 leased, to the same extent as the operator would have been liable if he
8 had also been the owner. The provisions of this section shall not apply
9 to any lessor of noncommercial private passenger motor vehicles that
10 leases any such vehicle under a contract which provides for a total
11 lease term of one year or more if, at the time damages are incurred, the
12 leased vehicle is insured by the lessee or operator for bodily injury
13 liability in amounts of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
14 per person and five hundred thousand dollars per occurrence.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003, and applicable to leases entered into on or after said date</i>

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