



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6471

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTAL OF TRUCKS FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section:

3 (1) "Rental truck" means a motor vehicle rented without a driver
4 that has a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand pounds
5 or less and is used in the transportation of personal property but not
6 for business purposes.

7 (2) "Rental company" means any business entity that is engaged in
8 the business of renting trucks or vans without a driver in this state to
9 renters and that uses for rental purposes a motor vehicle fleet of five or
10 more rental trucks in this state, but does not mean any person, firm or
11 corporation that is licensed, or required to be licensed, pursuant to
12 section 14-52 of the general statutes, (A) as a new car dealer, repairer or
13 limited repairer, or (B) as a used car dealer that is not primarily
14 engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles or rental
15 trucks without a driver in this state to renters.

16 (3) "Financial instrument" includes, but is not limited to, a check,
17 money order, note, credit card, debit card or transaction authorization
18 mechanism.

19 (b) A rental company that accepts a reservation for a rental truck
20 and secures the reservation with a financial instrument shall deliver
21 the rental truck at the time and location specified by the rental
22 company at the time the reservation is made or provide a reasonable
23 alternative acceptable to the consumer.

24 (c) A violation of subsection (b) of this section by a rental company
25 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection
26 (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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