



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6586***

LCO No. 3931

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THEFT OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT  
RENTAL BUSINESSES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 53a-119 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (7) Theft of services. A person is guilty of theft of services when: (A)  
5 With intent to avoid payment for restaurant services rendered, or for  
6 services rendered to [him] such person as a transient guest at a hotel,  
7 motel, inn, tourist cabin, rooming house or comparable establishment,  
8 [he] such person avoids such payment by unjustifiable failure or  
9 refusal to pay, by stealth, or by any misrepresentation of fact which  
10 [he] such person knows to be false; or (B) (i) with intent to obtain  
11 railroad, subway, bus, air, taxi or any other public transportation  
12 service without payment of the lawful charge therefor or to avoid  
13 payment of the lawful charge for such transportation service which has  
14 been rendered to him [, he] or her, such person obtains such service or  
15 avoids payment therefor by force, intimidation, stealth, deception or  
16 mechanical tampering, or by unjustifiable failure or refusal to pay, or

17 (ii) with intent to obtain the use of equipment, including a motor  
18 vehicle or an item from a retail store engaged in the business of renting  
19 equipment, without payment of the lawful charge therefor, or to avoid  
20 payment of the lawful charge for such use which has been permitted  
21 him [ , he] or her, such person obtains such use or avoids such payment  
22 therefor by means of any false or fraudulent representation, failure to  
23 return such item to such retail store engaged in the business of renting  
24 equipment by a time specified in a written contract signed by such  
25 person at the time such person rents the item, fraudulent concealment,  
26 false pretense or personation, trick, artifice or device, including, but  
27 not limited to, a false representation as to [his] such person's name,  
28 residence, employment, or driver's license; or (C) obtaining or having  
29 control over labor in the employ of another person, or of business,  
30 commercial or industrial equipment or facilities of another person,  
31 knowing that [he] such person is not entitled to the use thereof, and  
32 with intent to derive a commercial or other substantial personal benefit  
33 [for himself] or benefit for a third person, [he] such person uses or  
34 diverts [to the use of himself or] for personal benefit or for the benefit  
35 of a third person such labor, equipment or facilities.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce losses incurred by equipment rental businesses when equipment is not returned in a timely manner.

*[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.]*