



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5611**

LCO No. 2188

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO RETURN RENTAL PROPERTY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-126b of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of criminal trover in the second degree when,  
4 knowing that [he] such person is not licensed or privileged to do so,  
5 [he] such person uses the personal property of another without the  
6 consent of such owner, and such use results in damage to or  
7 diminishes the value of such property or subjects such owner to  
8 economic loss, fine or other penalty.

9 (b) For the purposes of this section, "economic loss" includes  
10 economic loss suffered by an owner of personal property who is  
11 engaged in the business of renting or leasing such property when a  
12 person to whom such owner has rented or leased such property  
13 pursuant to a written agreement providing for the return of such  
14 property at a specified time fails to return such property within one  
15 hundred twenty hours after such specified time.

16     **[(b)]** (c) Criminal trover in the second degree is a class A  
17     misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	53a-126b

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide that a person who fails to timely return rental property commits the offense of criminal trover in the second degree.

*[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.]*