



General Assembly

January Session, 2011

Raised Bill No. 964

LCO No. 3304

03304_____JUD

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL LIABILITY OF PARENTS OR
GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY OR
PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 52-572 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The parent or parents or guardian, other than a temporary
4 guardian appointed pursuant to section 45a-622, of any
5 unemancipated minor or minors, which minor or minors wilfully or
6 maliciously cause damage to any property or injury to any person, or,
7 having taken a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner
8 thereof, cause damage to the motor vehicle, shall be jointly and
9 severally liable with the minor or minors for the damage or injury to
10 an amount not exceeding [five] ten thousand dollars, if the minor or
11 minors would have been liable for the damage or injury if they had
12 been adults.

13 (b) This section shall not be construed to relieve the minor or minors
14 from personal liability for the damage or injury.

15 (c) The liability provided for in this section shall be in addition to
16 and not in lieu of any other liability which may exist at law.

17 (d) As used in this section, "damage" shall include depriving the
18 owner of his property or motor vehicle or of the use, possession or
19 enjoyment thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	52-572

Statement of Purpose:

To cause parents to more closely monitor their children in order to lessen juvenile violence by increasing the maximum civil liability of parents for wilful or malicious personal injury or property damage caused by their children.

[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.]