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Public Act No. 22-70

AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES AND REVISIONS TO CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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

Section 1. Section 42-159 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Default" means failure to perform any obligation or duty imposed by a rental agreement or by this chapter.

(2) "Last-known address" means a postal or electronic address provided by the occupant in the latest rental agreement or a postal or electronic address provided by the occupant in a subsequent written notice of a change of address.

(3) "Occupant" means a person, or the sublessee, successor or assignee of a person, entitled to the use of a storage unit at a self-service storage facility under a rental agreement, to the exclusion of others.

(4) "Owner" means the owner, operator, lessor or sublessor of a self-service storage facility, an agent of such owner, operator, lessor or

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sublessor or any other person authorized by such owner, operator, lessor or sublessor to manage the facility or receive rent from an occupant under a rental agreement.

(5) "Personal property" means movable property not affixed to land and includes, but is not limited to, goods, merchandise, household items and motor vehicles.

(6) "Rental agreement" means any written agreement or lease that establishes or modifies the terms, conditions, rules or any other provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a unit in a self-service storage facility.

[(1)] (7) "Self-service storage facility" means any real property designed and used for the renting or leasing of individual self-contained units of storage space to occupants who are to have access to such units for storing and removing personal property only, and not for residential purposes. A self-service storage facility and an owner are not a warehouse, as defined in section 42a-7-102, except that if an owner issues a document of title, as defined in section 42a-1-201, for the personal property stored, the owner and the occupant are subject to the provisions of article 7 of the Uniform Commercial Code and the provisions of this chapter do not apply.

[(2)] "Owner" means the owner, operator, lessor, or sublessor of a self-service storage facility, his or her agent, or any other person authorized by him or her to manage the facility or to receive rent from an occupant under a rental agreement.

(3) "Occupant" means a person, or the sublessee, successor, or assignee of a person, entitled to the use of a storage unit at a self-service storage facility under a rental agreement, to the exclusion of others.

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provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a unit in a self-service storage facility.

(5) "Personal property" means movable property not affixed to land and includes, but is not limited to, goods, merchandise, household items and motor vehicles.

(6) "Last-known address" means a postal or electronic address provided by the occupant in the latest rental agreement or a postal or electronic address provided by the occupant in a subsequent written notice of a change of address.

(7) "Default" means failure to perform any obligation or duty imposed by a rental agreement or by this chapter.]

Sec. 2. Section 42-160 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(a) The owner of a self-service storage facility shall have a lien upon all personal property located at such facility for (1) the amounts of any rent, labor or other valid charges incurred in relation to such personal property, [for] (2) any valid expenses incurred in the necessary preservation of such personal property, and [for] (3) any expenses reasonably incurred in the sale or other disposition of such personal property pursuant to law. Such lien attaches on the date of default by the occupant. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 42a-9-333, such lien shall not have priority over a lien or security interest which has attached or been perfected prior to such default.

(b) If such personal property is a motor vehicle, the owner of a self-service storage facility shall contact the Department of Motor Vehicles in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe for the purposes of determining the existence and identity of any lienholder and the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, as shown in the records of the department. The owner of a self-storage facility shall send a

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written notice to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles stating (1) the vehicle identification number of such motor vehicle, (2) the date such motor vehicle was left with the owner of such storage facility, (3) the date of default by the occupant, (4) the amount for which a lien is claimed, (5) the registration thereof if any number plates are on the motor vehicle, and (6) the name of the vehicle's owner and the name of the occupant who defaulted, and shall enclose a fee of ten dollars. Such notice shall be placed on file by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and be open to public inspection. Within ten days of receipt of such information concerning any lienholder and the owner of such motor vehicle, as shown in said department's records, the owner of such self-service storage facility shall send a written notice to any such lienholder and to the owner, if such owner is not the occupant, by postage paid registered or certified letter, return receipt requested, stating that such motor vehicle (A) is being held by such facility owner, and (B) has a lien attached pursuant to this chapter. Any sale of a motor vehicle under the provisions of this section shall be void unless the written notice to the commissioner required by this subsection has been given.

(c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, ~~[(1)]~~ to (1) specify the circumstances under which title to any motor vehicle abandoned at a self-storage facility may be transferred, and (2) ~~[to]~~ establish a procedure whereby the owner of a self-storage facility may obtain title to such motor vehicle.

(d) If such personal property is a vessel, the owner of a self-service storage facility shall follow the requirements of sections 49-55 to 49-59, inclusive.

(e) If such personal property is a motor vehicle, vessel or trailer, and any rent, labor or other valid charges incurred in relation to such personal property remains unpaid or unsatisfied for at least sixty days, the owner of a self-service storage facility may have such personal

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property towed from the self-service storage facility by an insured tower. Any owner that complies with the provisions of this subsection need not comply with the provisions of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section.

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 42-161 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(b) The owner shall notify the occupant and any person who has filed in such occupant's name a valid security interest in such property with the Secretary of the State of [his or her] such owner's intention to satisfy the lien with a written notice which shall be delivered in person or sent by electronic mail or by registered or certified mail, [return receipt requested] with a unique tracking number assigned by the United States Postal Service, to the last-known address of the occupant. If the owner sends notice by electronic mail to the occupant, a statement shall be included in such electronic mail, indicating that opening of such electronic mail is acceptance of such notice by the occupant pursuant to this section.

Sec. 4. Section 42-163 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Any sale or other disposition of the personal property of the occupant shall conform to the terms of the notice as provided in section 42-162, as amended by this act, and shall be held (1) at the self-service storage facility, [or] (2) at the nearest suitable place convenient to where such personal property is stored or held, or (3) online.

Sec. 5. Section 42-164 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(a) After the expiration of the time given in the notice for the occupant to pay the amount due, if the owner wishes, [he] the owner may [place

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an advertisement of] advertise the sale or other disposition of the personal property in [a] any print or online newspaper of [substantial] general circulation in the municipality where the self-service storage facility is located or on any publicly accessible, independent Internet web site that regularly conducts online auctions of personal property. Such advertisement shall be published at least [twice] once within a period not less than ten days preceding the date of such sale or other disposition. The advertisement shall include: (1) A description of the personal property subject to the lien according to the requirements of section 42-162, as amended by this act; (2) the name of the occupant, the address of the self-service storage facility, the unit number, if any, of the storage space where the personal property is located; and (3) the time, place and manner of the sale or other disposition.

(b) Such sale or other disposition of the personal property shall not take place sooner than ten days after [the first] publication of the advertisement nor sixty days after the date of default.

[(c) If there is no newspaper of substantial circulation in the municipality in which the self-service storage facility is located, the advertisement shall be posted at least ten days before the date of the sale or other disposition of the personal property in not less than six conspicuous places in the neighborhood where the self-service storage facility is located.]

[(d)] (c) The proceeds of a sale under this section shall be allocated to pay the expenses of such sale, then to the holder of any lien or security interest having priority over that of such owner, then to the owner.

Sec. 6. Subsection (g) of section 20-432 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 8 of public act 21-197, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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(g) Before the commissioner may issue any order directing payment out of the guaranty fund to an owner pursuant to [subsections] subsection (e) or (f) of this section, the commissioner shall first notify the contractor of the owner's application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund and of the contractor's right to a hearing to contest the disbursement in the event that the contractor has already paid the owner or is complying with a payment schedule in accordance with a court judgment, order or decree. Such notice shall be given to the contractor not later than fifteen days after receipt by the commissioner of the owner's application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund. If the contractor requests a hearing, in writing, by certified mail not later than fifteen days after receiving the notice from the commissioner, the commissioner shall grant such request and shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the commissioner does not receive a request by certified mail from the contractor for a hearing not later than fifteen days after the contractor's receipt of such notice, the commissioner shall determine that the owner has not been paid, and the commissioner shall issue an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund for the amount unpaid upon the judgment, order or decree for actual damages and costs taxed by the court against the contractor, exclusive of punitive damages, or for the amount unpaid upon the order of restitution.

Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 20-691 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(b) (1) A person seeking registration as a locksmith shall apply to the commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner. The application shall include the applicant's name, residence address, business address, business telephone number, a question as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony in any state or jurisdiction, and such other information as the commissioner may require. The applicant shall

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submit to a request by the commissioner for a state and national criminal history records check conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 29-17a. No registration shall be issued unless the commissioner has received the results of [a] such records check. In accordance with the provisions of section 46a-80 and after a hearing held pursuant to chapter 54, the commissioner may revoke, refuse to issue or refuse to renew a registration when an applicant's criminal history records check reveals the applicant has been convicted of a crime of dishonesty, fraud, theft, assault, other violent offense or a crime related to the performance of locksmithing.

(2) The application fee for registration as a locksmith and the biennial renewal fee for such registration shall be two hundred dollars.

(3) The department shall establish and maintain a registry of locksmiths. The registry shall contain the names and addresses of registered locksmiths and such other information as the commissioner may require. Such registry shall be updated at least annually by the department, be made available to the public upon request and be published on the department's Internet web site.

(4) No person shall engage in locksmithing, use the title locksmith or display or use any words, letters, figures, title, advertisement or other method to indicate said person is a locksmith unless such person has obtained a registration as provided in this section.

(5) The following persons shall be exempt from registration as a locksmith, but only if the person performing the service does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a locksmith: (A) Persons employed by a state, municipality or other political subdivision, or by any agency or department of the government of the United States, acting in their official capacity; (B) automobile service dealers who service, install, repair or rebuild automobile locks; (C) retail merchants selling locks or similar security accessories or installing, programming, repairing,

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maintaining, reprogramming, rebuilding or servicing electronic garage door devices; (D) members of the building trades who install or remove complete locks or locking devices in the course of residential or commercial new construction or remodeling; (E) employees of towing services [,] or repossessioners, or [an] employees or representatives of automobile [club representative or employee opening] clubs, who open automotive locks in the normal course of [his or her] their business. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit an employee of a towing service from opening motor vehicles to enable a vehicle to be moved without towing, provided the towing service does not hold itself out to the public, by directory advertisement, through a sign at the facilities of the towing service or by any other form of advertisement, as a locksmith; (F) students in a course of study in locksmith programs approved by the department; (G) warranty services by a lock manufacturer or its employees on the manufacturer's own products; (H) maintenance employees of a property owner or property management companies at multifamily residential buildings, who service, install, repair or open locks for tenants; (I) persons employed as security personnel at schools or institutions of higher education who open locks while acting in the course of their employment; and (J) persons who service, install or repair electronic locks, access control devices or other similar locking devices that connect to an electronic security system, provided such persons maintain an electrical contractor or journeyman licensed to perform such work as required pursuant to chapter 393.

Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 21-71 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(d) The department may issue an order to any owner determined to be in violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued under this section after an inspection of a mobile manufactured home

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park, providing for the immediate discontinuance of the violation or timely remediation of such violation. Any owner of a mobile manufactured home park who fails to comply with any orders contained in a notice of violation resulting from a reinspection of such park not later than thirty days after [of] issuance of such notice, including confirmation of active licensure, shall be fined five hundred dollars per violation and shall follow the procedures specified in section 51-164n.

Sec. 9. Subdivision (21) of section 21a-420 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(21) "Equity" and "equitable" means efforts, regulations, policies, programs, standards, processes and any other functions of government or principles of law and governance intended to: (A) Identify and remedy past and present patterns of discrimination and disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation; (B) ensure that such patterns of discrimination and disparities, whether intentional or unintentional, are neither reinforced nor perpetuated; and (C) prevent the emergence and persistence of foreseeable future patterns of discrimination or disparities of race, ethnicity, gender [] and sexual orientation;

Sec. 10. Subsection (e) of section 21a-420z of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that

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shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site, and submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of either adoption of such policy or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight months from July 1, 2021, if such final regulations have not been submitted to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies and procedures, and thereafter adopt final regulations, requiring that: (1) The delivery service and transporter meet certain security requirements related to the storage, handling and transport of cannabis, the vehicles employed, the conduct of employees and agents, and the documentation that shall be maintained by the delivery service, transporter and its drivers; (2) a delivery service that delivers cannabis to consumers maintain an online interface that verifies the age of consumers ordering cannabis for delivery and meets certain specifications and data security standards; and (3) a delivery service that delivers cannabis to consumers, qualifying patients or caregivers, and all employees and agents of such licensee, to verify the identity of the qualifying patient, caregiver or consumer and the age of the consumer upon delivery of cannabis to the end consumer, qualifying patient [.] or caregiver, in a manner acceptable to the commissioner. The individual placing the cannabis order shall be the individual accepting delivery of the cannabis except, in the case of a qualifying patient, the individual accepting the delivery may be the caregiver of such qualifying patient.

Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 29-143b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(b) Nothing in section 29-133 or 29-136 shall be construed to preclude

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the hiring of certified lifeguards under the age of eighteen to oversee aquatic rides and devices such as pools, water slides, lazy rivers [] or interactive aquatic play devices, provided an adult of at least eighteen years of age who is trained in normal operating and emergency procedures supervises the area containing such aquatic rides or devices.

Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 30-37f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute or regulation to the contrary, (1) the state of Connecticut, as owner or lessor of premises at Bradley International Airport, shall be permitted to enter into an arrangement with any concessionaire or lessee holding a permit or permits at Bradley International Airport, and receive payments from such concessionaire or lessee, without regard to the level or percentage of gross receipts from the gross sales of alcoholic liquor by such concessionaire or lessee; (2) any person may be a permittee for more than one cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-22a; and (3) any area subject to a permit in Bradley International Airport that is contiguous to or within any concourse area shall not be required to provide a single point of egress or ingress or to effectively separate the bar area or any dining area from the concourse area by means of partitions, fences [] or doors, provided that a permittee of such area may be required by the Department of Consumer Protection to provide a barrier to separate the back bar area from the concourse area to prevent public access to the portion of the back bar area from which liquor is dispensed, if physically practicable.

Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 30-48 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(b) No permittee or backer thereof and no employee or agent of such

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permittee or backer shall borrow money or receive credit in any form for a period in excess of thirty days, directly or indirectly, from any manufacturer permittee, or backer thereof, or from any wholesaler permittee, or backer thereof, of alcoholic liquor or from any member of the family of such manufacturer permittee or backer thereof or from any stockholder in a corporation manufacturing or wholesaling such liquor, and no manufacturer permittee or backer thereof or wholesaler permittee or backer thereof or member of the family of either of such permittees or of any such backer, and no stockholder of a corporation manufacturing or wholesaling such liquor shall lend money or otherwise extend credit, directly or indirectly, to any such permittee or backer thereof or to the employee or agent of any such permittee or backer. A wholesaler permittee or backer, or a manufacturer permittee or backer, that has not received payment in full from a retailer permittee or backer within thirty days after the date such credit was extended to such retailer or backer or to an employee or agent of any such retailer or backer, shall give a written notice of obligation to such retailer within the five days following the expiration of the thirty-day period of credit. The notice of obligation shall state: The amount due; the date credit was extended; the date the thirty-day period ended; [.] and that the retailer is in violation of this section. A retailer who disputes the accuracy of the "notice of obligation" shall, within the ten days following the expiration of the thirty-day period of credit, give a written response to notice of obligation to the department and give a copy to the wholesaler or manufacturer who sent the notice. The response shall state the retailer's basis for dispute and the amount, if any, admitted to be owed for more than thirty days; the copy forwarded to the wholesaler or manufacturer shall be accompanied by the amount admitted to be due, if any, and such payment shall be made and received without prejudice to the rights of either party in any civil action. Upon receipt of the retailer's response, the chairman of the commission or such chairman's designee shall conduct an informal hearing with the parties being given equal opportunity to appear and be heard. If the chairman or such chairman's

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designee determines that the notice of obligation is accurate, the department shall forthwith issue an order directing the wholesaler or manufacturer to promptly give all manufacturers and wholesalers engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquor to retailers in this state, a "notice of delinquency". The notice of delinquency shall identify the delinquent retailer, and state the amount due and the date of the expiration of the thirty-day credit period. No wholesaler or manufacturer receiving a notice of delinquency shall extend credit by the sale of alcoholic liquor or otherwise to such delinquent retailer until after the manufacturer or wholesaler has received a "notice of satisfaction" from the sender of the notice of delinquency. If the chairman or such chairman's designee determines that the notice of obligation is inaccurate, the department shall forthwith issue an order prohibiting a notice of delinquency. The party for whom the determination by the chairman or such chairman's designee was adverse, shall promptly pay to the department a part of the cost of the proceedings as determined by the chairman or such chairman's designee, which shall not be less than fifty dollars. The department may suspend or revoke the permit of any permittee who, in bad faith, gives an incorrect notice of obligation, an incorrect response to notice of obligation, or an unauthorized notice of delinquency. If the department does not receive a response to the notice of obligation within such ten-day period, the delinquency shall be deemed to be admitted and the wholesaler or manufacturer who sent the notice of obligation shall, within the three days following the expiration of such ten-day period, give a notice of delinquency to the department and to all wholesalers and manufacturers engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquor to retailers in this state. A notice of delinquency identifying a retailer who does not file a response within such ten-day period shall have the same effect as a notice of delinquency given by order of the chairman or such chairman's designee. A wholesaler permittee or manufacturer permittee that has given a notice of delinquency and that receives full payment for the credit extended, shall, within three days after the date of full

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payment, give a notice of satisfaction to the department and to all wholesalers and manufacturers to whom a notice of delinquency was sent. The prohibition against extension of credit to such retailer shall be void upon such full payment. The department may revoke or suspend any permit for a violation of this section. An appeal from an order of revocation or suspension issued in accordance with this section may be taken in accordance with section 30-60.

Sec. 14. Section 42-179 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

(a) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Consumer" means the purchaser, other than for purposes of resale, of a motor vehicle, a lessee of a motor vehicle, any person to whom such motor vehicle is transferred during the duration of an express warranty applicable to such motor vehicle, and any person entitled by the terms of such warranty to enforce the obligations of the warranty; and

(2) ["motor vehicle"] "Motor vehicle" means a passenger motor vehicle, a passenger and commercial motor vehicle or a motorcycle, as defined in section 14-1, which is sold or leased in this state.

(b) If a new motor vehicle does not conform to all applicable express warranties, and the consumer reports the nonconformity to the manufacturer, its agent or its authorized dealer during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer or during the period of the first twenty-four thousand miles of operation, whichever period ends first, the manufacturer, its agent or its authorized dealer shall make such repairs as are necessary to conform the vehicle to such express warranties, notwithstanding the fact that such repairs are made after the expiration of the applicable

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period.

(c) No consumer shall be required to notify the manufacturer of a claim under this section and sections 42-181 to 42-184, inclusive, unless the manufacturer has clearly and conspicuously disclosed to the consumer, in the warranty or owner's manual, that written notification of the nonconformity is required before the consumer may be eligible for a refund or replacement of the vehicle. The manufacturer shall include with the warranty or owner's manual the name and address to which the consumer shall send such written notification.

(d) (1) If the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers are unable to conform the motor vehicle to any applicable express warranty by repairing or correcting any defect or condition which substantially impairs the use, safety or value of the motor vehicle to the consumer after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer shall replace the motor vehicle with a new motor vehicle acceptable to the consumer, or accept return of the vehicle from the consumer and refund to the consumer, lessor and lienholder, if any, as their interests may appear, the following: ~~[(1)]~~ (A) The full contract price, including, but not limited to, charges for undercoating, dealer preparation and transportation and installed options; ~~[, (2)]~~ (B) all collateral charges, including but not limited to, sales tax, license and registration fees, and similar government charges; ~~[, (3)]~~ (C) all finance charges incurred by the consumer after he first reports the nonconformity to the manufacturer, agent or dealer and during any subsequent period when the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair; ~~[,]~~ and ~~[(4)]~~ (D) all incidental damages, if applicable, less a reasonable allowance for the consumer's use of the vehicle. ~~[Incidental]~~

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, incidental damages include, but are not limited to, compensation for any commercially reasonable charges or expenses with respect to: (A) Inspection, receipt, transportation, care or custody of the motor vehicle; ~~[,]~~ (B) covering,

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returning or disposing of the motor vehicle; [] (C) reasonable efforts to minimize or avoid the consequences of financial default related to the motor vehicle; [] and (D) effectuating other remedies after a defect or condition that substantially impaired the motor vehicle has been reported to a dealership or manufacturer.

(3) No authorized dealer shall be held liable by the manufacturer for any refunds or vehicle replacements in the absence of evidence indicating that dealership repairs have been carried out in a manner inconsistent with the manufacturers' instructions. Refunds or replacements shall be made to the consumer, lessor and lienholder if any, as their interests may appear. A reasonable allowance for use shall be that amount obtained by multiplying the total contract price of the vehicle by a fraction having as its denominator one hundred twenty thousand and having as its numerator the number of miles that the vehicle traveled prior to the manufacturer's acceptance of its return.

(4) It shall be an affirmative defense to any claim under this section [(i) that an] that: (A) An alleged nonconformity does not substantially impair such use, safety or value; [, or (ii) that] or (B) a nonconformity is the result of abuse, neglect or unauthorized modifications or alterations of a motor vehicle by a consumer.

(e) (1) It shall be presumed that a reasonable number of attempts have been undertaken to conform a motor vehicle to the applicable express warranties, if: [(1) the] (A) The same nonconformity has been subject to repair four or more times by the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer or during the period of the first twenty-four thousand miles of operation, whichever period ends first, but such nonconformity continues to exist; [, or [(2)] (B) the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair for a cumulative total of thirty or more calendar days during the applicable period, determined pursuant to [subdivision (1) of this subsection.] Such subparagraph (A)

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of this subdivision.

(2) The two-year period and [such] thirty-day period set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be extended by any period of time during which repair services are not available to the consumer because of a war, invasion, strike or fire, flood or other natural disaster.

(3) No claim shall be made under this section unless at least one attempt to repair a nonconformity has been made by the manufacturer or its agent or an authorized dealer or unless such manufacturer, its agent or an authorized dealer has refused to attempt to repair such nonconformity.

(f) If a motor vehicle has a nonconformity which results in a condition which is likely to cause death or serious bodily injury if the vehicle is driven, it shall be presumed that a reasonable number of attempts have been undertaken to conform such vehicle to the applicable express warranties if the nonconformity has been subject to repair at least twice by the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers within the express warranty term or during the period of one year following the date of the original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever period ends first, but such nonconformity continues to exist. The term of an express warranty and such one-year period shall be extended by any period of time during which repair services are not available to the consumer because of war, invasion, strike or fire, flood or other natural disaster.

(g) (1) No motor vehicle which is returned to any person pursuant to any provision of this chapter or in settlement of any dispute related to any complaint made under the provisions of this chapter and which requires replacement or refund shall be resold, transferred or leased in the state without clear and conspicuous written disclosure of the fact that such motor vehicle was so returned prior to resale or lease. Such disclosure shall be affixed to the motor vehicle and shall be included in

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any contract for sale or lease. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, prescribe the form and content of any such disclosure statement and establish provisions by which the commissioner may remove such written disclosure after such time as the commissioner may determine that such motor vehicle is no longer defective.

(2) For any motor vehicle subject to a complaint made under the provisions of this chapter, if a manufacturer accepts the return of a motor vehicle or compensates any person who accepts the return of a motor vehicle, whether the return is pursuant to an arbitration award or settlement, such manufacturer shall stamp the words "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and conspicuously on the face of the original title in letters at least one-quarter inch high and, not later than thirty days after receipt of the title, shall submit a copy of the stamped title to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall maintain a listing of such buyback vehicles and in the case of any request for a title for a buyback vehicle, shall cause the words "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" to appear clearly and conspicuously on the face of the new title in letters which are at least one-quarter inch high. Any person who applies for a title shall disclose to the department the fact that such vehicle was returned as set forth in this subsection.

(3) If a manufacturer accepts the return of a motor vehicle from a consumer due to a nonconformity or defect, in exchange for a refund or a replacement vehicle, whether as a result of an administrative or judicial determination, an arbitration proceeding or a voluntary settlement, the manufacturer shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall provide the department with all relevant information, including the year, make, model, vehicle identification number and prior title number of the vehicle. Such manufacturer shall stamp the words "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and

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conspicuously on the face of the original title in letters at least one-quarter-inch high, and, not later than thirty days after receipt of the title, shall submit a copy of the stamped title to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 specifying the format and time period in which such information shall be provided and the nature of any additional information which the commissioner may require.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to motor vehicles originally returned in another state from a consumer due to a nonconformity or defect in exchange for a refund or replacement vehicle and which a lessor or transferor with actual knowledge subsequently sells, transfers or leases in this state.

(5) If a manufacturer fails to stamp a title as required by this subsection within thirty days of receipt of the title, the Department of Consumer Protection may impose a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars on the manufacturer. Any such fine shall be deposited into the new automobile warranties account established pursuant to section 42-190. A manufacturer that is aggrieved by a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection may, within ten days of receipt of written notice of such fine from the department, request, in writing, a hearing. The department shall, upon the receipt of all documentation necessary to evaluate the request, determine whether circumstances beyond the manufacturer's control prevented performance, and may conduct a hearing pursuant to chapter 54, if appropriate.

(h) All express and implied warranties arising from the sale of a new motor vehicle shall be subject to the provisions of part 3 of article 2 of title 42a.

(i) Nothing in this section shall in any way limit the rights or remedies which are otherwise available to a consumer under any other law.

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(j) If a manufacturer has established an informal dispute settlement procedure which is certified by the Attorney General as complying in all respects with the provisions of Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations Part 703, as in effect on October 1, 1982, and with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 42-182, the provisions of subsection (d) of this section concerning refunds or replacement shall not apply to any consumer who has not first resorted to such procedure.

(k) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 15. Section 42-162 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

The notice required by section 42-161, as amended by this act, shall contain the following information in plain language and a simple format: (1) An itemized statement of the owner's claim showing the amount due at the time of the notice and the date the amount became due; (2) a description of the personal property subject to the lien sufficient to permit its identification, except that any container including but not limited to a trunk, valise or box that is locked, fastened, sealed, or tied in a manner which hinders immediate access to its contents may be described as such without describing its contents; (3) a notice of denial of access to the personal property by the occupant if such denial is permitted under the terms of the rental agreement, such notice to provide the name, street address and telephone number of the owner whom the occupant may contact; (4) a demand for payment within a conspicuously specified time not less than fourteen days after delivery of the notice; and (5) a conspicuous statement that unless the amount due is paid within the sixty days after default the owner will advertise the personal property for sale or disposition and will sell or otherwise dispose of such personal property, the date, time and place of such sale or disposition to be specified in the notice.

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Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 1-2b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(a) For purposes of sections 1-100oo, 1-206, 2-71r, 4-176, 4-180, 4-183, 4a-52a, 4a-60q, 4a-63, 4a-100, 4e-34, 4e-35, 7-65, 7-148w, 7-247a, 7-473c, 7-478e, 8-3b, 8-3i, 8-7d, 8-26b, 8-169r, 8-293, 9-388, 9-608, 9-623, 10a-22c, 10a-22i, 10a-34a, 10a-109n, 12-35, 12-157, 12-242ii, 12-242jj, 13a-80, 13a-123, 15-11a, 16-41, 16-50c, 16-50d, 17a-103b, 19a-87, 19a-87c, 19a-209c, 19a-332e, 19a-343a, 19a-486a, 19a-486c, 19a-486d, 19a-497, 19a-507b, 20-205a, 20-325a, 21-63, 21-80, 22-7, 22a-6b, 22a-6u, 22a-30, 22a-42d, 22a-42f, 22a-66d, 22a-137, 22a-178, 22a-225, 22a-228, 22a-250, 22a-354p, 22a-354s, 22a-354t, 22a-361, 22a-371, 22a-401, 22a-403, 22a-433, 22a-436, 22a-449f, 22a-449l, 22a-449n, 22a-504, 22a-626, 23-46, 23-65j, 23-65i, 23-65p, 25-32, 25-32e, 25-331, 25-34, 25-204, 25-234, 29-108d, 31-57c, 31-57d, 31-355, 32-613, 33-663, 33-929, 33-1053, 33-1219, 34-521, 35-42, 36a-50, 36a-51, 36a-52, 36a-53, 36a-82, 36a-184, 36a-493, 36b-62, 36b-72, 38-323a, 38a-344, 38a-676, 38a-724, 38a-788, 42-158j, [42-161,] 42-181, 42-182, 42-186, 42-271, 45a-716, 46b-115w, 46b-128, 47-42d, 47-74f, 47-88b, 47-236, 47-284, 47a-11b, 47a-11d, 47a-13a, 47a-14h, 47a-56b, 49-2, 49-4a, 49-8, 49-8a, 49-10b, 49-31b, 49-51, 49-70, 51-90e, 52-57, 52-59b, 52-63, 52-64, 52-195c, 52-350e, 52-351b, 52-361a, 52-362, 52-565a, 52-605, 52-606, 53-401, 53a-128, 53a-128d, 53a-207 and 54-82c and chapter 965, any reference to certified mail, return receipt requested, shall include mail, electronic, and digital methods of receiving the return receipt, including all methods of receiving the return receipt identified by the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service in Chapter 500 of the Domestic Mail Manual or any subsequent corresponding document of the United States Postal Service.

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