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AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Business" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-158ff
4 of the general statutes; and

5 (2) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79 of the
6 general statutes.

7 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no
8 business that offers to sell, lease or otherwise provide any good or
9 service shall:

10 (A) Advertise, display or otherwise offer such good or service to any
11 person at a price that excludes any fee, charge or cost that such person
12 is required to pay in order to purchase, lease or otherwise receive such
13 good or service; or

14 (B) Require any person to pay any fee, charge or cost to purchase,

15 lease or otherwise receive such good or service if such fee, charge or cost
16 (i) is not advertised, displayed or otherwise offered in compliance with
17 the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) is
18 intentionally obscured, unclear or misrepresented by such business.

19 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be
20 construed to:

21 (A) Prohibit a business from omitting any applicable federal, state or
22 local tax, or any mandatory fee imposed by any government,
23 governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality or quasi-
24 governmental instrumentality, from any advertised, displayed or
25 otherwise offered price for a good or service if such tax or fee is
26 disclosed to the person before such person purchases, leases or
27 otherwise receives the good or service;

28 (B) Prohibit a business from imposing any mandatory gratuity, or
29 omitting any mandatory gratuity from any advertised or displayed
30 price for a good or service, if the existence of such mandatory gratuity
31 and the manner in which such mandatory gratuity is calculated are
32 clearly and conspicuously disclosed to the person before the person
33 selects the good or service for purchase, leasing or receipt;

34 (C) Prohibit a business from imposing any fee, charge or cost for a
35 good or service, or omitting the amount of any fee, charge or cost from
36 any advertised or displayed price for a good or service, if (i) the amount
37 of such fee, charge or cost is (I) dependent on the person's selections or
38 cannot feasibly be calculated in full when the price for such good or
39 service is first advertised or displayed, including, but not limited to, any
40 fee, charge or cost imposed for shipping or delivery or that varies
41 according to such person's location or the quantity or number of goods
42 purchased, leased or otherwise received by such person, or (II) charged
43 to the person for the purpose of confirming such person's identity or
44 payment information, in an amount that does not exceed one dollar and
45 is promptly refunded to the person, (ii) the existence of such fee, charge
46 or cost is disclosed when the good or service is advertised or displayed

47 to the person, and (iii) the amount of such fee, charge or cost is disclosed
48 to the person before such person purchases, leases or otherwise receives
49 such good or service;

50 (D) Apply to any transaction that is subject to the provisions of
51 chapter 704 of the general statutes;

52 (E) Apply to any transaction, action or act that qualifies for an
53 exception set forth in section 42-110c of the general statutes;

54 (F) Apply to, or permit, any surcharge prohibited under section 42-
55 133ff of the general statutes; or

56 (G) Apply to any transaction unless such transaction involves (i) a
57 person residing in this state, or (ii) the offer, sale, rental, lease or
58 distribution of any good or service in this state.

59 (c) Any violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section
60 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection
61 (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

62 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) For the purposes of this
63 section:

64 (1) "Connected device" means an Internet-connected device,
65 including, but not limited to, a cellular telephone, computer, home
66 appliance, motor vehicle, tablet, television, toy or video game console,
67 that includes a camera or microphone;

68 (2) "Connected device manufacturer" means a person doing business
69 in this state who manufactures a connected device;

70 (3) "Initial consumer" means an individual who is (A) a resident of
71 this state, and (B) with respect to any connected device, the first
72 individual to lease, purchase or assume ownership of such connected
73 device;

74 (4) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited

75 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

76 (5) "Personally identifying information" has the same meaning as
77 provided in section 42-284 of the general statutes;

78 (6) "Provider" means (A) a connected device manufacturer, and (B)
79 any person who (i) enters into a contract with a connected device
80 manufacturer, and (ii) receives access to (I) any camera or microphone
81 included in a connected device manufactured by the connected device
82 manufacturer, (II) any image or video collected, recorded, stored,
83 analyzed, interpreted or transmitted by way of any camera included in
84 any connected device manufactured by the connected device
85 manufacturer, or (III) any spoken word or other sound collected,
86 recorded, stored, analyzed, interpreted or transmitted by way of any
87 microphone included in any connected device manufactured by the
88 connected device manufacturer; and

89 (7) "Toy" means a product that a manufacturer designs, or intends to
90 be used, for amusement or play.

91 (b) No provider shall allow any person to activate any connected
92 device unless the provider:

93 (1) Prominently displays to the initial consumer or any person whom
94 the initial consumer designates to first install or set up the connected
95 device, at the time that such initial consumer or person first installs or
96 sets up such connected device:

97 (A) A disclaimer in the following form:

98 "This device transmits audio and/or video back to the manufacturer
99 and/or a third party and may be recorded."; and

100 (B) A statement disclosing (i) that such connected device includes a
101 camera or microphone, (ii) that the camera or microphone included in
102 such connected device will be enabled or turned on, (iii) that such
103 connected device might record such initial consumer, (iv) that the

104 connected device manufacturer of such connected device or another
105 provider might retain recordings of such initial consumer, (v) which
106 command or action will activate or enable operation of the camera or
107 microphone included in such connected device, (vi) the categories of
108 images, videos or sounds that (I) the camera or microphone included in
109 such connected device will look for, listen for or record, or (II) might be
110 disclosed to any person other than such initial consumer, (vii) the
111 categories of persons described in subparagraph (B)(vi)(II) of this
112 subdivision, and (viii) that such initial consumer shall not be
113 discriminated against if such initial consumer or person declines to
114 activate a camera or microphone included in the connected device
115 unless (I) such connected device is provided to such initial consumer as
116 a condition of employment, or (II) declining to activate such camera or
117 microphone would render such connected device useless; and

118 (2) Provides to the initial consumer or any person whom the initial
119 consumer designates to first install or set up the connected device, at the
120 time that such initial consumer or person first installs or sets up such
121 connected device, the ability to decline to activate a camera or
122 microphone included in the connected device.

123 (c) Each provider shall implement and maintain reasonable security
124 measures to protect any personally identifying information collected
125 through a camera or microphone included in a connected device from
126 any unauthorized access, acquisition, destruction, disclosure,
127 modification or use thereof.

128 (d) No provider shall use or sell any recording collected through
129 operation of a camera or microphone included in a connected device for
130 the purposes of targeted advertising, as defined in section 42-515 of the
131 general statutes.

132 (e) No person shall compel any provider to build specific features for
133 the purpose of allowing a law enforcement agency or officer to monitor
134 communications through a camera or microphone included in a
135 connected device.

136 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

137 (1) Impose any liability on a provider for any functionality provided
138 by an application that an initial consumer (A) downloads and installs,
139 or (B) chooses to use on a network of remote servers hosted on the
140 Internet to store, manage and process data;

141 (2) Authorize disclosure of any recording retained by a provider to
142 another person, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement agency
143 or officer, unless such disclosure is authorized by other applicable law
144 or pursuant to an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

145 (3) Modify, limit or supersede the operation of any other provision of
146 the general statutes concerning privacy or security.

147 (g) Any violation of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section
148 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection
149 (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

150 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) For the purposes of this
151 section, unless the context otherwise requires:

152 (1) "Antenna" includes, but is not limited to, any resonant device that
153 is designed especially for the purpose of capturing electromagnetic
154 energy transmitted by direct satellite or commercial radio or television
155 broadcasting facilities;

156 (2) "Authorized repair provider" (A) means a person who (i) is
157 unaffiliated with a manufacturer, and (ii) has an arrangement with a
158 manufacturer (I) under which the manufacturer grants to the person a
159 license to use a trade name, service mark or other proprietary identifier
160 to offer diagnostic, maintenance or repair services for electronic or
161 appliance products under the manufacturer's name, or (II) to offer
162 diagnostic, maintenance or repair services for electronic or appliance
163 products on behalf of the manufacturer, and (B) includes a
164 manufacturer, with respect to any of such manufacturer's electronic or
165 appliance products, if the manufacturer (i) offers diagnostic,

166 maintenance or repair services for such product, and (ii) does not have
167 an arrangement with an unaffiliated person to diagnose, maintain or
168 repair such product;

169 (3) "Documentation" means any electronic or appliance product
170 diagram, manual, reporting output, schematic, service code description
171 or similar information that a manufacturer provides to an authorized
172 repair provider or, if the manufacturer does not have an authorized
173 repair provider, the manufacturer uses for the purpose of diagnosing,
174 maintaining or repairing an electronic or appliance product;

175 (4) "Electronic or appliance product" or "product" (A) means any
176 antenna, electronic set, major home appliance or rotator (i) that is
177 manufactured for the first time, and first sold or used in this state, on or
178 after July 1, 2026, and (ii) for which the manufacturer makes
179 documentation, parts and tools available to an authorized repair
180 provider, (B) includes, but is not limited to, any item set forth in
181 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision that is sold through any method
182 other than a direct retail sale, and (C) does not include any (i) alarm
183 system, as defined in section 29-6c of the general statutes, (ii) motor
184 vehicle, as defined in section 13b-387 of the general statutes, or any
185 component used to maintain, manufacture or repair any motor vehicle,
186 or (iii) video game console;

187 (5) "Electronic set" includes, but is not limited to, any audio or video
188 recorder or playback equipment, computer system, facsimile machine,
189 photocopier, radio, television, video camera or video monitor that is
190 normally used or sold for personal, family, household or home office
191 use;

192 (6) "Fair and reasonable terms" means terms that satisfy the
193 requirements established in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this
194 section;

195 (7) "Manufacturer" means the person who manufactures an electronic
196 or appliance product;

197 (8) "Major home appliance" includes, but is not limited to, any
198 dishwasher, dryer, freezer, microwave oven, range, refrigerator, room
199 air conditioner, trash compactor or washer that is normally used or sold
200 for personal, family, household or home office use;

201 (9) "Part" means any replacement component or assembly of
202 components, either new or used, which the manufacturer of an
203 electronic or appliance product makes available to an authorized repair
204 provider to facilitate the maintenance or repair of such product;

205 (10) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited
206 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

207 (11) "Rotator" includes, but is not limited to, an electromechanical
208 device, used in connection with an antenna installation or repair, that is
209 operated from a remote location to rotate an antenna on a horizontal
210 plane;

211 (12) "Service dealer" means any person who (A) is not an authorized
212 repair provider or manufacturer, and (B) for compensation, engages in
213 the business of, or holds such person out to the public as engaging in
214 the business of, installing, maintaining, repairing or servicing any
215 electronic or appliance product;

216 (13) "Tool" (A) means any hardware implement, software program or
217 other apparatus that the manufacturer of an electronic or appliance
218 product makes available to an authorized repair provider for the
219 diagnosis, maintenance or repair of such product, and (B) includes, but
220 is not limited to, (i) any software or other mechanism that provisions,
221 programs, pairs a part, provides or calibrates functionality or performs
222 any other function necessary to repair an electronic or appliance
223 product, or a part thereof, and return such product or part to its fully
224 functional condition, and (ii) any update to any software or mechanism
225 described in subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision;

226 (14) "Trade secret" has the same meaning as provided in section 35-

227 51 of the general statutes; and

228 (15) "Video game console" (A) means any computing device,
229 including, but not limited to, any console machine, handheld console
230 device or similar device or system, that is primarily used by consumers
231 to play video games, (B) includes, but is not limited to, the components
232 and peripherals of any computing device described in subparagraph (A)
233 of this subdivision, and (C) does not include any (i) general or all-
234 purpose computing device, (ii) desktop, laptop or tablet computer, or
235 (iii) hand-held mobile telephone, as defined in section 14-296aa of the
236 general statutes.

237 (b) (1) The manufacturer of an electronic or appliance product shall
238 make available, on fair and reasonable terms, to the owners of such
239 product, service and repair facilities and service dealers documentation
240 and functional parts and tools, inclusive of any updates thereto, that are
241 sufficient to affect the diagnosis, maintenance or repair of such product:

242 (A) For at least three years after the last date on which such
243 manufacturer manufactured an electronic or appliance product of the
244 same model or type if such product has a wholesale price to a retailer,
245 or to any other person in any sale other than a direct retail sale, of at
246 least fifty dollars but less than one hundred dollars, which wholesale
247 price shall not exceed the manufacturer's suggested retail price for such
248 electronic or appliance product; or

249 (B) For at least five years after the last date on which such
250 manufacturer manufactured an electronic or appliance product of the
251 same model or type if such product has a wholesale price to a retailer,
252 or to any person in any sale other than a direct retail sale, of at least one
253 hundred dollars, which wholesale price shall not exceed the
254 manufacturer's suggested retail price for such electronic or appliance
255 product.

256 (2) The time periods set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
257 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply regardless of whether such

258 time periods exceed the term of any warranty period for the electronic
259 or appliance product.

260 (3) (A) For the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection and
261 except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the
262 manufacturer of an electronic or appliance product shall be deemed to
263 have made documentation, functional parts and tools available on fair
264 and reasonable terms if:

265 (i) Such manufacturer makes such documentation, parts and tools
266 available at costs and on terms that are equivalent to the most favorable
267 costs and terms under which such manufacturer offers such
268 documentation, parts and tools to authorized repair providers,
269 accounting for any discount, rebate, convenient and timely means of
270 delivery, means of enabling fully restored and updated functionality,
271 rights of use or other incentive or preference such manufacturer offers
272 to authorized repair providers;

273 (ii) For documentation, such manufacturer makes such
274 documentation, including any relevant updates thereto, available at no
275 charge, except such manufacturer may impose a charge for the
276 reasonable actual costs incurred by such manufacturer in preparing and
277 sending a physical printed version of such documentation to an owner,
278 service and repair facility or service dealer if the owner, service and
279 repair facility or service dealer requests a physical printed version of
280 such documentation; and

281 (iii) For tools, such manufacturer makes such tools available at no
282 charge and without imposing any impediment to access or use such
283 tools to diagnose, maintain or repair and enable full functionality of
284 such product, or in a manner that does not impair the efficient and cost-
285 effective performance of any such diagnosis, maintenance or repair,
286 except such manufacturer may impose a charge for the reasonable
287 actual costs incurred by such manufacturer in preparing and sending
288 such tools to an owner, service and repair facility or service dealer in
289 physical form if the owner, service and repair facility or service dealer

290 requests such tools in physical form.

291 (B) If a manufacturer does not use an authorized repair provider, the
292 manufacturer of an electronic or appliance product shall be deemed to
293 have made documentation, functional parts and tools available on fair
294 and reasonable terms if such manufacturer makes such documentation,
295 parts and tools available at a price that reflects the actual costs incurred
296 by such manufacturer in preparing and delivering such documentation,
297 parts and tools, excluding any research and development costs.

298 (c) If a service dealer or service and repair facility is not an authorized
299 repair provider for an electronic or appliance product, the service dealer
300 or service and repair facility shall, before repairing any such product,
301 provide to the customer who requests such repair a written notice
302 disclosing:

303 (1) That such service dealer or service and repair facility is not an
304 authorized repair provider for such product; and

305 (2) Whether such service dealer or service and repair facility uses any
306 (A) used replacement parts, or (B) replacement parts provided by a
307 supplier other than the manufacturer of such product.

308 (d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no
309 manufacturer or authorized repair provider shall be liable for any
310 damage or injury caused to any electronic or appliance product, person
311 or property that occurs as a result of any diagnosis, maintenance,
312 modification or repair performed by an owner or a service dealer,
313 including, but not limited to:

314 (A) Any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages;

315 (B) Any loss of data, privacy or profits; or

316 (C) Any inability to use, or reduced functionality of, such product.

317 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply

318 to any design defect or manufacturing flaw that existed prior to, or
319 independent of, any diagnosis, maintenance, modification or repair
320 described in said subdivision.

321 (e) No provision of this section shall be construed to:

322 (1) Require the manufacturer of an electronic or appliance product to
323 (A) disclose any trade secret, or license any intellectual property,
324 including, but not limited to, any copyright or patent, unless such
325 disclosure or license is necessary for such manufacturer to comply with
326 the provisions of this section, (B) make available any special
327 documentation, tools or parts that would disable or override antitheft
328 security measures set by the owner of any such product without such
329 owner's authorization, or (C) sell any part if such manufacturer no
330 longer (i) provides such part, or (ii) makes such part available to
331 authorized repair providers;

332 (2) Require any manufacturer of an electronic or appliance product
333 that is an authorized repair provider within the meaning of
334 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section to
335 make available any documentation or tools that (A) such manufacturer
336 exclusively uses to perform, at no cost to customers, remote diagnostic
337 services, including, but not limited to, remote diagnostic services
338 performed by way of the Internet, electronic mail or any chat function
339 or telephonic means, that do not require such manufacturer to
340 physically handle a customer's electronic or appliance product, unless
341 such manufacturer also makes such documentation or tools available to
342 any person who is unaffiliated with such manufacturer, or (B) are
343 exclusively used by machines that simultaneously repair several
344 electronic or appliance products, provided such manufacturer makes
345 available to the owners of such product, service and repair facilities and
346 service dealers sufficient alternative documentation and tools to
347 diagnose, maintain or repair such product;

348 (3) Require distribution of the source code for an electronic or
349 appliance product; or

350 (4) Apply to (A) the manufacturer of an electronic or appliance
351 product if such manufacturer provides to a customer, at no charge to the
352 customer, a replacement electronic or appliance product that is readily
353 available and equivalent to, or better than, the replaced electronic or
354 appliance product, (B) any dealer, distributor, importer or manufacturer
355 of any equipment designed and manufactured exclusively for off-road
356 or nonroad use, including, but not limited to, any (i) all-terrain sports
357 vehicle, (ii) construction or compact construction equipment, (iii)
358 electric vehicle charging infrastructure equipment, (iv) farm or utility
359 tractor, (v) farm implement, (vi) farm machinery, (vii) forestry
360 equipment, (viii) fuel cell, (ix) garden, turf or yard equipment, (x)
361 generator set, (xi) industrial equipment, (xii) integrated, stand-alone,
362 mobile or stationary internal combustion engine, (xiii) marine vehicle,
363 (xiv) mining equipment, (xv) outdoor power equipment, (xvi) portable
364 generator, (xvii) power tool, (xviii) racing vehicle, (xix) recreational
365 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, (xx) road
366 building equipment, or (xxi) utility equipment, or (C) any accessory,
367 attachment, component, repair part, technology or tool for any
368 equipment described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

369 (f) A violation of this section shall be deemed an unfair trade practice
370 under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall
371 be enforced solely by the Attorney General. The provisions of section
372 42-110g of the general statutes shall not apply to any such violation.

373 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions
374 of any municipal charter, special act or home rule ordinance, not later
375 than July 1, 2027, each municipality shall (1) register a ".gov" Internet
376 top-level domain for such municipality with the Cybersecurity and
377 Infrastructure Security Agency within the United States Department of
378 Homeland Security, and (2) redirect any existing Internet web site
379 addresses maintained by such municipality to such domain or
380 discontinue the use of such addresses. On and after July 1, 2027, each
381 municipality shall maintain an Internet web site with a ".gov" Internet
382 top-level domain. For the purposes of this section, "municipality" has

383 the same meaning as provided in section 7-479a of the general statutes.

384 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

385 (1) "Eligible food" (A) means any food or food product intended for
386 human consumption, and (B) does not include any alcoholic beverage,
387 any tobacco or any hot food or hot food product prepared for immediate
388 consumption;

389 (2) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79 of the
390 general statutes; and

391 (3) "Supplier" (A) means any person who manufactures, packages,
392 distributes, supplies or sells at wholesale an eligible food, and (B) does
393 not include any person who sells an eligible food at retail.

394 (b) No supplier shall downsize, or reduce the quantity, amount,
395 weight or size of, an eligible food, unless such supplier:

396 (1) Reduces the price charged for such eligible food by an amount that
397 is commensurate with such downsizing or reduction; or

398 (2) Clearly and conspicuously discloses that such supplier has made
399 such downsizing or reduction during the twelve-month period
400 beginning on the date on which (A) the downsized eligible food is first
401 sold, or (B) the eligible food is first sold in such reduced quantity,
402 amount, weight or size.

403 (c) (1) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed
404 an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
405 110b of the general statutes. The Attorney General shall have (A)
406 exclusive authority to enforce the provisions of this section on behalf of
407 the state, and (B) for the purposes of this section, the authority to (i)
408 order an investigation or examination pursuant to section 42-110d of the
409 general statutes, and (ii) take such other enforcement action under
410 sections 42-110e to 42-110q, inclusive, of the general statutes as the
411 Attorney General deems necessary.

412 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be
413 construed to prohibit any person from exercising any other right, or
414 pursuing any other remedy, that may be available to such person at law
415 or in equity.

416 Sec. 6. Section 42-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the
417 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

418 (a) As used in this section:

419 (1) "Abnormal economic disruption" means a significant disruption
420 in the production, supply, distribution, sale or availability of a consumer
421 necessity that (A) is caused by a natural or man-made disaster or
422 emergency, regardless of the location of such disaster or emergency, and
423 (B) causes the price charged to lease, rent or sell a consumer necessity to
424 increase at a rate that exceeds four per cent above any increase in the
425 consumer price index for the twelve-month period preceding such
426 significant disruption;

427 (2) "Consumer necessity" (A) means an item purchased by any person
428 for the purpose of ensuring the public health or safety of one or more
429 residents of this state, (B) includes, but is not limited to, any baby
430 formula or other food, diaper, fuel, medical device, nonutility generator
431 or prescription drug or other drug, and (C) does not include any item
432 that is subject to a continuous maximum price requirement established
433 in any applicable federal or state law or regulation;

434 (3) "Consumer price index" means the consumer price index, annual
435 average, for all urban consumers: United States city average, all items,
436 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
437 Statistics, or its successor, or, if the index is discontinued, an equivalent
438 index published by a federal authority, or, if no such index is published,
439 a comparable index published by the United States Department of
440 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;

441 (4) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79;

442 (5) "Precipitating event" means (A) a civil preparedness emergency
443 declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, (B) a
444 transportation emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant
445 to section 3-6b, (C) an abnormal economic disruption notice issued by
446 the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (D) a
447 major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President of the
448 United States; and

449 (6) "Unconscionably excessive price" means an increased price at
450 which a person leases, rents or sells an item to another person during a
451 precipitating event if (A) the increased price is grossly disproportionate
452 to the price at which the person leased, rented or sold such item
453 immediately before (i) the precipitating event, or (ii) the precipitating
454 event was reasonably anticipated, and (B) the increased price is not
455 attributable to additional costs incurred by the person in leasing, renting
456 or selling the item during the precipitating event.

457 (b) (1) The Attorney General may issue an abnormal economic
458 disruption notice if the Attorney General determines that an abnormal
459 economic disruption exists. The Attorney General shall make such
460 determination (A) following a reasonable investigation and consultation
461 with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and the Commissioner
462 of Economic and Community Development, and (B) with due
463 consideration for whether issuing such notice will disrupt the supply of
464 consumer necessities.

465 (2) An abnormal economic disruption notice issued by the Attorney
466 General pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall:

467 (A) Specify (i) the date on which the Attorney General issued such
468 notice, (ii) the anticipated end date of the period for which the Attorney
469 General issued such notice, (iii) the conditions that have caused, or are
470 substantially likely to have caused, such abnormal economic disruption,
471 (iv) the consumer necessity, consumer necessities or categories of
472 consumer necessities effected by such abnormal economic disruption
473 and therefore subject to the provisions of this section, and (v) the levels

474 of trade or commerce effected by such abnormal economic disruption
475 and therefore subject to the provisions of this section, which levels may
476 include, but need not be limited to, production, supply, distribution,
477 sale or availability;

478 (B) Be posted on the home page of the Attorney General's Internet
479 web site; and

480 (C) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, expire
481 sixty days after the Attorney General issued such notice or on an earlier
482 date specified by the Attorney General, whichever occurs first.

483 (3) The Attorney General may, at any time, modify an abnormal
484 economic disruption notice issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
485 subsection, and extend the term of such notice for additional sixty-day
486 periods, provided the Attorney General issues a notice that:

487 (A) Specifies (i) the information required under subparagraph (A) of
488 subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (ii) the grounds for such
489 modification or extension; and

490 (B) Is posted in the manner required under subparagraph (B) of
491 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

492 (c) No person [, firm or corporation] shall [increase the price of] lease,
493 rent or sell, or offer to lease, rent or sell, any item [which such person,
494 firm or corporation sells or offers for sale at retail] in the chain of
495 distribution at an unconscionably excessive price at any location in an
496 area which is the subject of any [disaster emergency declaration issued
497 by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, any transportation emergency
498 declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to section 3-6b or any
499 major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President of the
500 United States, until the period of emergency or disaster is declared by]
501 precipitating event until the Governor, the Attorney General or the
502 President, as applicable, declares such precipitating event to be at an
503 end. [Nothing in this section shall prohibit the fluctuation in the price of

504 items sold at retail which occurs during the normal course of business.
505 Any person, firm or corporation which violates any provision of this
506 section shall be fined not more than ninety-nine dollars.]

507 (d) (1) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed
508 an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
509 110b. The Attorney General shall have (A) exclusive authority to enforce
510 the provisions of this section on behalf of the state, and (B) for the
511 purposes of this section, the authority to (i) order an investigation or
512 examination pursuant to section 42-110d, or (ii) take such other
513 enforcement action under sections 42-110e to 42-110q, inclusive, as the
514 Attorney General deems necessary.

515 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be
516 construed to prohibit any person from exercising any other right, or
517 pursuing any other remedy, that may be available to such person at law
518 or in equity.

519 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
520 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
521 *2025*):

522 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
523 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
524 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
525 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,
526 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-
527 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of
528 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-
529 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
530 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-
531 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-
532 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection
533 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section
534 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-
535 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,

536 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,
537 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
538 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
539 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
540 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
541 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
542 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
543 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
544 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-
545 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b
546 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-
547 224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-
548 267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of
549 section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277,
550 section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-
551 283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa,
552 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326,
553 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section
554 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of
555 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,
556 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of
557 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,
558 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of
559 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-
560 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,
561 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,
562 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,
563 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-
564 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or
565 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,
566 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or
567 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,
568 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section
569 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,

570 section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,
571 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section
572 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
573 section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section
574 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section
575 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34,
576 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l,
577 subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of
578 section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m,
579 section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o,
580 subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section
581 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-
582 326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection
583 (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection
584 (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366,
585 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a)
586 of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
587 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
588 section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b,
589 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section
590 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-
591 18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-
592 56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61,
593 section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89,
594 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117,
595 subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138,
596 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215,
597 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-
598 230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-
599 285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13,
600 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),
601 (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision
602 (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of
603 section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-

604 335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section
605 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11,
606 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36,
607 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-
608 52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section
609 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of
610 section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412,
611 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57,
612 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-
613 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq,
614 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764,
615 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, [42-230,] 42-470 or 42-480,
616 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634
617 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-
618 81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection
619 (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21,
620 section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-
621 362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-
622 290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331,
623 subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of
624 section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422
625 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2) a violation under the
626 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in
627 accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or
628 (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or
629 borough, except violations of building codes and the health code, for
630 which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two
631 hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established
632 a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section
633 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	42-230
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	51-164n(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require fee disclosures for consumer goods and services, (2) impose various requirements concerning connected devices, (3) impose various requirements concerning repairs of electronic or appliance products, (4) require each municipality to establish and maintain a ".gov" Internet top-level domain, (5) provide that no supplier shall downsize, or reduce the quantity, amount, weight or size of, any eligible food unless such supplier (A) reduces the price charged for such eligible food by a commensurate amount, or (B) discloses that such supplier has made such downsizing or reduction, (6) authorize the Attorney General to declare and respond to abnormal economic disruptions, (7) prohibit persons from charging unconscionably excessive prices following precipitating events, and (8) modify the procedures applicable to persons who fail to adhere to provisions concerning precipitating events.

[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.]

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