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Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) No health club contract shall have a term for a period longer than
4 twenty-four months. If a health club offers a contract of more than
5 twelve months' term, it shall offer a twelve-month contract. If a health
6 club sells a membership contract of more than twelve months' term, the
7 health club shall not collect payment, in cash or its equivalent of more
8 than fifty per cent of the entire consideration for the contract in advance
9 of rendering services. The remainder of the cost of the contract shall be
10 collected by the health club on a pro rata monthly basis during the term
11 of the health club contract. Each contract shall have the prices for all
12 contracts printed thereon.

13 (b) Written notice that a contract will automatically renew shall be
14 provided by the health club to the consumer at the time of entering into
15 the contract. No contract shall contain an automatic renewal clause

16 except for a renewal for a period not to exceed one month. If such
17 contract contains such a one-month automatic renewal clause, such
18 renewal shall become effective only upon payment of the renewal price
19 and such contract shall permit the buyer to cancel any further renewal
20 upon no more than one month's notice, except that for any such contract
21 where the term of the contract is forty-five days or longer, written notice
22 that the contract is soon subject to auto-renewal shall be provided by the
23 health club to the consumer not sooner than sixty days prior to the
24 expiration of term of the contract and not later than forty-five days prior
25 to the expiration of the term of the contract. The price of any such
26 renewal shall not increase or decrease unless the contract: (1) Discloses
27 the amount of such increase or decrease or the method of calculating
28 such increase or decrease in the price of such renewal, or (2) such
29 information is otherwise provided to the buyer, in writing, no less than
30 one month prior to such renewal, except that for any such contract
31 where the term of the contract is forty-five days or longer, such
32 information shall be provided by the health club to the consumer not
33 sooner than sixty days prior to the expiration of term of the contract and
34 not later than forty-five days prior to the expiration of the term of the
35 contract. Any renewal option for continued membership must be
36 accepted by the buyer in writing, by electronic mail or facsimile and
37 shall become effective only upon payment of the renewal price.

38 (c) Each health club shall post the prices and the three-day
39 cancellation provisions, the disability provisions and the twenty-five
40 mile moving provisions of all contracts in a conspicuous place where the
41 contract is entered into.

42 Sec. 2. Section 42-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

44 (a) As used in this chapter: (1) "Consumer" means the purchaser,
45 other than for purposes of resale, of a motor vehicle, a lessee of a motor
46 vehicle, any person to whom such motor vehicle is transferred during
47 the duration of an express warranty applicable to such motor vehicle,
48 and any person entitled by the terms of such warranty to enforce the

49 obligations of the warranty; and (2) "motor vehicle" means a passenger
50 motor vehicle, a passenger and commercial motor vehicle or a
51 motorcycle, as defined in section 14-1, which is sold or leased in this
52 state.

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

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

72 (d) If the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers are unable
73 to conform the motor vehicle to any applicable express warranty by
74 repairing or correcting any defect or condition which substantially
75 impairs the use, safety or value of the motor vehicle to the consumer
76 after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer shall replace
77 the motor vehicle with a new motor vehicle acceptable to the consumer,
78 or accept return of the vehicle from the consumer and refund to the
79 consumer, lessor and lienholder, if any, as their interests may appear,
80 the following: (1) The full contract price, including but not limited to,
81 charges for undercoating, dealer preparation and transportation and

82 installed options, (2) all collateral charges, including but not limited to,
83 sales tax, license and registration fees, and similar government charges,
84 (3) all finance charges incurred by the consumer after he first reports the
85 nonconformity to the manufacturer, agent or dealer and during any
86 subsequent period when the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair,
87 and (4) all incidental damages, [as defined in section 42a-2-715,] less a
88 reasonable allowance for the consumer's use of the vehicle, if applicable.
89 Incidental damages include, but are not limited to, compensation for
90 any commercially reasonable charges or expenses with respect to: (A)
91 Inspection, receipt, transportation, care or custody of the motor vehicle,
92 (B) covering, returning or disposition of the motor vehicle, (C)
93 reasonable efforts to minimize or avoid the consequences of financial
94 default related to the motor vehicle, and (D) effectuating other remedies
95 after a defect or condition that substantially impaired the motor vehicle
96 has been reported to a dealership or manufacturer. No authorized
97 dealer shall be held liable by the manufacturer for any refunds or vehicle
98 replacements in the absence of evidence indicating that dealership
99 repairs have been carried out in a manner inconsistent with the
100 manufacturers' instructions. Refunds or replacements shall be made to
101 the consumer, lessor and lienholder if any, as their interests may appear.
102 A reasonable allowance for use shall be that amount obtained by
103 multiplying the total contract price of the vehicle by a fraction having as
104 its denominator one hundred twenty thousand and having as its
105 numerator the number of miles that the vehicle traveled prior to the
106 manufacturer's acceptance of its return. It shall be an affirmative defense
107 to any claim under this section (1) that an alleged nonconformity does
108 not substantially impair such use, safety or value or (2) that a
109 nonconformity is the result of abuse, neglect or unauthorized
110 modifications or alterations of a motor vehicle by a consumer.

111 (e) It shall be presumed that a reasonable number of attempts have
112 been undertaken to conform a motor vehicle to the applicable express
113 warranties, if (1) the same nonconformity has been subject to repair four
114 or more times by the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers
115 during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of

116 the motor vehicle to a consumer or during the period of the first twenty-
117 four thousand miles of operation, whichever period ends first, but such
118 nonconformity continues to exist or (2) the vehicle is out of service by
119 reason of repair for a cumulative total of thirty or more calendar days
120 during the applicable period, determined pursuant to subdivision (1) of
121 this subsection. Such two-year period and such thirty-day period shall
122 be extended by any period of time during which repair services are not
123 available to the consumer because of a war, invasion, strike or fire, flood
124 or other natural disaster. No claim shall be made under this section
125 unless at least one attempt to repair a nonconformity has been made by
126 the manufacturer or its agent or an authorized dealer or unless such
127 manufacturer, its agent or an authorized dealer has refused to attempt
128 to repair such nonconformity.

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

142 (g) (1) No motor vehicle which is returned to any person pursuant to
143 any provision of this chapter or in settlement of any dispute related to
144 any complaint made under the provisions of this chapter and which
145 requires replacement or refund shall be resold, transferred or leased in
146 the state without clear and conspicuous written disclosure of the fact
147 that such motor vehicle was so returned prior to resale or lease. Such
148 disclosure shall be affixed to the motor vehicle and shall be included in
149 any contract for sale or lease. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall,

150 by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
151 prescribe the form and content of any such disclosure statement and
152 establish provisions by which the commissioner may remove such
153 written disclosure after such time as the commissioner may determine
154 that such motor vehicle is no longer defective. (2) [If] For any motor
155 vehicle subject to a complaint made under the provisions of this chapter,
156 if a manufacturer accepts the return of a motor vehicle or compensates
157 any person who accepts the return of a motor vehicle, [pursuant to
158 subdivision (1) of this subsection] whether the return is pursuant to an
159 arbitration award or settlement, such manufacturer shall stamp the
160 words ["MANUFACTURER BUYBACK"] "MANUFACTURER
161 BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and conspicuously on the face of the
162 original title in letters at least one-quarter inch high and, within ten days
163 of receipt of the title, shall submit a copy of the stamped title to the
164 Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall
165 maintain a listing of such buyback vehicles and in the case of any request
166 for a title for a buyback vehicle, shall cause the words
167 ["MANUFACTURER BUYBACK"] "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-
168 LEMON" to appear clearly and conspicuously on the face of the new
169 title in letters which are at least one-quarter inch high. Any person who
170 applies for a title shall disclose to the department the fact that such
171 vehicle was returned as set forth in this subsection. (3) If a manufacturer
172 accepts the return of a motor vehicle from a consumer due to a
173 nonconformity or defect, in exchange for a refund or a replacement
174 vehicle, whether as a result of an administrative or judicial
175 determination, an arbitration proceeding or a voluntary settlement, the
176 manufacturer shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall
177 provide the department with all relevant information, including the
178 year, make, model, vehicle identification number and prior title number
179 of the vehicle. Such manufacturer shall stamp the words
180 "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and conspicuously
181 on the face of the original title in letters at least one-quarter-inch high,
182 and, within ten days of receipt of the title, shall submit a copy of the
183 stamped title to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner
184 of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54

185 specifying the format and time period in which such information shall
186 be provided and the nature of any additional information which the
187 commissioner may require. (4) The provisions of this subsection shall
188 apply to motor vehicles originally returned in another state from a
189 consumer due to a nonconformity or defect in exchange for a refund or
190 replacement vehicle and which a lessor or transferor with actual
191 knowledge subsequently sells, transfers or leases in this state. If a
192 manufacturer fails to brand a title pursuant to this subsection within ten
193 days of assuming possession of the motor vehicle or compensating any
194 person who accepts the return, the Department of Consumer Protection
195 may impose on the manufacturer a fine not to exceed ten thousand
196 dollars. Any such fine collected shall be deposited into the new
197 automobile warranties account established pursuant to section 42-190,
198 as amended by this act.

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

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

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

211 Sec. 3. Section 42-181 of the general statutes is repealed and the
212 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

213 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection, shall provide an
214 independent arbitration procedure for the settlement of disputes
215 between consumers and manufacturers of motor vehicles which do not
216 conform to all applicable warranties under the terms of section 42-179,

217 as amended by this act. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall
218 appoint as arbitrators individuals who shall not be employees or
219 independent contractors with any business involved in the
220 manufacture, distribution, sale or service of any motor vehicle. The
221 arbitrator shall be a member of an arbitration organization and shall
222 serve with compensation. The Department of Consumer Protection may
223 refer an arbitration dispute to the American Arbitration Association or
224 other arbitration organization in accordance with regulations adopted
225 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, provided such
226 organization and any arbitrators appointed by such organization to hear
227 cases shall not be affiliated with any motor vehicle manufacturer,
228 distributor, dealer or repairer. Such arbitration organizations shall
229 comply with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

230 (b) If any motor vehicle purchased at any time on or after October 1,
231 1984, or leased at any time on or after June 17, 1987, fails to conform to
232 such applicable warranties as defined in said section 42-179, as amended
233 by this act, a consumer may bring a grievance to an arbitrator if the
234 manufacturer of the vehicle has not established an informal dispute
235 settlement procedure which the Attorney General has certified as
236 complying in all respects with the requirements of said section 42-179,
237 as amended by this act. The consumer may initiate a request for
238 arbitration by calling a toll-free telephone number designated by the
239 commissioner or by requesting an arbitration hearing in writing. The
240 consumer shall file, on forms prescribed by the commissioner, any
241 information deemed relevant to the resolution of the dispute and shall
242 return the form accompanied by a filing fee of fifty dollars. Prior to
243 submitting the complaint to an arbitrator, the Department of Consumer
244 Protection shall conduct an initial review of the complaint. The
245 department shall determine whether the complaint should be accepted
246 or rejected for arbitration based on whether it alleges that the
247 manufacturer has failed to comply with section 42-179, as amended by
248 this act. The filing fee shall be refunded if the department determines
249 that a complaint does not allege a violation of any applicable warranty
250 under the requirements of said section 42-179, as amended by this act.

251 Upon acceptance of the complaint, the commissioner shall notify the
252 manufacturer of the filing of a request for arbitration and shall obtain
253 from the manufacturer, in writing on a form prescribed by the
254 commissioner, any information deemed relevant to the resolution of the
255 dispute. The manufacturer shall return the form within fifteen days of
256 receipt, together with a filing fee of two hundred fifty dollars. Upon
257 written agreement of the parties, signed after the consumer has initiated
258 a request for arbitration, the case may be presented to the arbitrator
259 solely based on the written documents submitted by such parties. A
260 lessee who brings a grievance to an arbitrator under this section shall,
261 upon filing the complaint form provided for in this section, provide the
262 lessor with notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt
263 requested, and the lessor may petition the arbitrator to be made a party
264 to the arbitration proceedings. Initial determinations to reject a
265 complaint for arbitration shall be submitted to an arbitrator for a final
266 decision upon receipt of a written request from the consumer for a
267 review of the initial eligibility determination and a filing fee of fifty
268 dollars. If a complaint is accepted for arbitration, an arbitrator may
269 determine that a complaint does not allege that the manufacturer has
270 failed to comply with section 42-179, as amended by this act at any time
271 before such arbitrator renders its decision on the merits of the dispute.
272 The fee accompanying the consumer's complaint form shall be refunded
273 to the consumer and the fee accompanying the form filed by the
274 manufacturer shall be refunded to the manufacturer if the arbitrator
275 determines that a complaint does not allege a violation of the provisions
276 of section 42-179, as amended by this act.

277 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection shall investigate, gather
278 and organize all information necessary for a fair and timely decision in
279 each dispute. The commissioner may issue subpoenas on behalf of any
280 arbitrator to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
281 documents, papers and records relevant to the dispute. The department
282 shall forward a copy of all written testimony, including all documentary
283 evidence, to an independent technical expert certified by the National
284 Institute of Automotive Service Excellence or having a degree or other

285 credentials from a nationally recognized organization or institution
286 attesting to automotive expertise, who shall review such material and
287 be available to advise and consult with the arbitrator. An arbitrator
288 shall, as expeditiously as possible, but not later than sixty days after the
289 time the consumer files the complaint form together with the filing fee,
290 render a fair decision based on the information gathered and disclose
291 his or her findings and the reasons therefor to the parties involved. The
292 failure of the arbitrator to render a decision within sixty days shall not
293 void any subsequent decision or otherwise limit the powers of the
294 arbitrator. The arbitrator shall base his or her determination of liability
295 solely on whether the manufacturer has failed to comply with section
296 42-179, as amended by this act. The arbitration decision shall be final
297 and binding as to the rights of the parties pursuant to section 42-179, as
298 amended by this act, subject only to judicial review as set forth in this
299 subsection. The decision shall provide appropriate remedies, including,
300 but not limited to, one or more of the following:

301 (1) Replacement of the vehicle with an identical or comparable new
302 vehicle acceptable to the consumer;

303 (2) Refund of the full contract price, plus collateral charges as
304 specified in subsection (d) of section 42-179, as amended by this act;

305 (3) Reimbursement for expenses and compensation for incidental
306 damages as specified in subsection (d) of section 42-179, as amended by
307 this act;

308 (4) Any other remedies available under the applicable warranties,
309 section 42-179, as amended by this act, this section and sections 42-182
310 to 42-184, inclusive, or the Magnuson-Moss Warranty-Federal Trade
311 Commission Improvement Act, 88 Stat. 2183 (1975), 15 USC 2301 et seq.,
312 as in effect on October 1, 1982, other than repair of the vehicle. The
313 decision shall specify a date for performance and completion of all
314 awarded remedies. Notwithstanding any provision of the general
315 statutes or any regulation to the contrary, the Department of Consumer
316 Protection shall not amend, reverse, rescind or revoke any decision or

317 action of an arbitrator. The department shall contact the consumer,
318 within ten business days after the date for performance, to determine
319 whether performance has occurred. The manufacturer shall act in good
320 faith in abiding by any arbitration decision. In addition, either party to
321 the arbitration may make application to the superior court for the
322 judicial district in which one of the parties resides or, when the court is
323 not in session, any judge thereof for an order confirming, vacating,
324 modifying or correcting any award, in accordance with the provisions
325 of this section and sections 52-417, 52-418, 52-419 and 52-420. Upon filing
326 such application the moving party shall mail a copy of the application
327 to the Attorney General and, upon entry of any judgment or decree,
328 shall mail a copy of such judgment or decree to the Attorney General. A
329 review of such application shall be confined to the record of the
330 proceedings before the arbitrator. The court shall conduct a de novo
331 review of the questions of law raised in the application. In addition to
332 the grounds set forth in sections 52-418 and 52-419, the court shall
333 consider questions of fact raised in the application. In reviewing
334 questions of fact, the court shall uphold the award unless it determines
335 that the factual findings of the arbitrator are not supported by
336 substantial evidence in the record and that the substantial rights of the
337 moving party have been prejudiced. If the arbitrator fails to state
338 findings or reasons for the award, or the stated findings or reasons are
339 inadequate, the court shall search the record to determine whether a
340 basis exists to uphold the award. If it is determined by the court that the
341 manufacturer has acted without good cause in bringing an appeal of an
342 award, the court, in its discretion, may grant to the consumer his costs
343 and reasonable attorney's fees. If the manufacturer fails to perform all
344 awarded remedies by the date for performance specified by the
345 arbitrator, and the enforcement of the award has not been stayed
346 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 52-420, then each additional day the
347 manufacturer wilfully fails to comply shall be deemed a separate
348 violation for purposes of section 42-184. If the manufacturer fails to
349 perform regarding all awarded remedies by the date of performance
350 specified by the arbitrator, and enforcement of the award has not been
351 stayed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 52-240, the department may

352 impose a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars per day until the
353 manufacturer fully performs as specified by the award. Any such fines
354 collected shall be deposited into the new automobile warranties account
355 established pursuant to section 42-190, as amended by this act.

356 (d) The department shall maintain such records of each dispute as the
357 commissioner may require, including an index of disputes by brand
358 name and model. The department shall annually compile and maintain
359 statistics indicating the record of manufacturer compliance with
360 arbitration decisions and the number of refunds or replacements
361 awarded. A copy of the statistical summary shall be filed with the
362 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall be considered a factor in
363 determining the issuance of any manufacturer license as required under
364 section 14-67a. The summary shall be a public record.

365 (e) If a manufacturer has not established an informal dispute
366 settlement procedure certified by the Attorney General as complying
367 with the requirements of said section 42-179, as amended by this act,
368 public notice of the availability of the department's automobile dispute
369 settlement procedure shall be prominently posted in the place of
370 business of each new car dealer licensed by the Department of Motor
371 Vehicles to engage in the sale of such manufacturer's new motor
372 vehicles. Display of such public notice shall be a condition of licensure
373 under sections 14-52 and 14-64. The Commissioner of Consumer
374 Protection shall determine the size, type face, form and wording of the
375 sign required by this section, which shall include the toll-free telephone
376 number and the address to which requests for the department's
377 arbitration services may be sent.

378 (f) Any consumer injured by the operation of any procedure which
379 does not conform with procedures established by a manufacturer
380 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 42-182 and the provisions of Title
381 16 Code of Federal Regulations Part 703, as in effect on October 1, 1982,
382 may appeal any decision rendered as the result of such a procedure by
383 requesting arbitration de novo of the dispute by an arbitrator. Filing
384 procedures and fees for appeals shall be the same as those required in

385 subsection (b) of this section. The findings of the manufacturer's
386 informal dispute settlement procedure may be admissible in evidence
387 at such arbitration and in any civil action subsequently arising out of
388 any warranty obligation or matter related to the dispute. Any consumer
389 so injured may, in addition, request the Attorney General to investigate
390 the manufacturer's procedure to determine whether its certification
391 shall be suspended or revoked after proper notice and hearing. The
392 Attorney General shall establish procedures for processing such
393 consumer complaints and maintain a record of the disposition of such
394 complaints, which record shall be included in the annual report
395 prepared in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section
396 42-182.

397 (g) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
398 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out
399 the purposes of this section. Written copies of the regulations and
400 appropriate arbitration hearing procedures shall be provided to any
401 person upon request.

402 (h) After a consumer submits the forms and fee pursuant to
403 subsection (b) of this section and until such time that a decision or
404 settlement is rendered, the consumer shall notify any individual or
405 entity to whom he or she sells the motor vehicle that an action is pending
406 with the department pursuant to this section. Such notice shall be given
407 prior to the buyer's execution of the bill of sale, and shall include any
408 case number or reference number provided by the department to the
409 consumer. The consumer shall (1) notify the department not later than
410 five days after the buyer's execution of the bill of sale that the motor
411 vehicle has been sold, (2) provide the department with the name and
412 contact information of the buyer, and (3) attest that notice of the pending
413 action was given to the buyer prior to the buyer's execution of the bill of
414 sale.

415 Sec. 4. Section 42-190 of the general statutes is repealed and the
416 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

417 (a) A new automobile warranties account surcharge is hereby
 418 imposed on the sale or lease of each new motor vehicle, as defined in
 419 section 42-179, as amended by this act, sold or leased in this state by any
 420 person licensed to offer such vehicles for sale under section 14-52. Such
 421 surcharge shall be in addition to any tax otherwise applicable to any
 422 such sales transaction.

423 (b) The surcharge assessed pursuant to this section shall be at a rate
 424 of three dollars per motor vehicle, as defined in section 42-179, as
 425 amended by this act. Such surcharge shall be collected by each licensee
 426 under section 14-52 engaged in the sale or lease of motor vehicles, as
 427 defined in section 42-179, as amended by this act, in this state. Such
 428 licensee shall pay the surcharges assessed during the prior calendar year
 429 to the Department of Consumer Protection in an annual lump sum
 430 payment on or before March thirty-first of each year. Said department
 431 may assess a late fee of two dollars per vehicle.

432 (c) Proceeds collected from surcharges assessed under this section
 433 shall be deposited in the new automobile warranties account established
 434 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

435 (d) There is established a separate, nonlapsing account, within the
 436 General Fund, to be known as the "new automobile warranties account".
 437 The account may contain any moneys required by law to be deposited
 438 in the account. The moneys in said account shall be allocated to the
 439 Department of Consumer Protection to carry out the purposes of this
 440 chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	21a-219
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	42-179
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	42-181
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	42-190

Statement of Purpose:

To amend consumer protection statutes concerning health clubs and the automobile lemon law.

[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.]