



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 810**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTING OR LEASING OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-153b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 [No] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no  
4 person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing  
5 passenger motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of thirty days or  
6 less, shall require any customer to show proof that [he or she holds a  
7 card provided by a credit card issuer] such customer holds a credit card  
8 as a condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle; provided such  
9 person, firm or corporation may require that a customer, seeking to rent  
10 for cash, apply for approval to rent up to three business days before the  
11 expected rental and that such customer provide both suitable  
12 identification and a reasonable deposit.

13 (b) No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting  
14 or leasing passenger motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of  
15 thirty days or less, shall require an additional driver of any customer to  
16 show proof that the additional driver holds a credit card as a condition  
17 to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle to the customer, provided such  
18 additional driver shows proof of a valid motor vehicle operator's license

19 and the customer shows proof that the customer holds a credit card.

20 Sec. 2. Section 14-15b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023, and*  
22 *applicable to contracts entered into on or after said date*):

23 (a) For the purposes of this section:

24 [(a)] (1) "Collision damage waiver" means any contractual provision  
25 whereby a lessor of rental motor vehicles agrees for a charge to waive  
26 any claims against a lessee for any damages to a rental motor vehicle  
27 during the term of the rental [agreement.] contract;

28 [(b)] (2) "Rental motor vehicle" means a private passenger motor  
29 vehicle, as defined in subsection (e) of section 38a-363, which is not the  
30 subject of a lease with the option to purchase where the lessee has the  
31 right to possession; and

32 (3) "Loss of use" means the deprivation of the use of a rental motor  
33 vehicle by the lessor of rental motor vehicles during the period  
34 reasonably required to make repairs to or replace the motor vehicle.

35 [(c)] (b) Any motor vehicle rental contract incorporating a provision  
36 for collision damage waiver shall comply with chapter 742 and shall  
37 provide conspicuous notice that the lessee's personal automobile  
38 insurance policy may cover collision damage, fire and theft damage and  
39 personal injury incurred while using a rental motor vehicle, and of the  
40 annualized rate for the collision damage waiver and any liability  
41 provisions. Any such contract shall detail the full extent of its coverage.

42 [(d)] (c) No person, firm or corporation leasing or renting to another  
43 any motor vehicle shall: Make any false or misleading statements either  
44 orally or in writing, in connection with the sale, offer to sell, or  
45 advertisement of a collision damage waiver; omit any material  
46 statement in connection with the sale, offer to sell or advertisement of  
47 such waiver; or make any statement that the purchase of a collision  
48 damage waiver is mandatory.

49 (d) Any motor vehicle rental contract incorporating a provision  
50 whereby the lessor of rental motor vehicles is able to recover for the loss  
51 of use of a rental motor vehicle because of any damage to such motor  
52 vehicle incurred during the term of such contract may permit the lessor  
53 to collect no more than sixty per cent of the daily rental fee stated in the  
54 contract for each day the lessor is deprived the use of such motor vehicle  
55 for a period not to exceed seven days. When a rental contract is executed  
56 with any such provision regarding the loss of use, the lessor shall orally  
57 provide a plain language explanation of such provision to the lessee.

58 (e) A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed  
59 an unfair deceptive trade practice under chapter 735a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	14-153b
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023, and applicable to contracts entered into on or after said date</i>	14-15b

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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