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## Substitute Bill No. 1058

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FINANCIAL REPORTING BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

- Section 1. Section 42-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the
   following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):
- 3 (a) As used in this section:
- 4 (1) "Precipitating event" means (A) a civil preparedness emergency

5 declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, (B) a

6 <u>transportation emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant</u>

7 to section 3-6b, or (C) any major disaster or emergency declaration

- 8 <u>issued by the President of the United States;</u>
- 9 (2) "Unconscionably excessive price" means an increased price at 10 which a vendor leases, rents or sells an item during a precipitating event 11 if (A) such increased price is grossly disproportionate to the price at 12 which the vendor leased, rented or sold such item (i) immediately before
- 13 the precipitating event, or (ii) while the precipitating event was
- 14 reasonably anticipated, and (B) the increased price is not attributable to
- 15 additional costs incurred by the vendor in leasing, renting or selling the
- 16 item during the precipitating event; and

17 (3) "Vendor" means a person, corporation or firm, including, but not
18 limited to, a distributor, manufacturer, retailer, supplier or wholesaler.

19 (b) No [person, firm or corporation] vendor shall [increase the price 20 of] lease, rent or sell, or offer to lease, rent or sell, any item [which such 21 person, firm or corporation sells or offers for sale at retail] in the chain 22 of distribution at an unconscionably excessive price at any location in 23 an area which is the subject of any [disaster emergency declaration 24 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, any transportation 25 emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to section 3-6b 26 or any major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President 27 of the United States, until the period of emergency or disaster is declared 28 by] precipitating event until the Governor or the President, as 29 applicable, declares such precipitating event to be at an end. [Nothing 30 in this section shall prohibit the fluctuation in the price of items sold at 31 retail which occurs during the normal course of business. Any person, 32 firm or corporation which violates any provision of this section shall be 33 fined not more than ninety-nine dollars.]

34 (c) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an 35 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-36 110b, and any action brought on behalf of the state to enforce the 37 provisions of this section shall be brought in the judicial district of 38 Hartford. The Attorney General shall have (1) exclusive authority to 39 enforce the provisions of this section on behalf of the state, and (2) for 40 the purposes of this section, the authority to (A) order an investigation 41 or examination pursuant to section 42-110d, as amended by this act, or 42 (B) take such other enforcement action under sections 42-110e to 42-43 110q, inclusive, as the Attorney General deems necessary.

44 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is 45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 46 2023):

47 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person48 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of

49 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c) 50 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-148f, 7-148o, 7-283, 7-325, 7-51 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-52 230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision 53 (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 54 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of 55 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-71, 56 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 57 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section 58 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section 13b-108, 59 section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-324, 60 section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4, 61 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of 62 63 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section 64 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a, 65 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, 66 67 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h, 68 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a, 69 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a or 14-146, subsection 70 (b) of section 14-147, section 14-152, 14-153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection 71 (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 72 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 73 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 74 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276, 75 subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, 76 subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-77 283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-78 300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, 79 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-80 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115, 81 section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, 82 83 section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of

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12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or 155 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes 156 and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but 157 does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or 158 borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such 159 violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set 160 forth in this section.

161 Sec. 3. Subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of section 42-110d of the 162 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 163 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

164 (c) In addition to other powers conferred upon the commissioner, said commissioner may execute in writing and cause to be served by 165 166 certified mail an investigative demand upon any person suspected of 167 using, having used or about to use any method, act or practice declared by section 42-110b to be unlawful or upon any person from whom said 168 169 commissioner wants assurance that section 42-110b has not, is not or 170 will not be violated. Such investigative demand shall contain a 171 description of the method, act or practice under investigation, provide 172 a reasonable time for compliance, and require such person to furnish 173 under oath or otherwise, as may be specified in said demand, a report 174 in writing setting forth relevant facts or circumstances together with 175 documentary material. Notwithstanding subsection (f) of this section, 176 responses to investigative demands issued under this subsection may 177 be withheld from public disclosure during the full pendency of the 178 investigation.

179 (d) Said commissioner, in conformance with sections 4-176e to 4-185, 180 inclusive, whenever [he] the commissioner has reason to believe that 181 any person has been engaged or is engaged in an alleged violation of 182 any provision of this chapter, shall mail to such person, by certified mail, 183 a complaint stating the charges and containing a notice of a hearing, to 184 be held upon a day and at a place therein fixed at least fifteen days after 185 the date of such complaint. The person so notified shall have the right 186 to file a written answer to the complaint and charges therein stated and 187 appear at the time and place so fixed for such hearing, in person or 188 otherwise, with or without counsel, and submit testimony and be fully 189 heard. Any person may make application, and upon good cause shown 190 shall be allowed by the commissioner to intervene and appear in such 191 proceeding by counsel or in person. The testimony in any such 192 proceeding, including the testimony of any intervening person, shall be 193 under oath and shall be reduced to writing by the recording officer of 194 the hearing and filed in the office of the commissioner. The 195 commissioner or [his] the commissioner's authorized representatives 196 shall have the power to require by subpoena the attendance and 197 testimony of witnesses and the production of any documentary material 198 at such proceeding. If upon such hearing the commissioner is of the 199 opinion that the method of competition or the act or practice in question 200 is prohibited by this chapter, the commissioner shall make a report in 201 writing to the person complained of in which [he] the commissioner 202 shall state [his] the commissioner's findings as to the facts and shall 203 forward by certified mail to such person an order to cease and desist 204 from using such methods of competition or such act or practice, or, if 205 the amount involved is less than ten thousand dollars, an order directing 206 restitution, or both. The commissioner may apply for the enforcement of any cease and desist order, order directing restitution or consent 207 208 order issued under this chapter to the superior court for the judicial 209 district of Hartford, or to any judge thereof if the same is not in session, 210 for orders temporarily and permanently restraining and enjoining any 211 person from continuing violations of such cease and desist order, order 212 directing restitution or consent order. Such application for a temporary 213 restraining order, temporary and permanent injunction, order directing 214 restitution and for such other appropriate decree or process shall be 215 brought and the proceedings thereon conducted by the Attorney 216 General.

(e) In addition to any injunction issued pursuant to subsection (d) of
this section, the court may make such additional orders or judgments as
may be necessary to restore to any person in interest any moneys or
property, real or personal, which may have been acquired by means of

any practices prohibited by this chapter, including the appointment of a
receiver or the revocation of a license or certificate authorizing the
person subject to the order or injunction to engage in business in this
state, or both.

225 (f) The commissioner or the Attorney General or their employees 226 shall disclose, in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of 227 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, all records concerning the 228 investigation of any alleged violation of any provision of this chapter, 229 including, but not limited to, any complaint initiating an investigation 230 and all records of the disposition or settlement of a complaint. For 231 purposes of this section, "disposition" shall include the following action 232 or nonaction with respect to any complaints or investigations: [(A)] (1) 233 No action taken because of [(i)] (A) a lack of jurisdiction, [; (ii)] (B) 234 unsubstantiated allegations, or [(iii)] (C) a lack of sufficient information 235 to draw a conclusion, as determined by the commissioner, after 236 investigation; [(B)] (2) referral to another state agency, or to a federal or 237 local agency, or to law enforcement authorities; [(C)] (3) an acceptance 238 of an assurance of voluntary compliance in accordance with the 239 provisions of section 42-110j; and [(D)] (4) formal action taken, including 240 the institution of administrative proceedings pursuant to subsection (d) 241 of this section or court proceedings pursuant to section 42-110m, 42-110o 242 or 42-110p. The commissioner may withhold such records from 243 disclosure during the pendency of an investigation or examination held 244 in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, but in no event shall 245 the commissioner withhold any such records longer than a period of 246 eighteen months after the date on which the initial complaint was filed 247 with the commissioner or after the date on which the investigation or 248 examination was commenced, whichever is earlier. Nothing herein shall 249 be deemed to affect the rights of litigants, including parties to 250 administrative proceedings, under the laws of discovery of this state.

Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 35-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023): 254 (c) (1) All documentary material furnished to the Attorney General, 255 [his or her] the Attorney General's deputy or any assistant attorney 256 general designated by the Attorney General, pursuant to a demand 257 issued under subsection (a) of this section, shall be held in the custody 258 of the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, and shall 259 not be available to the public. Such documentary material shall be 260 returned to the person furnishing such documentary material, or, if such 261 person furnishes such documentary material in an electronic format, 262 erased, upon the termination of the Attorney General's investigation or 263 final determination of any action or proceeding commenced thereunder.

264 (2) All documentary material or other information furnished 265 voluntarily to the Attorney General, [his or her] the Attorney General's 266 deputy or any assistant attorney general designated by the Attorney General, for suspected violations of the provisions of this chapter, and 267 268 the identity of the person furnishing such documentary material or 269 other information, shall be held in the custody of the Attorney General, 270 or the Attorney General's designee, and shall not be available to the 271 public. Such documentary material or other information shall be 272 returned to the person furnishing such documentary material or other 273 information, or, if such person furnishes such documentary material or 274 other information in an electronic format, erased, upon the termination 275 of the Attorney General's investigation or final determination of any 276 action or proceeding commenced thereunder.

Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 4-61dd of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

(d) The Attorney General may summon witnesses, require the
production of any necessary books, papers or other documents and
administer oaths to witnesses, where necessary, for the purpose of an
investigation pursuant to this section or for the purpose of investigating
a suspected violation of subsection (a) of section 4-275 until such time as
the Attorney General files a civil action pursuant to section 4-276.
Service of a subpoena ad testificandum, subpoena duces tecum and a

287 notice of deposition, may be made by: (1) Personal service or service at 288 the usual place of abode; or (2) registered or certified mail, return receipt 289 requested, a duly executed copy thereof addressed to the person to be served at such person's principal place of business in this state, or, if 290 291 such person has no principal place of business in this state, at such 292 person's principal office or such person's residence. Upon the 293 conclusion of the investigation, the Attorney General shall where 294 necessary, report any findings to the Governor, or in matters involving 295 criminal activity, to the Chief State's Attorney. In addition to the exempt 296 records provision of section 1-210, the Auditors of Public Accounts and 297 the Attorney General shall not, after receipt of any information from a 298 person under the provisions of this section or sections 4-276 to 4-280, 299 inclusive, disclose the identity of such person without such person's 300 consent unless the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General 301 determines that such disclosure is unavoidable, and may withhold 302 records of such investigation, during the pendency of the investigation. 303 All documentary material or other information furnished to the 304 Attorney General, [his or her] the Attorney General's deputy or any 305 assistant attorney general designated by the Attorney General, pursuant 306 to a demand issued under this subsection for the purpose of 307 investigating a suspected violation of subsection (a) of section 4-275, 308 shall be returned to the person furnishing such documentary material 309 or other information, or, if such person furnished such documentary 310 material or other information in an electronic format, erased, upon the termination of the Attorney General's investigation or final 311 312 determination of any action or proceeding commenced thereunder.

Sec. 6. Section 36a-701b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) For purposes of this section, (1) "breach of security" means
unauthorized access to or unauthorized acquisition of electronic files,
media, databases or computerized data, containing personal
information when access to the personal information has not been
secured by encryption or by any other method or technology that

320 renders the personal information unreadable or unusable; and (2) 321 "personal information" means an individual's (A) first name or first 322 initial and last name in combination with any one, or more, of the 323 following data: (i) Social Security number; (ii) taxpayer identification 324 number; (iii) identity protection personal identification number issued 325 by the Internal Revenue Service; (iv) driver's license number, state 326 identification card number, passport number, military identification 327 number or other identification number issued by the government that is 328 commonly used to verify identity; (v) credit or debit card number; (vi) 329 financial account number in combination with any required security 330 code, access code or password that would permit access to such 331 financial account; (vii) medical information regarding an individual's 332 medical history, mental or physical condition, or medical treatment or diagnosis by a health care professional; (viii) health insurance policy 333 334 number or subscriber identification number, or any unique identifier 335 used by a health insurer to identify the individual; [or] (ix) biometric 336 information consisting of data generated by electronic measurements of 337 an individual's unique physical characteristics used to authenticate or 338 ascertain the individual's identity, such as a fingerprint, voice print, 339 retina or iris image; or (x) precise geolocation data, as defined in section 340 42-515; or (B) user name or electronic mail address, in combination with 341 a password or security question and answer that would permit access 342 to an online account. "Personal information" does not include publicly 343 available information that is lawfully made available to the general 344 public from federal, state or local government records or widely 345 distributed media.

346 (b) (1) Any person who owns, licenses or maintains computerized 347 data that includes personal information, shall provide notice of any 348 breach of security following the discovery of the breach to any resident 349 of this state whose personal information was breached or is reasonably 350 believed to have been breached. Such notice shall be made without 351 unreasonable delay but not later than sixty days after the discovery of 352 such breach, unless a shorter time is required under federal law, subject 353 to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section. If the person identifies

additional residents of this state whose personal information was 354 355 breached or reasonably believed to have been breached following sixty 356 days after the discovery of such breach, the person shall proceed in good faith to notify such additional residents as expediently as possible. Such 357 358 notification shall not be required if, after an appropriate investigation 359 the person reasonably determines that the breach will not likely result 360 in harm to the individuals whose personal information has been 361 acquired or accessed.

362 (2) If notice of a breach of security is required by subdivision (1) of363 this subsection:

(A) The person who owns, licenses or maintains computerized data
that includes personal information, shall, not later than the time when
notice is provided to the resident, also provide notice of the breach of
security to the Attorney General; and

368 (B) The person who owns or licenses computerized data that includes 369 personal information, shall offer to each resident whose personal 370 information under clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) of subdivision 371 (2) of subsection (a) of this section was breached or is reasonably 372 believed to have been breached, appropriate identity theft prevention 373 services and, if applicable, identity theft mitigation services. Such 374 service or services shall be provided at no cost to such resident for a 375 period of not less than [twenty-four months] two years. Such person 376 shall provide all information necessary for such resident to enroll in 377 such service or services and shall include information on how such 378 resident can place a credit freeze on such resident's credit file.

(c) Any person that maintains computerized data that includes
personal information that the person does not own shall notify the
owner or licensee of the information of any breach of the security of the
data immediately following its discovery, if the personal information of
a resident of this state was breached or is reasonably believed to have
been breached.

(d) Any notification required by this section shall be delayed for a
reasonable period of time if a law enforcement agency determines that
the notification will impede a criminal investigation and such law
enforcement agency has made a request that the notification be delayed.
Any such delayed notification shall be made after such law enforcement
agency determines that notification will not compromise the criminal
investigation and so notifies the person of such determination.

392 (e) Any notice to a resident, owner or licensee required by the 393 provisions of this section may be provided by one of the following 394 methods, subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section: (1) 395 Written notice; (2) telephone notice; (3) electronic notice, provided such 396 notice is consistent with the provisions regarding electronic records and 397 signatures set forth in 15 USC 7001; (4) substitute notice, provided such 398 person demonstrates in the notice provided to the Attorney General that 399 the cost of providing notice in accordance with subdivision (1), (2) or (3)400 of this subsection would exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, 401 that the affected class of subject persons to be notified exceeds five hundred thousand persons or that the person does not have sufficient 402 403 contact information. Substitute notice shall consist of the following: (A) Electronic mail notice when the person has an electronic mail address 404 405 for the affected persons; (B) conspicuous posting of the notice on the 406 web site of the person if the person maintains one; and (C) notification 407 to major state-wide media, including newspapers, radio and television.

408 (f) (1) In the event of a breach of login credentials under 409 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, 410 notice to a resident may be provided in electronic or other form that 411 directs the resident whose personal information was breached or is 412 reasonably believed to have been breached to promptly change any 413 password or security question and answer, as applicable, or to take 414 other appropriate steps to protect the affected online account and all 415 other online accounts for which the resident uses the same user name or 416 electronic mail address and password or security question and answer.

417 (2) Any person that furnishes an electronic mail account shall not

418 comply with this section by providing notification to the electronic mail 419 account that was breached or reasonably believed to have been 420 breached if the person cannot reasonably verify the affected resident's 421 receipt of such notification. In such an event, the person shall provide 422 notice by another method described in this section or by clear and 423 conspicuous notice delivered to the resident online when the resident is 424 connected to the online account from an Internet protocol address or 425 online location from which the person knows the resident customarily 426 accesses the account.

427 (g) Any person that maintains such person's own security breach 428 procedures as part of an information security policy for the treatment of 429 personal information and otherwise complies with the timing 430 requirements of this section, shall be deemed to be in compliance with 431 the security breach notification requirements of this section, provided 432 such person notifies, as applicable, residents of this state, owners and 433 licensees in accordance with such person's policies in the event of a 434 breach of security and in the case of notice to a resident, such person 435 also notifies the Attorney General not later than the time when notice is 436 provided to the resident. Any person that maintains such a security 437 breach procedure pursuant to the rules, regulations, procedures or 438 guidelines established by the primary or functional regulator, as defined 439 in 15 USC 6809(2), shall be deemed to be in compliance with the security 440 breach notification requirements of this section, provided (1) such 441 person notifies, as applicable, such residents of this state, owners, and 442 licensees required to be notified under and in accordance with the policies or the rules, regulations, procedures or guidelines established 443 444 by the primary or functional regulator in the event of a breach of 445 security, and (2) if notice is given to a resident of this state in accordance 446 with subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding a breach of security, 447 such person also notifies the Attorney General not later than the time 448 when notice is provided to the resident.

(h) Any person that is subject to and in compliance with the privacyand security standards under the Health Insurance Portability and

451 Accountability Act of 1996 and the Health Information Technology for 452 Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH") shall be deemed to be in 453 compliance with this section, provided that (1) any person required to 454 provide notification to Connecticut residents pursuant to HITECH shall 455 also provide notice to the Attorney General not later than the time when 456 notice is provided to such residents if notification to the Attorney 457 General would otherwise be required under subparagraph (A) of 458 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, and (2) the person 459 otherwise complies with the requirements of subparagraph (B) of 460 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section.

(i) All documents, materials and information provided in response to
an investigative demand issued pursuant to subsection (c) of section 42110d, as amended by this act, in connection with the investigation of a
breach of security as defined by this section shall be exempt from public
disclosure under subsection (a) of section 1-210, provided the Attorney
General may make such documents, materials or information available
to third parties in furtherance of such investigation.

(j) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shallconstitute an unfair trade practice for purposes of section 42-110b andshall be enforced by the Attorney General.

(k) Any civil penalties collected for failure to comply with the
requirements of this section may be deposited into the privacy
protection guaranty and enforcement account established pursuant to
section 42-472a, as amended by this act.

Sec. 7. Subsections (d) to (h), inclusive, of section 42-471 of the general
statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
(*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(d) [For] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
for persons who hold a license, registration or certificate issued by, or a
charter subject to the supervision of, a state agency other than the
Department of Consumer Protection, this section shall be enforceable

482 only by such other state agency pursuant to such other state agency's483 existing statutory and regulatory authority.

484 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
485 to actions undertaken by the Attorney General.

(e) [Any person or entity that violates the provisions of this section
shall be subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars for each
violation, provided such civil penalty shall not exceed five hundred
thousand dollars for any single event. It shall not be a violation of this
section if such violation was unintentional.] <u>A violation of this section</u>
shall constitute an unfair trade practice under subsection (a) of section
<u>42-110b.</u>

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any agency orpolitical subdivision of the state.

(g) If a financial institution has adopted safeguards that comply with
the standards established pursuant to Section 501(b) of the GrammLeach-Bliley Act of 1999, 15 USC 6801, then such compliance shall
constitute compliance with the provisions of this section.

(h) Any civil penalties received pursuant to this section [shall] <u>may</u>
be deposited into the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement
account established pursuant to section 42-472a, as amended by this act.

502 Sec. 8. Section 42-472a of the general statutes is repealed and the 503 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

504 (a) There is established a "privacy protection guaranty and 505 enforcement account" which shall be a nonlapsing account within the 506 General Fund. The account may contain any moneys required by law to 507 be deposited in the account. The account shall be used by the 508 Commissioner of Consumer Protection: (1) For the reimbursement of 509 losses (A) sustained by individuals injured by a violation of the 510 provisions of section 42-470, 42-471, as amended by this act, 42-471a, [or] 511 42-472b, 52-571h or 53-454 or any regulation adopted pursuant to

section 42-472d, or (B) pursuant to the claims process established in 512 subsections (f) and (g) of this section; (2) for the assignment of restitution 513 514 ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction as the result of a violation 515 of the provisions of section 21-120, 21-121, subsection (e) of section 42-516 470, section 53a-127, 53a-129b, 53a-129c, 53a-129d, 53a-129e or 53a-130, 517 18 USC 1028 or 18 USC 1028A, where such restitution is owed to a victim 518 who is a resident of this state on the date of such order or the date of such violation; and [(2)] (3) for the enforcement of the provisions of (A) 519 520 section 36a-701b, as amended by this act, 42-470, 42-471, as amended by 521 this act, 42-471a or 42-472b or any regulation adopted by the 522 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 42-472d, or 523 (B) section 53-454 by the Attorney General.

524 (b) Payments received pursuant to subsection (g) of section 36a-701b, 525 as amended by this act, section 42-470, 42-471, as amended by this act, 526 42-471a, [or] 42-472b or 54-360 or any regulation adopted pursuant to 527 section 42-472d, shall be credited to the privacy protection guaranty and 528 enforcement account until the balance in said account equals two 529 hundred fifty thousand dollars, and any portion of such balance that 530 exceeds such amount shall be deposited in the General Fund. Any 531 money in the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement account 532 may be invested or reinvested and any interest arising from such 533 investments shall be credited to said account.

534 (c) Whenever an individual obtains a court judgment against any 535 person or entity for a violation of section 42-470, 42-471, as amended by 536 this act, 42-471a, [or] 42-472b, 52-571h or 53-454 or any regulation 537 adopted pursuant to section 42-472d, such individual may, upon the 538 final determination of, or expiration of time for appeal in connection 539 with any such judgment, apply to the Commissioner of Consumer 540 Protection for an order directing payment out of [said] the privacy 541 protection guaranty and enforcement account of the amount unpaid 542 upon the judgment for actual damages and costs taxed by the court 543 against the person or entity, exclusive of punitive damages. The 544 application shall be made on forms provided by the commissioner and

shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the court judgment, order or 545 546 decree obtained against the person or entity, together with a notarized 547 affidavit, signed and sworn to by the individual, affirming that the individual: (1) Has complied with all the requirements of this 548 549 subsection; (2) has obtained a judgment, order or decree stating the 550 amount thereof and the amount owing thereon at the date of 551 application; and (3) except for a judgment obtained by the individual in 552 small claims court, has caused to be issued a writ of execution upon such 553 judgment, and the officer executing the same has made a return 554 showing that no bank accounts or real property of the person or entity 555 liable to be levied upon in satisfaction of the judgment could be found, 556 or that the amount realized on the sale of them or of such of them as 557 were found, under the execution, was insufficient to satisfy the actual 558 damage portion of the judgment, or stating the amount realized and the 559 balance remaining due on the judgment after application thereon of the 560 amount realized. A true and attested copy of such executing officer's 561 return, when required, shall be attached to such application and affidavit. 562

563 (d) Whenever an individual who is a victim of identity theft receives 564 an order of restitution for a violation of section 21-120, 21-121, 565 subsection (e) of section 42-470, section 53a-127g, 53a-129b, 53a-129c, 566 53a-129d, 53a-129e or 53a-130, 18 USC 1028 or 18 USC 1028A, where 567 such victim is a resident of this state on the date of such order or the date of such violation, such victim may apply to the Commissioner of 568 569 Consumer Protection for an order directing payment out of the privacy 570 protection guaranty and enforcement account. Such victim shall make 571 such application on forms provided by the commissioner, and such 572 application shall be accompanied by: (1) A copy of the court judgment, 573 order or decree obtained against the person who, or entity that, 574 committed such identity theft; and (2) a notarized affidavit, signed and 575 sworn to by such victim, affirming that such victim (A) has complied 576 with the requirements established in this subsection, and (B) has been awarded an order of restitution, and stating (i) the amount of such 577 578 judgment, order or decree, and (ii) the amount owing on such judgment, 579 <u>order or decree on the date of such application.</u>

580 [(d)] (e) Upon receipt of such application made pursuant to 581 subsection (c) or (d) of this section together with such certified copy of 582 the court judgment, notarized affidavit and true and attested copy of the 583 executing officer's return, when applicable and required, the 584 [commissioner] Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the 585 commissioner's designee shall inspect such documents for their veracity 586 and upon a determination that such documents are complete and 587 authentic, and a determination that the individual has not been paid, the 588 commissioner shall order payment out of [said] the privacy protection 589 guaranty and enforcement account of the amount unpaid upon the 590 judgment for actual damages and costs taxed by the court against the 591 person or entity, exclusive of punitive damages.

592 [(e)] (f) Whenever an individual is awarded an order of restitution 593 against any person or entity for loss or damages sustained by reason of 594 a violation of section 42-470, 42-471a, [or] 42-472b, 52-571h or 53-454 or 595 any regulation adopted pursuant to section 42-472d in a proceeding 596 brought by the Attorney General at the request of the [commissioner] 597 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 42-470 or 42-471, as amended by this act, or in a proceeding brought by the Attorney 598 599 General, such individual may, upon the final determination of [,] or 600 expiration of time for appeal in connection with any such order of 601 restitution, apply to the commissioner for an order directing payment 602 out of [said] the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement account 603 of the amount unpaid upon the order of restitution. The commissioner 604 may issue such order upon a determination that the individual has not 605 been paid.

606 (g) (1) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection, 607 in the event that an individual who is a victim of identity theft, as 608 defined in section 53a-129a, would not otherwise qualify for payment 609 from the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement account 610 pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section, such individual may 611 apply to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection for an order

directing payment out of the privacy protection guaranty and 612 613 enforcement account in the amount incurred or lost by such individual 614 due to such identity theft within the prior three years in an amount not to exceed (A) five thousand dollars to reimburse such individual for 615 616 reasonable costs, including, but not limited to, documented lost wages 617 or costs to resolve or mitigate the effects of such identity theft, and (B) 618 fifteen thousand dollars for actual losses. 619 (2) An individual who submits an application to the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall attest to the 620 621 commissioner, on a form provided by the commissioner, that (A) the 622 individual is a victim of identity theft, as defined in section 53a-129a,

and (B) the person or persons who committed such identity theft (i)
 cannot reasonably be determined or identified, or (ii) have been
 identified, but such person or persons have not been prosecuted due to
 any reason other than the noncooperation of such individual except

- 627 <u>where such noncooperation is due to domestic violence as defined in</u> 628 subsection (b) of section 46b-1.
- (h) (1) Upon receipt of an application made pursuant to subsection 629 (g) of this section and any supporting evidence required by the 630 631 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall inspect such application and supporting 632 633 evidence for their veracity and issue an order directing payment out of the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement account upon a 634 reasonable determination that (A) the individual who submitted such 635 application is likely a victim of identity theft, as defined in section 53a-636 637 129a, and (B) the person or persons who committed such identity theft (i) cannot reasonably be determined or identified, or (ii) have been 638 639 identified, but such person or persons have not been prosecuted due to any reason other than the noncooperation of such individual except 640 641 where such noncooperation is due to domestic violence as defined in subsection (b) of section 46b-1. 642
- (2) The amount of the payment made pursuant to subdivision (1) of
   this subsection shall be in the amount incurred or lost by the individual

due to the identity theft within the prior three years, which amount shall
not exceed (A) five thousand dollars to reimburse such individual for
reasonable costs, including, but not limited to, time spent and efforts
made to resolve or mitigate the effects of such identity theft, and (B)
fifteen thousand dollars for actual losses.

650 [(f)] (i) Before the [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Consumer</u> 651 Protection shall issue any order directing payment out of the privacy 652 protection guaranty and enforcement account to an individual pursuant 653 to subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, and (j) to (q), inclusive, of this section, 654 the commissioner shall first notify the person or entity of the individual's application for an order directing payment out of the 655 656 account and of the person or entity's right to a hearing to contest the 657 disbursement in the event that the person or entity has already paid the 658 individual. Such notice shall be given to the person or entity not later 659 than fifteen days after the receipt by the commissioner of the 660 individual's application for an order directing payment out of said 661 account. If the person or entity requests a hearing in writing by certified 662 mail not later than fifteen days after receipt of the notice from the commissioner, the commissioner shall grant such request and shall 663 conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the 664 665 commissioner receives no written request by certified mail from the 666 person or entity for a hearing not later than fifteen days after the 667 person's or entity's receipt of such notice, the commissioner shall 668 determine that the individual has not been paid, and the commissioner shall issue an order directing payment out of said account for the 669 670 amount unpaid upon the judgment for actual damages and costs taxed 671 by the court against the person or entity, exclusive of punitive damages, 672 or for the amount unpaid upon the order of restitution.

[(g)] (j) The [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Consumer Protection</u> or the commissioner's designee may proceed against any person or entity for an order of restitution arising from loss or damages sustained by any individual by reason of such person's or entity's violation of any of the provisions of section 42-470, 42-471, as amended by this act, 42678 471a or 42-472b or any regulation adopted pursuant to section 42-472d. 679 Any such proceeding shall be held in accordance with the provisions of 680 chapter 54. In the course of such proceeding, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall decide whether to order restitution 681 682 arising from such loss or damages, and whether to order payment out 683 of [said] the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement account. The 684 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may hear complaints of 685 all individuals submitting claims against a single person or entity in one 686 proceeding.

[(h)] (k) No application for an order directing payment out of [said] <u>the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement</u> account shall be made later than three years from the final determination of or expiration of time for appeal in connection with any judgment or order of restitution <u>or, for an application made pursuant to subsection (g) of this section,</u> more than three years after the date of the loss or damages.

693 [(i)] (l) Whenever an individual satisfies the [commissioner] 694 Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's designee that it is not practicable to comply with the requirements of subdivision 695 (3) of subsection (c) of this section and that the individual has taken all 696 697 reasonable steps to collect the amount of the judgment or the unsatisfied 698 part thereof and has been unable to collect the same, said commissioner 699 or said designee may, in [his or her] said commissioner's or designee's 700 discretion, dispense with the necessity for complying with such 701 requirement.

[(j)] (m) In order to preserve the integrity of [said] <u>the privacy</u> protection guaranty and enforcement account, the [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Consumer Protection</u>, in [his or her] <u>the</u> commissioner's sole discretion, may order payment out of said account of an amount less than the actual loss or damages incurred by the individual or less than the order of restitution awarded by the commissioner or the Superior Court.

709 [(k)] (n) If the money deposited in [said] the privacy protection

710 <u>guaranty and enforcement</u> account is insufficient to satisfy any duly 711 authorized claim or portion thereof, the [commissioner] <u>Commissioner</u> 712 <u>of Consumer Protection</u> shall, when sufficient money has been 713 deposited in the account, satisfy such unpaid claims or portions thereof, 714 in the order that such claims or portions thereof were originally 715 determined.

716 [(1) When] (o) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, 717 when the [commissioner] Commissioner of Consumer Protection has 718 caused any sum to be paid from [said] the privacy protection guaranty 719 and enforcement account to an individual, the commissioner shall be 720 subrogated to all of the rights of the individual up to the amount paid 721 plus reasonable interest, and prior to receipt of any payment from said 722 account, the individual shall assign all of this right, title and interest in 723 the claim up to such amount to the commissioner, and any amount and 724 interest recovered by the commissioner on the claim shall be deposited 725 in said account.

726 [(m)] (p) If the [commissioner] Commissioner of Consumer 727 Protection orders the payment of any amount as a result of a claim 728 against any party, said commissioner shall determine if the person or 729 entity is possessed of assets liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of 730 the claim on [said] the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement 731 account. If the commissioner discovers any such assets, the Attorney 732 General shall take any action necessary for the reimbursement of said 733 account.

[(n)] (<u>q</u>) If the [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Consumer Protection</u> orders the payment of an amount as a result of a claim against any party, said commissioner may enter into an agreement with the party whereby the party agrees to repay [said] <u>the privacy protection guaranty and</u> <u>enforcement</u> account in full in the form of periodic payments over a set period of time.

Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 42-520 of the general statutes isrepealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,

742 2023):

743 (a) A controller shall: (1) Limit the collection of personal data to what 744 is adequate, relevant and reasonably necessary in relation to the 745 purposes for which such data is processed, as disclosed to the consumer; 746 (2) except as otherwise provided in sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, 747 not process personal data for purposes that are neither reasonably 748 necessary to, nor compatible with, the disclosed purposes for which 749 such personal data is processed, as disclosed to the consumer, unless the 750 controller obtains the consumer's consent; (3) establish, implement and 751 maintain reasonable administrative, technical and physical data 752 security practices to protect the confidentiality, integrity and 753 accessibility of personal data appropriate to the volume and nature of 754 the personal data at issue; (4) not process sensitive data concerning a 755 consumer without obtaining the consumer's consent, or, in the case of 756 the processing of sensitive data concerning a known child, without 757 processing such data in accordance with COPPA; (5) not process 758 personal data in violation of the laws of this state and federal laws that 759 prohibit unlawful discrimination against consumers; (6) provide an 760 effective mechanism for a consumer to revoke the consumer's consent 761 under this section that is at least as easy as the mechanism by which the 762 consumer provided the consumer's consent and, upon revocation of 763 such consent, cease to process the data as soon as practicable, but not 764 later than fifteen days after the receipt of such request; and (7) not 765 process the personal data of a consumer for purposes of targeted 766 advertising, or sell the consumer's personal data without the consumer's 767 consent, under circumstances where a controller has actual knowledge, 768 [and] or wilfully disregards, that the consumer is at least thirteen years 769 of age but younger than sixteen years of age. A controller shall not 770 discriminate against a consumer for exercising any of the consumer 771 rights contained in sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, including 772 denying goods or services, charging different prices or rates for goods 773 or services or providing a different level of quality of goods or services 774 to the consumer.

Sec. 10. Section 53-289a of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) As used in this section, "service charge" means any additional fee
or charge that is designated as an "administrative fee", "service fee" or
"surcharge" or by using another substantially similar term.

(b) No person shall advertise the prices of tickets to any 780 781 entertainment event, including, but not limited to, any place of 782 amusement, arena, stadium, theater, performance, sport, exhibition or 783 athletic contest given in this state for which a service charge is imposed 784 for the sale of a ticket at the site of the event, without conspicuously 785 disclosing in such advertisement, whether displayed at the site of the 786 event or elsewhere, the total price for each ticket and what portion of 787 each ticket price, stated in a dollar amount, represents a service charge.

(c) If a price is charged for admission to a place of entertainment, the
operator of the place of entertainment shall print or endorse on the face
of each ticket to an entertainment event at such place of entertainment
(1) the price established for such ticket, or (2) if such operator, or such
operator's agent, sells or resells such ticket at auction, the final auction
price of such ticket.

(d) (1) Any person that facilitates the sale or resale of a ticket to an
entertainment event shall (A) disclose the total price of such ticket,
which total price shall include all service charges required to purchase
such ticket, and (B) disclose, in a clear and conspicuous manner, to the
purchaser of such ticket the portion of the total ticket price, expressed
as a dollar amount, that is attributable to service charges charged to such
purchaser for such ticket.

801 (2) The disclosures required under subdivision (1) of this subsection 802 shall be displayed in the ticket listing before the ticket is selected for 803 purchase. The total ticket price shall not increase during the ticket 804 purchasing process, except a reasonable fee may be charged for delivery 805 of a nonelectronic ticket if (A) such fee is based on the delivery method

806 807	selected by the ticket purchaser, and (B) such delivery fee is disclosed to such purchaser before such purchaser purchases such ticket.
808	(3) No disclosure required under this subsection shall be (A) false or
809	misleading, (B) presented more prominently than the total ticket price,
810	or (C) displayed in a font size that is as large or larger than the font size
811	in which the total ticket price is displayed.
812	Sec. 11. Section 42-284 of the general statutes is repealed and the
813	following is substituted in lieu thereof ( <i>Effective October 1, 2023</i> ):
814	As used in this section and sections [42-284] 42-285 to 42-288,
815	inclusive, as amended by this act:
816	(1) "Automated dialing system or recorded message device" means a
817	device that (A) automatically dials a telephone number and plays a
818	recorded message once a connection is made, or (B) makes a connection
819	to an end user by means of an automated system that is used to dial a
820	telephone number and transmit a voice communication;
821	[(1)] (2) "Consumer" means an actual or prospective purchaser, lessee
822	or recipient of goods or services;
823	(3) "Consumer goods or services" means articles or services that are
824	purchased, leased, exchanged or received primarily for personal, family
825	or household purposes, and includes, but is not limited to, warranties,
826	gift cards, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities and other financial
827	products;
828	(4) "Marketing or sales solicitation" means the initiation of a
829	communication, including, but not limited to, a communication made
830	using a telephone call or message, an automated dialing system or
831	recorded message device, a call using soundboard technology, an over-
832	the-top message or a text or media message, to encourage the purchase
833	or rental of, or investment in, property, goods or services that is
834	transmitted to any consumer residing in this state, but does not include
835	the initiation of any such communication (A) to any such consumer with

836 such consumer's prior express written consent, or (B) to any such 837 consumer in response to a visit made by such consumer to an 838 establishment selling, leasing or exchanging consumer goods or services 839 at a fixed location; 840 (5) "Over-the-top message" means a text-based communication on a platform that uses existing Internet services to deliver messages; 841 842 [(2)] (6) "Person" means [a natural person] an individual, corporation, 843 trust, partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association and any 844 other legal entity; [and] 845 (7) "Prior express written consent" means a written agreement bearing (A) the signature of a consumer residing in this state whom a 846 847 telemarketer or telephone solicitor calls or contacts that clearly and 848 conspicuously authorizes the telemarketer or telephone solicitor to 849 deliver, or cause to be delivered, to such consumer advertisements or 850 telemarketing messages by using a telephone system, an automated 851 dialing system or recorded message device, a call using soundboard 852 technology, an over-the-top message or a text or media message, and (B) 853 the telephone number to which such consumer authorizes such 854 telemarketer or telephone solicitor to deliver, or cause to be delivered, 855 such advertisements or telemarketing messages; 856 (8) "Soundboard technology" means a technology that allows an 857 individual to communicate with a call recipient in real-time by playing 858 a recorded audio message instead of using the individual's voice; 859 [(3)] (9) "Telemarketer" means any person who initiates the sale, lease 860 or rental of consumer goods or services, or offers gifts or prizes with the intent to sell, lease or rent consumer goods by: (A) Telephonic means; 861 862 [or] (B) use of television, radio or printed advertisement, postcard or 863 other written notice with requests that the consumer contact the seller 864 by telephone to inquire about goods or services and such advertisement, 865 postcard or notice does not contain the price or a description of the goods or services; (C) automated dialing system or recorded message 866

867 <u>device; (D) soundboard technology; (E) over-the-top message; or (F) text</u>
 868 <u>or media message;</u>

869 (10) "Telephone solicitor" means any individual, association,
 870 corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company,
 871 nonprofit corporation or other business entity, or a subsidiary or affiliate
 872 thereof, doing business in this state that makes, or causes to be made, a
 873 telephonic sales call;

874 (11) "Telephonic sales call" (A) means a telephone call made to a consumer residing in this state by or on behalf of a telephone solicitor 875 876 regardless of whether such call is made using an automated dialing 877 system or recorded message device or soundboard technology, or an 878 over-the-top message or a text or media message, for the purpose of (i) 879 engaging in a marketing or sales solicitation, (ii) soliciting an extension 880 of credit for consumer goods or services, (iii) obtaining information that will or may be used for a marketing or sales solicitation or an exchange 881 882 or extension of credit for consumer goods or services, (iv) encouraging 883 such consumer to share any personally identifying information or 884 purchase or invest in any property, goods, services or other thing of 885 value if such consumer did not previously express any interest in 886 sharing such personally identifying information or purchasing or 887 investing in such property, goods, services or other thing of value, or (v) 888 soliciting such consumer to donate any money, property, goods, 889 services or other thing of value if such consumer did not previously 890 express any interest in donating such money, property, goods, services 891 or other thing of value, and (B) does not include a telephone call or 892 message described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if such call is made or message is sent (i) in response to a request or inquiry made 893 by a consumer residing in this state, including a call or message 894 895 concerning an item that such consumer purchased from the telephone 896 solicitor during the twelve-month period preceding such call or 897 message, (ii) a call made or message sent by a nonprofit organization to 898 a consumer residing in this state who is on a list of bona fide or active 899 members of such nonprofit organization, (iii) a call or message that is

limited to polling or soliciting votes or the expression of an idea or 900 901 opinion, (iv) a call made or message sent as part of a business-tobusiness contact, (v) a call made or message sent to a consumer residing 902 903 in this state who granted prior express written consent to receiving such 904 call or message, (vi) a call made or message sent primarily in connection 905 with an existing debt or contract, payment or performance of which has not been completed at the time of such call or message, (vii) a call made 906 907 or message sent to an existing customer of a telephone solicitor unless 908 such customer previously informed the telephone solicitor, orally or in 909 writing, that such customer no longer wishes to receive such calls or messages from such telephone solicitor, or (viii) a call made or message 910 sent for a religious, charitable, political or other noncommercial 911 912 purpose; and (12) "Text or media message" (A) means a message that consists of 913 text or any image, sound or other information that is transmitted by or 914 915 to a device that is identified as the device that sent or received such text, 916 image, sound or information by using a ten-digit telephone number or a N11 service code, (B) includes a short message and multimedia 917 918 message service that contains written, audio, video or photographic 919 content and is sent electronically to a mobile telephone or mobile

920 <u>electronic device telephone number, and (C) does not include electronic</u>921 mail sent to an electronic mail address.

922 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 42-285 of the general statutes is
923 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*924 1, 2023):

925 (b) The contract shall include, but shall not be limited to, the 926 following information:

927 (1) The <u>telemarketer's legal</u> name, address, [and] telephone number,
928 [of the telemarketer] <u>headquarters location and home state or country</u>
929 <u>for entity registration purposes;</u>

930 (2) A list of all prices or fees being charged including any handling,

931 shipping, delivery or other charges;

932 (3) The date of the transaction;

(4) A detailed description of the goods or services being sold, leasedor rented; and

(5) In ten-point boldface type, in a space immediately preceding the
space allotted for the consumer's signature, the following statement:
"YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO PAY ANY MONEY UNLESS YOU
SIGN THIS CONTRACT AND RETURN IT TO THE ADDRESS
CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT".

940 Sec. 13. Section 42-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the 941 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) A telemarketer shall not accept payment <u>in any form</u> from a
consumer, or make or submit any charge to the consumer's credit card,
<u>charge card, debit card or electronic payment platform</u> account, unless
the telemarketer has received from the consumer a contract, signed by
the consumer, which complies with section 42-285, as amended by this
<u>act</u>.

948 (b) In the event that the consumer sends payment to the telemarketer, 949 or the telemarketer makes or submits a charge to the consumer's 950 account, including, but not limited to, a credit card, charge card, debit 951 card or electronic payment platform account, and the telemarketer has 952 not received a signed contract from the consumer which complies with 953 section 42-285, as amended by this act, the telemarketer shall fully 954 refund the consumer's payment or fully credit the consumer's [credit 955 card] account.

956 Sec. 14. Section 42-288 of the general statutes is repealed and the 957 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

958 (a) For the purposes of sections 42-284 to 42-287, inclusive<u>, as</u> 959 <u>amended by this act</u>, any transaction which occurs between a

960 961 962 963	telemarketer and a consumer shall be considered to have taken place in this state if [either] (1) the telemarketer <u>is a resident of</u> , or a <u>business</u> <u>entity registered with the Secretary of the State to do business in, this</u> <u>state</u> , or (2) the consumer is [domiciled in] <u>a resident of</u> this state.
964 965 966	(b) Violation of any provision of sections 42-284 to 42-287, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u> , shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of subsection (a) of section 42-110b.
967 968 969 970 971 972	(c) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a telephonic sales call made, a call using an automated dialing system or recorded message device made, an over-the-top message sent, a text or media message sent or a call using soundboard technology made to a Connecticut area code, or to a consumer who is a resident of this state, has taken place in this state.
973 974	Sec. 15. Section 42-288a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof ( <i>Effective October 1, 2023</i> ):
075	(-) As $\frac{1}{12}$ is this section on $\frac{1}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{12}$ (2001).
975 976 977	<ul> <li>(a) As used in this section and section 42-288b:</li> <li>(1) "Automated dialing system or recorded message device" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act;</li> </ul>
976 977 978 979 980	<ul> <li>(1) "Automated dialing system or recorded message device" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act;</li> <li>(2) "Caller identification service or device" means any telephone service or device which permits a consumer to see the telephone number, caller name or location of an incoming telephonic sales call;</li> </ul>
976 977 978 979	<ul> <li>(1) "Automated dialing system or recorded message device" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act;</li> <li>(2) "Caller identification service or device" means any telephone service or device which permits a consumer to see the telephone</li> </ul>

988 bonds, mutual funds, annuities and other financial products] has the 989 same meaning as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act; 990 [(4)] (6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer 991 Protection: 992 [(5)] (7) "Doing business in this state" [means] includes, but is not 993 limited to, conducting telephonic sales calls or making calls using an 994 automated dialing system or recorded message device or soundboard 995 technology, or sending over-the-top messages or text or media 996 messages, (A) from a location in this state, or (B) from a location outside 997 of this state to consumers residing in this state; 998 (8) "Marketing or sales solicitation" has the same meaning as 999 provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act; 1000 (9) "Over-the-top message" has the same meaning as provided in 1001 section 42-284, as amended by this act; 1002 [(6)] (10) "Prior express written consent" [has the meaning provided 1003 in 47 CFR 64.1200, as amended from time to time] has the same meaning 1004 as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act; 1005 [(7) "Marketing or sales solicitation" means the initiation of a 1006 telephone call or message, including, but not limited to, a text or media 1007 message, to encourage the purchase or rental of, or investment in, 1008 property, goods or services, that is transmitted to any consumer, but 1009 does not include a telephone call or message, including, but not limited 1010 to, a text or media message (A) to any consumer with such consumer's 1011 prior express written consent, (B) by a tax-exempt nonprofit 1012 organization, or (C) to a consumer in response to a visit made by such 1013 consumer to an establishment selling, leasing or exchanging consumer 1014 goods or services at a fixed location;]

1015 (11) "Soundboard technology" has the same meaning as provided in
 1016 section 42-284, as amended by this act;

1017 (12) "Telemarketer" has the same meaning as provided in section 421018 284, as amended by this act;

1019 [(8)] (13) "Telephonic sales call" [means a telephone call made by a 1020 telephone solicitor, or a text or media message sent by or on behalf of a 1021 telephone solicitor, to a consumer for the purpose of (A) engaging in a 1022 marketing or sales solicitation, (B) soliciting an extension of credit for 1023 consumer goods or services, or (C) obtaining information that will or 1024 may be used for marketing or sales solicitation or exchange of or 1025 extension of credit for consumer goods or services] has the same 1026 meaning as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act;

1027 [(9)] (14) "Telephone solicitor" [means any individual, association, 1028 corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company 1029 or other business entity, or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof, doing 1030 business in this state that makes or causes to be made a telephonic sales 1031 call, including, but not limited to, sending or causing to be sent a text or 1032 media message to a consumer's mobile telephone or mobile electronic 1033 device;] has the same meaning as provided in section 42-284, as 1034 amended by this act; and

[(10)] (15) "Text or media message" [means a message that contains
written, audio, video or photographic content and is sent electronically
to a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device telephone number, but
does not include electronic mail sent to an electronic mail address;] has
the same meaning as provided in section 42-284, as amended by this act.

1040 [(11) "Unsolicited telephonic sales call" means any telephonic sales 1041 call other than a telephonic sales call made: (A) Pursuant to the prior 1042 express written consent of the consumer who is called or sent a text or 1043 media message; (B) primarily in connection with an existing debt or 1044 contract, payment or performance of which has not been completed at 1045 the time of the telephonic sales call; or (C) to an existing customer, unless 1046 such customer has stated to the telephone solicitor that such customer 1047 no longer wishes to receive the telephonic sales calls of such telephone 1048 solicitor; and

(12) "Caller identification service or device" means any telephone
service or device which permits a consumer to see the telephone number
of incoming telephone calls or text or media messages.]

1052 (b) The department shall establish and maintain a "no sales 1053 solicitation calls" listing of consumers who do not wish to receive 1054 [unsolicited] telephonic sales calls. The department may contract with a 1055 private vendor to establish and maintain such listing, provided (1) the 1056 private vendor has maintained national "no sales solicitation calls" 1057 listings for more than two years, and (2) the contract requires the vendor 1058 to provide the "no sales solicitation calls" listing in a printed hard copy 1059 format and in any other format offered at a cost that does not exceed the 1060 production cost of the format offered. The department shall provide 1061 notice to consumers of the establishment of a "no sales solicitation calls" 1062 listing. Any consumer who wishes to be included on such listing shall 1063 notify the department by calling a toll-free number provided by the 1064 department, or in any other such manner and at such times as the 1065 commissioner may prescribe. A consumer on such listing shall be 1066 deleted from such listing upon the consumer's written request. The 1067 department shall update such listing not less than quarterly and shall 1068 make such listing available to telephone solicitors and other persons 1069 upon request.

1070 (c) No telemarketer or telephone solicitor may make or cause to be 1071 made any [unsolicited] telephonic sales call to any consumer [(1)] 1072 residential, mobile or telephonic paging device telephone number if the 1073 consumer's name and telephone number or numbers appear on the 1074 [then current quarterly "no sales solicitation calls" listing made available 1075 by the department under] National Do Not Call Registry maintained by 1076 the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to 15 USC 6102(a), as amended 1077 from time to time, that establishes a national database listing the 1078 telephone numbers of subscribers who do not wish to receive telephone 1079 solicitations, which number or numbers the department shall include in 1080 the listing established and maintained, and made available, pursuant to 1081 subsection (b) of this section. [, unless (A) such call was made by a

1082	telephone solicitor that first began doing business in this state on or after
1083	January 1, 2000, (B) a period of less than one year has passed since such
1084	telephone solicitor first began doing business in this state, and (C) the
1085	consumer to whom such call was made had not on a previous occasion
1086	stated to such telephone solicitor that such consumer no longer wishes
1087	to receive the telephonic sales calls of such telephone solicitor, (2) for
1088	telephone calls, to be received between the hours of nine o'clock p.m.
1089	and nine o'clock a.m., local time, at the consumer's location or, for text
1090	or media messages, to be received on the consumer's mobile telephone
1091	or mobile electronic device at any time, (3) in the form of electronically
1092	transmitted facsimiles, or (4) by use of a recorded message device.]
1093	(d) Telephonic sales calls made to any consumer residential, mobile
1094	or telephonic paging device telephone number not otherwise prohibited
1095	by this section shall be limited to being conducted within the hours of
1096	nine o'clock a.m. and eight o'clock p.m. local time.
1097	(e) Any person making a telephonic sales call to a consumer's
1098	residential, mobile or telephonic paging device telephone number that
1099	is not otherwise prohibited by this section shall disclose such person's
1100	identity, the purpose of such telephonic sales call and the identity of the
1101	entity for which such person is making such telephonic sales call, if any,
1102	not later than ten seconds after such telephonic sales call begins.
1103	(f) If a telephone solicitor makes a telephonic sales call to a consumer
1104	and requests that the consumer donate or gift money or anything of
1105	value, the telephone solicitor shall, at the beginning of such telephonic
1106	sales call, ask such consumer whether such consumer wishes to
1107	continue such telephonic sales call, end such telephonic sales call or be
1108	removed from such telephone solicitor's list.
1109	(g) A telephone solicitor shall end a telephonic sales call not later than
1110	ten seconds after a consumer states or otherwise indicates that the
1111	consumer wishes to end such telephonic sales call.
1112	(h) If a consumer informs a telephone solicitor, at any point during a

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1113 telephonic sales call, that the consumer does not wish to receive future 1114 telephonic sales calls from the telephone solicitor, or wishes such telephone solicitor to remove such consumer's name, telephone number 1115 1116 or other contact information from such telephone solicitor's list, such 1117 telephone solicitor shall: (1) Inform such consumer that such consumer's 1118 contact information will be removed from such telephone solicitor's list 1119 for at least one full year; (2) end such telephonic sales call not later than ten seconds after such consumer expresses such wish; (3) refrain from 1120 1121 making any additional telephonic sales calls to such consumer at any 1122 telephone number associated with such consumer for at least one full 1123 year; and (4) not give or sell such consumer's name, telephone number 1124 or other contact information to any other entity, or receive anything of 1125 value from any other entity in exchange for such consumer's name, 1126 telephone number or other contact information.

[(d)] (i) No telemarketer or telephone solicitor may [intentionally]
cause to be installed or [may intentionally] use any blocking device or
service to circumvent a consumer's use of a caller identification service
or device. No telephone solicitor may intentionally transmit inaccurate
or misleading caller identification information.

1132 [(e)] (i) (1) Any person who obtains the name, residential address or 1133 telephone number of any consumer from published telephone 1134 directories or from any other source and republishes or compiles such 1135 information, electronically or otherwise, and sells or offers to sell such 1136 publication or compilation to telephone solicitors for marketing or sales 1137 solicitation purposes, shall exclude from any such publication or 1138 compilation, and from the database used to prepare such publication or 1139 compilation, the name, address and telephone number or numbers of 1140 any consumer if the consumer's name and telephone number or 1141 numbers appear [in the then current quarterly "no sales solicitation 1142 calls" listing made available by the department under subsection (b) of 1143 this section] on the National Do Not Call Registry maintained by the 1144 Federal Trade Commission pursuant to 15 USC 6102(a), 16 CFR Part 310 1145 and 47 CFR 64.1200, as amended from time to time, that establishes a 1146 <u>national database listing the telephone numbers of subscribers who do</u>
1147 <u>not wish to receive telephone solicitations.</u>

1148 (2) This subsection does not apply to (A) any telephone company, as 1149 defined in section 16-1, for the sole purpose of compiling, publishing or 1150 distributing telephone directories or causing the compilation, 1151 publication or distribution of telephone directories or providing 1152 directory assistance, and (B) any person, for the sole purpose of 1153 compiling, publishing or distributing telephone directories for such 1154 telephone company pursuant to an agreement or other arrangement 1155 with such telephone company.

1156 [(f)] (k) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with 1157 chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section. Such regulations 1158 may include, but shall not be limited to, provisions governing the 1159 availability and distribution of the listing established under subsection 1160 (b) of this section and notice requirements for consumers wishing to be 1161 included on the listing established under subsection (b) of this section 1162 consistent with information on the National Do Not Call Registry maintained by the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to 15 USC 1163 1164 6102(a), 16 CFR Part 310 and 47 CFR 64.1200, as amended from time to 1165 time.

1166 [(g)] (1) A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be 1167 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of 1168 section 42-110b. [, except that no telephone solicitor may be liable under 1169 this section for a call made in violation of subdivision (1) of subsection 1170 (c) of this section if such telephone solicitor demonstrates that: (1) Such 1171 telephone solicitor established and implemented written procedures 1172 and trained its employees to follow such procedures to comply with 1173 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section; (2) such telephone 1174 solicitor deleted from its call list any listing of a consumer on the then 1175 current quarterly "no sales solicitation calls" listing maintained pursuant 1176 to subsection (b) of this section; and (3) such call was made 1177 inadvertently.]

[(h)] (m) No telemarketer or telephone solicitor may make, or cause
to be made, [an unsolicited, automatically dialed, recorded] <u>a</u> telephonic
sales call to a consumer without such consumer's prior express written
consent.

[(i) In addition to the requirements of subsections (b) to (h), inclusive, 1182 of this section, if a consumer's mobile telephone or mobile electronic 1183 1184 device telephone number does not appear on the then current quarterly 1185 "no sales solicitation calls" listing made available by the department 1186 under subsection (b) of this section, no telephone solicitor may send or 1187 cause to be sent a text or media message to such number for the purpose 1188 of marketing or sales solicitation of consumer goods, unless such 1189 telephone solicitor has received the prior express written consent of the 1190 consumer to receive such text or media message.]

1191 (n) In addition to the requirements established in subsections (b) to 1192 (m), inclusive, of this section, if a consumer's mobile telephone or mobile 1193 electronic device telephone number does not appear on the then current 1194 quarterly "no sales solicitation calls" listing made available by the 1195 department pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, no telephone 1196 solicitor may send, or cause to be sent, a call using soundboard 1197 technology, an over-the-top message or a text or media message to such 1198 number for the purpose of marketing, selling or soliciting sales of 1199 consumer goods unless the telephone solicitor received express written 1200 consent from the consumer to receive such call using soundboard 1201 technology, over-the-top message or text or media message before such telephone solicitor made such call or sent such message or caused such 1202 1203 call to be made or message to be sent.

[(j)] (o) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (c) and [(i)] (j) of this section, a telecommunications company, as defined in section 16-1, may send <u>an over-the-top message or</u> a text or media message to an existing customer, provided [:] (1) [Such] <u>such</u> telecommunications company does not charge the customer a fee for such <u>over-the-top</u> <u>message or</u> text or media message, and (2) such <u>over-the-top message or</u> text or media message is primarily in connection with (A) an existing debt, payment of which has not been completed at the time the <u>over-</u>
<u>the-top message or</u> text or media message is sent, (B) an existing contract
between the telecommunications company and the customer, (C) a
wireless emergency alert authorized by federal law, or (D) a prior
request for customer service that was initiated by the customer.

[(k)] (p) In addition to any penalty imposed under chapter 735a, any
telephone solicitor, who is liable under the provisions of subsections
[(g)] (b) to [(i)] (n), inclusive, of this section, shall be fined not more than
twenty thousand dollars for each violation.

1220 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Automated dialing system or recorded message device" has the
same meaning as provided in section 42-284 of the general statutes, as
amended by this act;

1224 (2) "Commercial solicitation" (A) means the unsought initiation of a 1225 telephone conversation or voice communication for the purpose of (i) 1226 encouraging a consumer to purchase property, goods or services, or (ii) 1227 obtaining personal information or any other thing of value, and (B) does 1228 not include (i) an unsought telephone conversation or voice 1229 communication with a consumer who provides advance (I) written 1230 nonassignable consent to such conversation or communication, or (II) 1231 electronic nonassignable consent to such conversation or 1232 communication if the consumer has been provided a clear, conspicuous, 1233 detailed disclosure concerning the scope of such consent before such 1234 consumer provides such consent and if such consent only applies to 1235 conversations or communications initiated by the person seeking such 1236 consent, or (ii) any portion of an unsought voice communication that 1237 involves a live conversation between the voice communication recipient 1238 and a person with whom such recipient has an established business 1239 relationship;

(3) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-288aof the general statutes, as amended by this act;

1242 1243	(4) "Established business relationship" means an existing relationship that is formed by a voluntary two-way communication between a
1244	consumer or entity and a business, with or without an exchange of
1245	consideration, on the basis of an application, purchase or transaction
1246	regarding property, goods or services offered by the business or entity,
1247	which relationship has not been previously terminated by either party;
1248	(5) "Over-the-top message" has the same meaning as provided in
1249	section 42-284 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
1250	(6) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-284 of
1251	the general statutes, as amended by this act;
1252	(7) "Personal information" has the same meaning as provided in
1253	section 36a-701b of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
1254	(8) "Soundboard technology" has the same meaning as provided in
1255	section 42-284 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
1256	(9) "Telephonic sales call" has the same meaning as provided in
1257	section 42-284 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
1258	(10) "Terminating provider" means a telecommunications provider
1259	upon whose network a voice communication terminates to a call
1260	recipient or end user;
1261	(11) "Text or media message" has the same meaning as provided in
1262	section 42-284 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and
1263	(12) "Voice communication" (A) means a communication that is made
1264	by an individual or, in whole or in part, by using an artificial or
1265	prerecorded message, (B) includes, but is not limited to, a voice message
1266	transmitted directly to a recipient's voicemail regardless of whether the
1267	recipient's phone rings as part of the transmission, and (C) does not
1268	include an automated warning required by law.
1269	(b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no

1270 person shall:

1271 (A) Initiate a commercial solicitation or telephonic sales call by using 1272 an automated dialing system or recorded message device, technology to 1273 send an over-the-top message or a text or media message, or by using 1274 soundboard technology to contact (i) a telephone number with a 1275 Connecticut area code, or (ii) a telephone registered to a resident of this 1276 state whose telephone number appears on the National Do Not Call 1277 Registry maintained by the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to 15 1278 USC 6102(a), as amended from time to time; or

(B) Provide substantial assistance or support to the initiator of a
commercial solicitation or telephonic sales call that enables the initiator
to initiate, originate or transmit a commercial solicitation or telephonic
sales call if such person knows, or avoids knowing, that such initiator is
engaged, or intends to engage, in fraud or any practice that violates any
provision of this section or sections 42-284 to 42-288b, inclusive, of the
general statutes, as amended by this act.

1286 (2) No provision of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be 1287 construed to prohibit:

(A) Any person from designing, manufacturing or distributing any
component, product or technology that has a commercially significant
use other than circumventing or violating the provisions of this section;

(B) Any telecommunications provider or other entity from providing
access to the Internet for the purpose of excluding initiation of a voice
communication or text message; or

1294 (C) Any terminating provider from taking any action concerning 1295 completion of a voice communication.

(c) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a commercial
solicitation, voice communication or telephonic sales call made by using
an automated dialing system or recorded message device, or technology
that sends an over-the-top message or a text or media message, to any

telephone number with a Connecticut area code or to a consumer hastaken place in this state.

(d) A violation of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive
trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general
statutes. In addition to any penalty imposed under chapter 735a of the
general statutes, any person who violates any provision of this section
shall be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars for each such
violation.

Sec. 17. Subsections (c) to (k), inclusive, of section 21a-190f of the
general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1311 (c) [No] Not less than [twenty days] one business day prior to the 1312 commencement of each solicitation campaign, a paid solicitor shall file 1313 with the department a copy of the contract described in subsection (d) 1314 of this section and shall complete a solicitation notice in a form 1315 prescribed by the commissioner. A solicitation notice shall be certified 1316 by the paid solicitor as true and correct to the best of the solicitor's 1317 knowledge and shall include a description of the solicitation event or 1318 campaign, the location and telephone number from which the 1319 solicitation is to be conducted, the names and residence addresses of all 1320 employees, agents or other persons however styled who are to solicit 1321 during such campaign and the account number and location of all bank 1322 accounts where receipts from such campaign are to be deposited. 1323 [Copies of campaign solicitation literature, including the text of any 1324 solicitation to be made orally, shall be submitted to the department.] The 1325 charitable organization on whose behalf the paid solicitor is acting shall 1326 certify that the solicitation notice and accompanying material are true 1327 and complete. [Prior to the commencement of such solicitation 1328 campaign, the commissioner shall publicize such solicitation by posting 1329 on the department's web site information describing the terms of the 1330 contract between the paid solicitor and the charitable organization, the 1331 dates of such solicitation campaign and the percentage of the raised 1332 funds to be retained by the paid solicitor. The commissioner may

1333 publicize such solicitation through any additional means the1334 commissioner deems appropriate.]

1335 (d) A contract between a paid solicitor and a charitable organization 1336 shall be in writing, shall clearly state the respective obligations of the 1337 paid solicitor and the charitable organization and shall state the 1338 minimum amount that the charitable organization shall receive as a 1339 result of the solicitation campaign, which minimum amount shall be 1340 stated as a percentage of the gross revenue. Such minimum amount 1341 shall not include any amount that the charitable organization is to pay 1342 as expenses of the solicitation campaign.

(e) A paid solicitor shall, prior to orally requesting a contribution, and
at the same time at which a written request for a contribution is made,
clearly and conspicuously disclose at the point of solicitation such
solicitor's name as on file with the department [,] and the fact that such
solicitor is a paid solicitor. [and the percentage of the gross revenue
which the charitable organization shall receive as identified in
subsection (d) of this section.]

(f) A paid solicitor shall, in the case of a solicitation campaign
conducted orally, whether by telephone or otherwise, send a written
confirmation to each person who has pledged to contribute, no more
than five days after such person has been solicited, which confirmation
shall include a clear and conspicuous disclosure of the information
required by subsection (e) of this section.

(g) A paid solicitor shall not represent that any part of the
contributions received will be given or donated to any charitable
organization unless such organization has consented in writing to the
use of its name, prior to the solicitation. Such written consent, if given,
shall be signed by two authorized officers, directors or trustees of the
charitable organization.

(h) No paid solicitor may represent that tickets to an event are to bedonated for use by another, unless the paid solicitor has first obtained a

commitment, in writing, from a charitable organization stating that it
will accept donated tickets and specifying the number of tickets which
it is willing to accept and provided no more contributions for donated
tickets shall be solicited than the number of ticket commitments
received from the charitable organization.

(i) A paid solicitor shall require any person such solicitor directly or
indirectly employs, procures or engages to solicit to comply with the
provisions of subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of this section.

1372 (j) A paid solicitor shall file a financial report for the campaign with 1373 the department no more than ninety days after a solicitation campaign 1374 has been completed, and on the anniversary of the commencement of 1375 any solicitation campaign which lasts more than one year, in a form 1376 prescribed by the commissioner. The financial report shall include gross 1377 revenue and an itemization of all expenditures incurred. The report 1378 shall be completed on a form prescribed by the department. An 1379 authorized official of the paid solicitor and two authorized officials of 1380 the charitable organization shall certify that such report is true and 1381 complete to the best of their knowledge. The information contained in 1382 such report shall be available to the public.

1383 (k) A paid solicitor shall maintain during each solicitation campaign 1384 and for not less than three years after the completion of each such 1385 campaign the following records: [, which shall be available to the 1386 department for inspection upon request:] (1) The name and address of 1387 each contributor, if known to the paid solicitor, and the date and amount 1388 of the contribution; [, provided the department shall not disclose this 1389 information except to the extent necessary for investigative or law 1390 enforcement purposes;] (2) the name and residence of each employee, 1391 agent or other person involved in the solicitation; and (3) records of all 1392 income received and expenses incurred in the course of the solicitation 1393 campaign. The paid solicitor shall make the records required under 1394 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, as well as records containing 1395 the dates and amounts described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, 1396 available to the department for inspection upon request.

Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 21a-190c of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) A charitable organization shall include with the charitable 1400 1401 organization's financial statement (1) an audit report of a certified public 1402 accountant if the charitable organization had gross revenue in excess of 1403 [five hundred thousand] one million dollars in the year covered by [the] 1404 such report, [shall include with its financial statement an audit report of 1405 a certified public accountant] or (2) an audit or review report of a 1406 certified public accountant if the charitable organization had gross 1407 revenue in excess of five hundred thousand dollars but not more than 1408 one million dollars in the year covered by such report. For purposes of 1409 this section, gross revenue shall not include grants or fees from 1410 government agencies or the revenue derived from funds held in trust 1411 for the benefit of the organization. The commissioner may, upon written 1412 request and for good cause shown, waive the audit or review report 1413 requirement under this subsection.

Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 21a-190b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1417 (a) Every charitable organization not exempted by section 21a-190d 1418 shall annually register with the department prior to conducting any 1419 solicitation or prior to having any solicitation conducted on its behalf by 1420 others. Application for registration shall be in a form prescribed by the 1421 commissioner and shall include a nonrefundable application fee of fifty 1422 dollars. Such application shall include: (1) A registration statement, (2)an annual financial report for such organization for the preceding fiscal 1423 1424 year that is prepared in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) 1425 of section 21a-190c, as amended by this act, and (3) an audited or 1426 reviewed financial statement as required by subsection (b) of section 1427 21a-190c, as amended by this act. An authorized officer of the 1428 organization shall certify that the statements therein are true and correct 1429 to the best of their knowledge. A chapter, branch or affiliate in this state of a registered parent organization shall not be required to register
provided the parent organization files a consolidated annual
registration for itself and its chapter, branch or affiliate. Each charitable
organization shall annually renew its registration not later than eleven
months after the end of such organization's fiscal year.

Sec. 20. Section 42-288c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*October 1, 2023)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: July 1, 2023 Section 1 42-230 July 1, 2023 Sec. 2 51-164n(b)Sec. 3 from passage 42-110d(c) to (f) Sec. 4 July 1, 2023 35-42(c) July 1, 2023 Sec. 5 4-61dd(d) *October* 1, 2023 Sec. 6 36a-701b July 1, 2023 Sec. 7 42-471(d) to (h) Sec. 8 *October* 1, 2023 42-472a Sec. 9 July 1, 2023 42-520(a) *October* 1, 2023 Sec. 10 53-289a *October* 1, 2023 Sec. 11 42-284 Sec. 12 October 1, 2023 42-285(b) Sec. 13 October 1, 2023 42-286 Sec. 14 October 1, 2023 42-288 Sec. 15 *October* 1, 2023 42-288a *October* 1, 2023 Sec. 16 New section Sec. 17 from passage 21a-190f(c) to (k) Sec. 18 from passage 21a-190c(b) Sec. 19 21a-190b(a) from passage Sec. 20 *October* 1, 2023 Repealer section

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1(c) was rewritten for clarity; in Section 8, Subsecs. (a)(1) and (h) were rewritten for clarity; in Section 8(d), "<u>53a-129e</u>," was changed to "<u>53a-129e or</u>" and "<u>the state</u>" was changed to "<u>this state</u>" for internal consistency; in Section 10(a), "<u>"service fee", "surcharge"</u>" was changed to "<u>"service fee" or "surcharge</u>"" for clarity; in Sections 13(a) and (b), "<u>charge card or debit card account or electronic payment platform account</u>" was

changed to "<u>charge card, debit card or electronic payment platform</u> account" for conciseness; in Section 15(c), "(1)" was bracketed for consistency with standard drafting conventions; in Section 15(d), "<u>to,</u> <u>and conducted within, the</u>" was changed to "<u>limited to being conducted</u> <u>within the</u>" for clarity; in Section 15(o), "[a] <u>an over-the-top message or</u> text" was changed to "<u>an over-the-top message or</u> a text" for clarity; in Section 16(b)(1)(A), "a" was inserted before "text" for clarity; and in Section 16(b)(1)(B), "42-288c" was changed to "42-288b" for accuracy.

GL Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO