



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 184**

LCO No. 1351



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

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

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-153b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 [No] (a) For the purposes of this section, "passenger motor vehicle"  
4 does not include (1) a passenger motor vehicle classified as full-size elite,  
5 premium, premium elite, luxury, luxury elite, oversize or special by  
6 ACRISS, formerly known as the Association of Car Rental Industry  
7 System Standards, or a successor to its functions, or (2) a sport utility  
8 vehicle designed to transport seven or more passengers.

9 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person, firm  
10 or corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing passenger  
11 motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of thirty days or less, shall  
12 require any customer to show proof that [he or she holds a card  
13 provided by a credit card issuer] such customer holds a credit card as a  
14 condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle; provided such  
15 person, firm or corporation may require that a customer, seeking to rent

16 for cash, apply for approval to rent up to three business days before the  
17 expected rental and that such customer provide both suitable  
18 identification and a reasonable deposit.

19 (c) No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting  
20 or leasing passenger motor vehicles without drivers, for periods of  
21 thirty days or less, shall require an additional driver of any customer to  
22 show proof that the additional driver holds a credit card or debit card  
23 as a condition to the rental of a passenger motor vehicle to the customer,  
24 provided such additional driver shows proof of a valid motor vehicle  
25 operator's license and the customer shows proof that the customer holds  
26 a credit card.

27 Sec. 2. Section 14-15b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and*  
29 *applicable to contracts entered into on or after said date*):

30 (a) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

39 (3) "Loss of use" means the deprivation of the use of a rental motor  
40 vehicle by the person, firm or corporation leasing or renting such motor  
41 vehicle during the period reasonably required to make repairs to the  
42 motor vehicle.

43 [(c)] (b) Any motor vehicle rental contract incorporating a provision  
44 for collision damage waiver shall comply with the provisions of chapter  
45 742 and shall provide conspicuous notice that the lessee's personal

46 automobile insurance policy may cover collision damage, fire and theft  
47 damage and personal injury incurred while using a rental motor vehicle,  
48 and of the annualized rate for the collision damage waiver and any  
49 liability provisions. Any such contract shall detail the full extent of its  
50 coverage.

51 [(d)] (c) No person, firm or corporation leasing or renting to another  
52 any motor vehicle shall: (1) Make any false or misleading statements  
53 either orally or in writing, in connection with the sale, offer to sell, or  
54 advertisement of a collision damage waiver; (2) omit any material  
55 statement in connection with the sale, offer to sell or advertisement of  
56 such waiver; or (3) make any statement that the purchase of a collision  
57 damage waiver is mandatory.

58 (d) Any motor vehicle rental contract incorporating a provision  
59 whereby the person, firm or corporation leasing or renting motor  
60 vehicles is able to recover the loss of use of a rental motor vehicle  
61 because of any damage to such motor vehicle incurred during the term  
62 of such contract may permit such person, firm or corporation to collect  
63 not more than one day of the daily rental fee stated in the contract for  
64 every four hours of labor required to repair such damage. The  
65 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person, firm or  
66 corporation who, incidental to the conduct of its principal business,  
67 rents or leases a rental motor vehicle without a driver in the state.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	14-153b
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024, and applicable to contracts entered into on or after said date</i>	14-15b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) prohibit a car rental company from requiring an additional driver to provide a credit card to such company as a condition to renting a passenger motor vehicle, provided the lessee provides a credit card or debit card, and (2) limit the amount that a car rental company may recover for the loss of use of a rented vehicle from a lessee.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*