



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 184

February Session, 2024



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 Section 14-153b of the general statutes is repealed and the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 six 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 or debit 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 Section 14-15b of the general statutes is repealed and the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 engaged in the business of
52 renting or leasing [or renting to another any] rental motor [vehicle]
53 vehicles shall: (1) Make any false or misleading statements either orally
54 or in writing, in connection with the sale, offer to sell, or advertisement
55 of a collision damage waiver; (2) omit any material statement in
56 connection with the sale, offer to sell or advertisement of such waiver;
57 or (3) make any statement that the purchase of a collision damage
58 waiver is mandatory.

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

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

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

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