



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5307**

January Session, 2021



***AN ACT CONCERNING PRICE GOUGING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 42-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Seller" means a person, firm or corporation, including, but not  
5 limited to, a manufacturer, supplier, wholesaler, distributor or retailer;

6 (2) "Precipitating event" means a disaster emergency declaration  
7 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517, a transportation  
8 emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to section 3-6b  
9 or any major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President  
10 of the United States; and

11 (3) "Unconscionably excessive price" means (A) the amount charged  
12 by the seller represents a gross disparity between (i) the price for which  
13 an item was sold, rented or leased immediately prior to the precipitating  
14 event and when the precipitating event was reasonably anticipated, and  
15 (ii) the price for which such item is being sold, rented or leased during  
16 the period in which such precipitating event is in effect, and (B) the  
17 amount charged by the seller is not attributable to additional costs

