



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6083

LCO No. 2430



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO REPAIR MOTORIZED
WHEELCHAIRS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that: (1) A motorized
- 2 wheelchair manufacturer shall provide to a motorized wheelchair
- 3 owner or independent repairer all parts, embedded software, firmware,
- 4 tools and technical documentation necessary for the owner or repairer
- 5 to perform diagnostic, maintenance and repair work on the wheelchair;
- 6 (2) any failure to provide such parts, software, firmware, tools and
- 7 technical documentation constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or
- 8 practice within the meaning of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices
- 9 Act; and (3) no such manufacturer shall be required to divulge any trade
- 10 secret to an owner or independent repairer.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that: (1) A motorized wheelchair manufacturer shall provide to a motorized wheelchair owner or independent repairer all parts, embedded software, firmware, tools and technical documentation necessary for the owner or repairer to perform diagnostic, maintenance and repair work on the wheelchair; (2) any failure to provide such parts,

software, firmware, tools and technical documentation constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act; and (3) no such manufacturer shall be required to divulge any trade secret to an owner or independent repairer.