



# State of Connecticut

## *Substitute House Bill No. 5611*

### *Public Act No. 06-118*

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO RETURN RENTAL PROPERTY.***

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

*(Effective October 1, 2006):*

(a) A person is guilty of criminal trover in the second degree when, knowing that [he] such person is not licensed or privileged to do so, [he] such person uses the personal property of another without the consent of such owner, and such use results in damage to or diminishes the value of such property or subjects such owner to economic loss, fine or other penalty.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "economic loss" includes uncompensated economic loss that exceeds five hundred dollars suffered by an owner of personal property who is engaged in the business of renting or leasing personal property when a person to whom such owner has rented or leased such property pursuant to a written agreement providing for the return of such property at a specified time fails to return such property within one hundred twenty hours after the owner sends a written demand to such person for the return of such property by registered mail addressed to such person at such person's address as shown in the written agreement, unless a more recent address is known to the owner. Acknowledgment of the receipt of such written demand by such person shall not be necessary to establish that one hundred twenty hours have passed since such written demand was sent. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to personal property that is rented or leased (1) for personal, family or household purposes, or (2) pursuant to chapter 7431.

[(b)] (c) **Criminal trover in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.**