

**§ 143B-1453. Repair or replacement of personal property.**

(a) The Secretary may adopt rules governing repair or replacement of personal property items excluding private passenger vehicles that belong to employees of State facilities within the Division of Prisons of the Department and that are damaged or stolen by inmates of the State facilities provided that the item is determined by the Secretary to be damaged or stolen on or off facility grounds during the performance of employment and necessary for the employee to have in the employee's possession to perform the employee's assigned duty.

(b) Reimbursement for items damaged or stolen shall not be granted in instances in which the employee is determined to be negligent or otherwise at fault for the damage or loss of the property. Negligence shall be determined by the superintendent of the facility.

(c) The superintendent of the facility shall determine if the person seeking reimbursement has made a good faith effort to recover the loss from all other non-State sources and has failed before reimbursement is granted.

(d) Reimbursement shall be limited to the amount specified in the rules and shall not exceed a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per incident. No employee shall receive more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year in reimbursement. Reimbursement is subject to the availability of funds.

(e) The Secretary shall establish by rule an appeals process consistent with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. (1987, c. 639, s. 1; 1989, c. 189, s. 2; 2011-145, s. 19.1(h), (i), (s); 2017-186, s. 1(f); recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-703 by 2021-180, s. 19C.9(h), (m).)