

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY



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BUSINESS PRACTICES

Automobiles

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
429	AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES BETWEEN MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS ACT	TRAFTON TUTTLE	ONTP

SUMMARY: Clarifies rights between motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers in suits on implied warranties; increases dealer's rights against manufacturer to attorney fees and other costs; gives dealer "consumer" status in some respects.

465	AN ACT REGARDING SALES OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES	CHONKO	ONTP
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SUMMARY: Amends Used Car Information Act to mandate warranty that vehicle is free from mechanical defects affecting its safety or normal use; provides specific language for disclaimer of warranty.

691	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON USED CARS SOLD BY USED CAR DEALERS	WILLEY	ONTP
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SUMMARY: Repeals disclosure language in Used Car Information Act regarding known mechanical defects or damage sustained by vehicle.

848	AN ACT TO CREATE THE MAINE LEMON LAW	BRANNIGAN MICHAEL MARTIN, J TUTTLE	(OTPA) PL 1983, c.145
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SUMMARY: Enacts law similar to that of Connecticut providing remedies for owners of new vehicles which suffer from substantial and persistent nonconformities with express warranties. Provides owner with certain presumptions and rights to restitution.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-93): Limits applicability to autos, small trucks; excludes fleets of 3 or more owned by commercial or governmental entities; includes importers; clarifies presumption of lemon to include series of different nonconformities leading to 30 days in repairs. (ADOPTED)