

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 656

House of Representatives, February 28, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Sprowl of Hope, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Providing Motor Vehicle Dealers Additional Time in which to Perform  
Warranty Requirements Under the Used Car Information Act if Necessary  
Parts Have Not Been Received from the Manufacturer.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**10 MRSA § 1476, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, sub-¶ 3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, § 57, is amended to read:

(3) A reasonable period after the period set forth in subparagraph (2) if necessary parts are not available to the dealer because of a strike, natural disaster or other disaster affecting the manufacture, distribution or shipment of parts **through a delay in shipment by the manufacturer through no fault of the dealer**; or

STATEMENT OF FACT

This provision as presently enacted imposes liability on an automobile dealer for failure to perform warranty work even though the delay in performing such work is occasioned through no fault of the dealer, but by the manufacturer's failure to make timely shipment of necessary parts. This bill eliminates the dealer's liability under such circumstances.