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Legislative Document

No. 845

S.P. 295

In Senate, March 20, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Disclosures When Selling
Used Cars.

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

6 10 MRSA §1475, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c.
7 770, §57, is amended to read:

8 3. Written statement. A dealer shall obtain from
9 the seller of a used motor vehicle a written state-
10 ment containing the following information:

11 A. The make, model, model year and any identifi-
12 cation or serial numbers of the motor vehicle;

13 B. The name and address of the seller, the prin-
14 cipal use to which the motor vehicle was put by

1 the seller, such as personal transportation, po-
2 lice car, daily rental car, taxi or other de-
3 scriptive term;

4 C. A statement identifying any and all mechani-
5 cal defects known to the seller at the time of
6 sale; and

7 D. A statement identifying the type of damage,
8 if any, that the vehicle has sustained, such as
9 fire, water or substantial collision damage, if
10 such information is known to the seller. The
11 seller of the used motor vehicle shall sign this
12 written statement and the dealer who buys the ve-
13 hicle shall maintain a record of it for one year
14 following the sale of the motor vehicle.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to require consumers
17 selling cars to a used car dealer to sign a written
18 disclosure statement detailing all known damage and
19 mechanical defects. By signing this document, con-
20 sumers will be confirming that they have fully dis-
21 closed the condition of the car to the used car deal-
22 er. This information is later disclosed by the deal-
23 er to prospective buyers.

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