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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1636

S.P. 541

In Senate, May 20, 1987

Reported by Senator Baldacci of Penobscot for the
Committee on Business Legislation and printed under Joint Rule
2. Original Bill sponsored by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Limit the Administrative Charge on
2 Sales of New Motor Vehicles to the
3 Actual Administrative Cost.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §345, sub-§3-A is enacted to
8 read:

9 3-A. Additional charges. Vehicle dealers li-
10 censed pursuant to this subsection shall not charge
11 for any extra charge, preparation service or optional
12 equipment, as defined in this subsection, unless such
13 charge is accurately described and clearly posted on
14 the motor vehicle to which the charge applies.

1 A. "Extra charge" means any consumer charge
2 listed or requested by the dealer for the pur-
3 chase of a new motor vehicle which is not in-
4 cluded in the manufacturer's suggested retail
5 price of that vehicle.

6 B. "Preparation service" means any adjustment,
7 inspection, testing, repair, replacement of
8 parts, cleaning, polishing or other labor done
9 with the purpose of preparing a new motor vehicle
10 for sale that is performed by the dealer without
11 prior written authorization of the purchaser.

12 C. "Optional equipment" means equipment, protec-
13 tive coatings, special features, appliances,
14 parts or accessories added to a new motor vehicle
15 by the dealer, or that are added by specific re-
16 quest of the dealer, which the customer purchases
17 and which are not included in the manufacturer's
18 suggested retail price.

19 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2352, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by
20 PL 1985, c. 401, §16, is amended to read:

21 E. Vehicle dealers licensed pursuant to this Ti-
22 tle shall not charge, for titling purposes, fees
23 in excess of those described in this section.

24 All other fees charged for document processing
25 shall be disclosed to any purchaser prior to the
26 final sale of any vehicle and shall be clearly
27 posted on any vehicle to which the charge
28 applies.

29 Failure to comply with this subsection is a Class
30 E crime.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft clarifies that consumers must be accurately notified of all charges and the nature of those charges by statement on the window sticker to provide consumers with that notice early on in the process of shopping for automobiles.

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