

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative STEVENS of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT Relating to Disclosures when Selling**
2 **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, ¶D, as amended by PL
7 1987, c. 136, is further amended to read:

8 D. A statement identifying the type of damage, if
9 any, that the vehicle has sustained, such as fire,

1 water or substantial collision damage, if such
2 information is known to the seller.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 In the First Regular Session of the 113th
5 Legislature, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10,
6 section 1475, subsection 3, paragraph D, was amended
7 by removing the word "substantial" in describing the
8 type of collision damage that a seller of a used motor
9 vehicle must report to the purchaser of that vehicle.
10 This word had been in the law since it was enacted in
11 1975 and has provided a general standard for all
12 persons who must comply with the law and the removal
13 of this standard has already resulted in a great deal
14 of confusion among those persons.

15 This bill reenacts the standard that has been in
16 the law since it was enacted by putting the word
17 "substantial" back into the used motor vehicle
18 disclosure law and provides at least some guidance to
19 all those persons who must comply with it, which
20 includes those individuals who are trading motor
21 vehicles in to new and used car dealers, as well as
22 the dealers themselves so that they will have a better
23 means of knowing the type of disclosures which they
24 are required to make under this provision of the law.

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