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An Act To Improve the Protection for Buyers of Motor Vehicles from Vehicles Labeled Lemons in Other States

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1174, sub-§4, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. To fail to disclose in writing to a potential purchaser or lessee of a motor vehicle that the motor vehicle had previously been returned to the manufacturer pursuant to either a lemon law arbitration decision or a lemon law settlement agreement in a state other than this State if known to the dealer. If that information is known to the dealer, this disclosure must be clear and conspicuous. For the purpose of this section, "lemon law" refers to any state's certified dispute settlement law that establishes a state-certified arbitration procedure to settle consumer complaints that the consumer had been sold a vehicle that did not conform to all manufacturer express warranties and that the manufacturer had not been able to repair or correct the defect or condition that impaired the vehicle.

SUMMARY

This bill helps ensure that a Maine consumer who purchases a vehicle that had been returned to the manufacturer pursuant to another state's lemon law is notified of this fact if that information is known to the dealer before the consumer decides to purchase the motor vehicle.