

1 H.664

2 Introduced by Representatives Christie of Hartford, Deen of Westminster,
3 Mrowicki of Putney, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Derby, and
4 Yantachka of Charlotte

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer protection; used motor vehicle

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize a
9 consumer to return within 30 days a used motor vehicle purchased at auction if
10 the motor vehicle is inoperable or substantially damaged.

11 An act relating to defective used motor vehicles

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2466c is added to read:

14 § 2466c. RIGHT OF RETURN FOR DEFECTIVE USED MOTOR

15 VEHICLES PURCHASED AT AUCTION

16 (a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law or contract, a consumer
17 who purchases a used motor vehicle at auction in this State shall have the right
18 to return the vehicle to the seller within 30 days and receive a full refund of his
19 or her purchase price and transaction costs if the buyer submits a written

1 demand to the seller that includes a signed statement by a qualified mechanic
2 that the vehicle is inoperable or substantially damaged.

3 (b) A person who sells a used motor vehicle to a consumer at auction shall
4 provide written notice of the right to return authorized by this section.

5 (c) A person who violates this section commits an unfair and deceptive act
6 in trade and commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.