

9 V.S.A. § 4172(b) is amended to read:

(b) It shall be the manufacturer's obligation under this chapter to ensure that all new motor vehicles sold, leased, or registered in this State conform with manufacturer's express warranties including any warranty applicable to the chassis, chassis cab and that portion of a recreation vehicle devoted to its propulsion. The manufacturer may delegate responsibility to its agents or authorized dealers provided, however, in the event the manufacturer delegates its responsibility under this chapter to its agents or authorized dealers, it shall compensate the dealer for all work performed by the dealer in satisfaction of the manufacturer's responsibility under this chapter in the manner set forth in chapter 108 of this title known as the "Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers' Franchising Practices Act" as that act may be from time to time amended.

9 V.S.A. § 4173(a) is amended to read:

(a) After reasonable attempt at repair or correction of the nonconformity, defect, or condition, or after the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair of one or more nonconformities, defects, or conditions for a cumulative total of 30 or more calendar days as provided in this chapter, the consumer shall notify the manufacturer and lessor in writing, on forms to be provided by the manufacturer at the time the new motor vehicle is delivered, of the nonconformity, defect, or condition and the consumer's election to proceed under this chapter. The forms

shall be made available by the manufacturer to any public or nonprofit agencies that shall request them. Notice of consumer rights under this chapter shall be conspicuously displayed by all authorized dealers and agents of the manufacturer. The consumer shall in the notice elect whether to use the dispute settlement mechanism or the arbitration provisions established by the manufacturer or to proceed under the Vermont Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board as established under this chapter. Any agreement entered into by a consumer that waives, limits or disclaims the rights set forth in this chapter or that requires a consumer not to disclose the terms of such agreement as a condition thereof is void as contrary to public policy with the exception for exclusions or modifications resulting from a settlement agreement between the consumer and manufacturer. The consumer's election of whether to proceed before the Board or the manufacturer's mechanism shall preclude his or her recourse to the method not selected.