

S.235

Introduced by Senator Westman

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer protection; motor vehicles; service
history; defects; disclosure

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require motor
vehicle dealers and repair shops to provide accurate information regarding a
motor vehicle's service history and diagnostics to vehicle history information
databases and providers, and to require dealers to disclose vehicle history
information in the dealer's possession to a prospective purchaser.

An act relating to the reporting and disclosure of motor vehicle diagnostics
and service history

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

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 13 is added to read:

Subchapter 13. Motor Vehicle Service History

§ 2495. DEFINITIONS

As used in this section:

(1) "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling or
exchanging new or used motor vehicles, or both. A dealer includes any person

1 that, as part of or incidental to such business, repairs motor vehicles, sells
2 motor vehicle parts and accessories, or leases or rents motor vehicles.

3 (2) "Repair shop" means a person that is engaged in the business of
4 performing service or maintenance on motor vehicles but is not a dealer.

5 (3) "Vehicle history database" means a database from which a person
6 may obtain vehicle history information specific to a vehicle identification
7 number (VIN).

8 (4) "Vehicle history information" includes the following related to a
9 motor vehicle:

10 (A) accident or damage information;

11 (B) the number of previous owners;

12 (C) information regarding service or maintenance history, including
13 diagnostic information generated while performing service or maintenance;

14 (D) odometer reading; and

15 (E) title information.

16 (5) "Vehicle history report" means any written or electronic
17 communication of vehicle history information made by a vehicle history report
18 provider that is made available to consumers.

19 (6) "Vehicle history report provider" means an entity that generates
20 vehicle history reports from a vehicle history database that are provided
21 directly to consumers. "Vehicle history report provider" does not include a

1 dealer that obtains a vehicle history report from a third party that is not an
2 affiliate of the dealer and that then communicates the vehicle history report
3 without altering the vehicle history information in the report.

4 § 2495a. REPORTS TO VEHICLE HISTORY REPORT PROVIDERS

5 In any instance in which a dealer or repair shop provides information
6 regarding a motor vehicle to a vehicle history report provider or other entity
7 that maintains a vehicle history database, the dealer or repair shop shall
8 provide accurate information regarding the motor vehicle, including any
9 repairs, services, or maintenance performed on the vehicle and the results of
10 any diagnostics performed on the vehicle.

11 § 2495b. DISCLOSURE OF USED VEHICLE HISTORY INFORMATION
12 TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS

13 A dealer shall disclose to a prospective purchaser of a used motor vehicle
14 any vehicle history information related to that motor vehicle that is in the
15 possession of the dealer, including any vehicle history reports that the dealer
16 has obtained and any other vehicle history information that is in the possession
17 of the dealer or is readily available to the dealer.

18 § 2495c. VIOLATIONS

19 (a) A violation of this subchapter is deemed to be a violation of section
20 2453 of this title.

1 (b) The Attorney General has the same authority to make rules, conduct
2 civil investigations, enter into assurances of discontinuance, and bring civil
3 actions, and private parties have the save rights and remedies, as provided
4 pursuant to subchapter 1 of this chapter.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.