

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1542

BY: KINNAMON and ISAAC of
the HOUSE

and

HOOVER of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; REQUIRING
DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN VEHICLE DAMAGE BY DEALERS;
DEFINING TERM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1112.1 of Title 47, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every dealer shall disclose in writing to the purchaser of a
new or previously unregistered motor vehicle, prior to entering into
a contract for the vehicle or, if unknown at that time, prior to
delivery of the vehicle, the following information:

1. Any material damage known by the dealer to have been
sustained by the vehicle and subsequently repaired; and

2. Any damage, including but not limited to material damage or
flood damage, known by the dealer to have been sustained by the
vehicle and not repaired.

B. For purposes of this section, "material damage" means damage
sustained by a motor vehicle as follows:

1. The damage required repairs having a value, including parts and labor calculated at the repairer's cost, exceeding three percent (3%) of the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the vehicle or Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), whichever is greater. The replacement of damaged or stolen components, excluding the cost of repainting or refinishing those components, if replaced by the installation of new original manufacturer's equipment, parts, or accessories that are bolted or otherwise attached as a unit to the vehicle, including but not limited to, the hood, bumpers, fenders, mechanical parts, instrument panels, moldings, glass, tires, wheels, and electronic instruments, shall be excluded from damage calculation, except that any damage having a cumulative repair or replacement value which exceeds ten percent (10%) of the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the vehicle shall be deemed material damage;

2. The damage was to the frame or drive train of the motor vehicle;

3. The damage occurred in connection with a theft of the entire vehicle; or

4. The damage was to the suspension of the vehicle requiring repairs other than wheel balancing or alignment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 1991.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1991.

President of the Senate