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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - "Lemon Law" - Required Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop a notice that
 4 describes the rights provided to consumers under the Maryland Automotive
 5 Warranty Enforcement Act; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make
 6 the notice available to dealers that sell new motor vehicles in the State; specifying
 7 the manner in which the notice is to be written and certain contents of the notice;
 8 requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations to implement this
 9 Act; requiring certain dealers to provide a copy of the notice to purchasers of new
 10 motor vehicles at a certain time; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to
 11 consult with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney
 12 General in developing the consumer notice; and generally relating to providing
 13 notice of the rights and remedies available under the Maryland Automotive
 14 Warranty Enforcement Act.

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Commercial Law

17 Section 14-1502.1

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - Commercial Law**

2 14-1502.1.

3 (A) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

4 (1) DEVELOP A NOTICE THAT DESCRIBES THE RIGHTS PROVIDED TO
5 CONSUMERS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; ~~AND~~

6 (2) MAKE THE NOTICE AVAILABLE TO ALL DEALERS THAT SELL NEW
7 MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE STATE; AND

8 (3) ADOPT REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE
9 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

10 (B) THE NOTICE SHALL:

11 (1) BE WRITTEN IN SIMPLE AND READABLE PLAIN LANGUAGE; AND

12 (2) CONTAIN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO FULLY INFORM CONSUMERS
13 ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AVAILABLE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND THE
14 PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW TO ENFORCE THOSE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

15 (C) EACH DEALER THAT SELLS A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE STATE SHALL
16 PROVIDE TO THE PURCHASER, AT THE TIME OF THE SALE OR DELIVERY OF THE
17 MOTOR VEHICLE, A COPY OF THE NOTICE DEVELOPED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE
18 ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Motor Vehicle
20 Administration shall consult with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the
21 Attorney General in developing the consumer notice required under Section 1 of this Act.

22 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1997.