

SENATE BILL 10

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1998 Regular Session  
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**ENROLLED BILL**  
-- Finance/Economic Matters --

Introduced by **Senator Craig**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - "Lemon Law" for Motorcycles**

3 FOR the purpose of extending application of the Maryland Automotive Warranty  
4 Enforcement Act to motorcycles by altering the definition of a "motor vehicle" to  
5 include a vehicle that is registered in this State as a Class D (motorcycle)  
6 vehicle; ~~altering a certain definition for certain purposes; and generally relating~~  
7 ~~to the application of the Maryland Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act to~~  
8 motorcycles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Commercial Law  
11 Section 14-1501(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Commercial Law

1 Section 14-1501(c) ~~and (e)~~  
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 3 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

6 **Article - Commercial Law**

7 14-1501.

8 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (c) (1) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is registered in this State as a:

10 (i) Class A (passenger) vehicle;

11 (II) CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;

12 [(ii)] (III) Class E (truck) vehicle with a 3/4 ton or less  
 13 manufacturer's rated capacity; or

14 [(iii)] (IV) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

15 (2) "Motor vehicle" does not include a motor home. For the purpose of  
 16 administering this subtitle, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall promulgate a  
 17 regulation defining a motor home.

18 ~~(e) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,~~  
 19 ~~"[Manufacturer's] MANUFACTURER'S warranty period" means the earlier of:~~

20 ~~(i) The period of the motor vehicle's first 15,000 miles of operation;~~  
 21 ~~or~~

22 ~~(ii) 15 months following the date of original delivery of the motor~~  
 23 ~~vehicle to the consumer.~~

24 ~~(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE,~~  
 25 ~~"MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY PERIOD" MEANS THE EARLIER OF:~~

26 ~~(I) THE PERIOD OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S FIRST 12,000 MILES OF~~  
 27 ~~OPERATION; OR~~

28 ~~(II) 5 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF ORIGINAL DELIVERY OF~~  
 29 ~~THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE CONSUMER.~~

30 ~~[(2)] (3) This subsection does not extend any manufacturer's express~~  
 31 ~~warranty.~~

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 1998.