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Rental Vehicles – Spare Tires and Tire Repair Tools

This bill adds a provision in the Transportation Article requiring rental car companies to provide spare tire and tire repair tools with rental vehicles if those items were included with the initial sale of the rental vehicle or, if a spare tire or tire repair tools are not provided, to disclose that in the rental agreement and require the renter to initial that disclosure.

Unfortunately, not all cars are sold with spare tires. When consumers rent vehicles, they may be renting a make or model with which they are unfamiliar. This legislation aims to ensure renters know whether the car they are renting has a spare tire or not. The Office of Consumer Protection believes that it is always a good idea for consumers to have full disclosure about the vehicles that they are renting, thus we support this legislation.