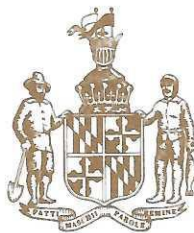


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HB1345-Consumer Protection-Agricultural Equipment Warranties

Chairman, Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and members of the Economic Matters Committee:

Today I present HB1345 which is legislation for the purpose of requiring to make a claim under a warranty for agricultural equipment, a consumer to provide written notice to certain parties to report a nonconformity, defect or condition occurring in certain agricultural equipment and requiring certain parties to correct the nonconformity, defect, or condition and requiring a consumer with the opportunity to replace agricultural equipment or receive a refund under certain circumstances.

This is an Agricultural Equipment Lemon Law. Currently there are 4 states that have such legislation. They include Arkansas, South Dakota, West Virginia and Virginia. This legislation is modeled mostly after Virginia's Lemon Law, and I have amendments from John Deere that clarify some of the circumstances that are mostly found in the agricultural practice.

I ask for a favorable vote for HB1345