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Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MARKING OF VEHICLE COMPONENT PARTS WITH THE COMPLETE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF SUCH VEHICLE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) Each new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section 14-
4 51, or lessor licensed under the provisions of section 14-15 shall offer the
5 purchaser or lessee of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of sale or
6 lease, the optional service of etching the complete vehicle identification
7 number [of the vehicle] on a lower corner of the windshield and on each
8 side or rear window in such vehicle. Each such dealer or lessor may etch
9 the complete vehicle identification number [of a motor vehicle] on any
10 such vehicle in its inventory prior to its sale or lease provided it specifies
11 the charge for such service separately on the order for the sale of the
12 motor vehicle as prescribed by the provisions of section 14-62.

13 (b) [If a] Each new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section
14 14-51, [offers] offering the purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle, at

15 the time of sale, the optional service of marking vehicle [components]
16 component parts with the complete vehicle identification number [, the
17 dealer] shall specify the charge for such service separately on the order
18 for the sale of the motor vehicle as prescribed by the provisions of
19 section 14-62. [The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance
20 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection. Such
21 regulations may provide standards for the marking of component parts
22 in a secure manner, and for telephone or on-line access to a secure
23 database of vehicles including motorcycles and parts that have been
24 marked and registered in such database. Such regulations may also
25 provide for the marking of parts used to replace parts that have been
26 marked in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, by
27 repairers licensed in accordance with section 14-52.] Each new or used
28 dealer that sells a motorcycle shall offer to the purchaser to mark the
29 complete vehicle identification number on the component parts of [said]
30 the motorcycle. [Such service shall be subject to the regulations and
31 standards adopted by the commissioner in accordance with this
32 subsection.] The marking of a vehicle component part shall (1) include
33 permanently etching the complete vehicle identification number on the
34 component part in a secure manner using a covert application, (2)
35 remain visible after one or more layers of paint have been applied to the
36 area in which the complete vehicle identification number is etched, (3)
37 include the name and telephone number or the Internet web site of the
38 company that performed such marking, (4) be identified by a vinyl
39 stencil that is highly resistant to counterfeiting, unable to be removed in
40 one piece and, if the vinyl stencil is removed, the vinyl stencil leaves a
41 permanent mark on the component part, and (5) not be performed using
42 chemicals that damage the paint on the vehicle, motorcycle or
43 component parts. As used in this subsection, (A) "covert application"
44 means a latent marking that is only visible with assistance, such as an
45 ultraviolet light, and (B) "component part" includes, but is not limited
46 to, the hood, trunk, wheels and doors of a motor vehicle or the frame or
47 steering column of a motorcycle.

48 (c) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or lessor shall charge

49 reasonable rates for etching services and component parts marking
50 services rendered within the state pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of
51 this section and shall file a schedule of such rates with the Commissioner
52 of Motor Vehicles. Each such dealer or lessor may from time to time file
53 an amended schedule of such rates with the commissioner. No such
54 dealer or lessor may charge any rate for such etching services or parts
55 marking services which is greater than the rates contained in the most
56 recent schedule filed with the commissioner. Each new car dealer, used
57 car dealer, lessor or company performing component parts marking
58 services in this state shall maintain a secure database of vehicles,
59 including motorcycles, and component parts that have been marked by
60 such dealer, lessor or company. Such database shall be accessible by the
61 Department of Motor Vehicles and any law enforcement agency in this
62 state.

63 (d) A motor vehicle dealer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52
64 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, may verify
65 a manufacturer's vehicle identification number to satisfy any provision
66 requiring such verification in this chapter, or chapter 246a or 247. Such
67 verification shall be provided in a written affidavit signed by such a
68 motor vehicle dealer, or [his] such dealer's designee, and submitted to
69 the commissioner. Such affidavit shall contain a statement that the
70 manufacturer's vehicle identification number corresponds to such
71 number (1) on the manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin, if
72 the motor vehicle is new, (2) on a current certificate of title, or (3) on a
73 current motor vehicle registration document. Such affidavit shall also
74 contain a statement that the vehicle identification number has not been
75 mutilated, altered or removed.

76 (e) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (c) of this
77 section [,] shall be subject to the penalties of false statement, provided
78 for in sections 14-110 and 53a-157b.

79 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
80 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations
81 may provide standards for the marking of component parts and parts

82 used to replace parts that have been marked in accordance with the
83 provisions of subsection (c) of this section by repairers licensed in
84 accordance with section 14-52.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	14-99h

Statement of Purpose:

To specify that the marking of a vehicle component part shall (1) include certain characteristics and information, and (2) be maintained in a secured database by the dealer, lessor or company performing the marking.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]