

# SENATE BILL No. 17

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 24-5-13.3.

**Synopsis:** Right to rescind purchase of used motor vehicle. Permits the purchaser of a used motor vehicle purchased from a dealer to rescind the purchase of the vehicle within 72 hours after purchase under certain circumstances if the vehicle has a defect that substantially impairs the use, market value, or safety of the vehicle.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Law.

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First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 24-5-13.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]:  
4 **Chapter 13.3. Right to Rescind Purchase of Used Motor Vehicle**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "dealer" has the meaning set**  
6 **forth in IC 9-13-2-42(a) and IC 9-13-2-42(b).**  
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle" means a vehicle**  
8 **that is:**  
9 (1) self-propelled; and  
10 (2) required to be titled by the bureau of motor vehicles under  
11 IC 9-17-2-1(b).  
12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "nonconformity" has the**  
13 **meaning set forth in IC 24-5-13-6.**  
14 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "purchaser" means a person who**  
15 **enters into a contract within Indiana for the purchase of a used**  
16 **motor vehicle from a dealer for purposes other than:**



- 1           (1) resale; or  
 2           (2) sublease.
- 3           **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "used motor vehicle" means a**  
 4 **motor vehicle that has been:**
- 5           (1) titled under IC 9-17 or under the motor vehicle title law of  
 6 another state; and  
 7           (2) transferred by a dealer to an ultimate purchaser.
- 8           **Sec. 6. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, if:**
- 9           (1) a purchaser purchases a used motor vehicle from a dealer;  
 10           (2) the used motor vehicle is subject to a nonconformity; and  
 11           (3) less than seventy-two (72) hours after purchasing the used  
 12 motor vehicle, the purchaser:
- 13           (A) returns the used motor vehicle to the dealer's place of  
 14 business;  
 15           (B) notifies the dealer of the existence of the  
 16 nonconformity; and  
 17           (C) informs the dealer that the purchaser wishes to rescind  
 18 the purchase of the used motor vehicle;
- 19 **the purchase of the used motor vehicle is rescinded, and the dealer**  
 20 **shall make restitution to the purchaser under section 8 of this**  
 21 **chapter.**
- 22           **Sec. 7. Section 6 of this chapter does not authorize a purchaser**  
 23 **to rescind the purchase of a used motor vehicle on the grounds that**  
 24 **the used motor vehicle is subject to a particular nonconformity if,**  
 25 **before the purchaser purchased the used motor vehicle, the dealer**  
 26 **plainly disclosed the existence of the nonconformity to the**  
 27 **purchaser in a writing attached to the used motor vehicle or in a**  
 28 **separate writing stating that:**
- 29           (1) the used motor vehicle is being sold "as is" or "with all  
 30 faults"; or  
 31           (2) all warranties applying to the used motor vehicle are  
 32 negated or excluded;
- 33 **in accordance with IC 26-1-2-316.**
- 34           **Sec. 8. (a) Restitution to the purchaser by the dealer under this**  
 35 **chapter must be by means of:**
- 36           (1) a refund of the full contract price for the purchaser's  
 37 purchase of the used motor vehicle, including all credits and  
 38 allowances for any vehicle that was traded in for the used  
 39 motor vehicle; or  
 40           (2) the replacement of the used motor vehicle returned by the  
 41 purchaser with another motor vehicle of value comparable to  
 42 the value the returned used motor vehicle would have if the



- 1           returned vehicle did not have the nonconformity.  
2           **(b) A refund under this chapter shall be made to the purchaser**  
3           **and any lienholder, as the respective interests appear on the**  
4           **records of ownership.**  
5           **(c) A purchaser who prevails in an action under this chapter**  
6           **shall be allowed to select the means under subsection (a) by which**  
7           **the dealer will make restitution to the purchaser.**  
8           **Sec. 9. This chapter does not limit the rights or remedies that**  
9           **are otherwise available to a purchaser under any other applicable**  
10          **law, including under IC 24-5-13.**  
11          **Sec. 10. (a) A purchaser may bring a civil action to enforce this**  
12          **chapter in a circuit or superior court in the county in which the**  
13          **purchase occurred.**  
14          **(b) A purchaser may not initiate an action under this chapter**  
15          **more than two (2) years after the date on which the purchaser:**  
16               **(1) returned the used motor vehicle to the dealer's place of**  
17               **business; and**  
18               **(2) informed the dealer of the rescission of the purchase of the**  
19               **used motor vehicle.**  
20          **(c) A purchaser who prevails in an action under this chapter is**  
21          **entitled to recover as part of the judgment the total amount of costs**  
22          **and expenses, including attorney's fees based on actual time**  
23          **expended by the attorney, as determined by the court to have been**  
24          **reasonably incurred by the purchaser for or in connection with the**  
25          **litigation.**

