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**Raised Bill No. 394**

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.**

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 Section 14-99h of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2006*):

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  
5 the purchaser or lessee of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of  
6 sale or lease, the optional service of etching the complete 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  
9 etch the complete identification number of a motor vehicle on any such  
10 vehicle in its inventory prior to its sale or lease provided it specifies the  
11 charge for such service separately on the order for the sale of the motor  
12 vehicle as prescribed by the provisions of section 14-62.

13 (b) If a new car dealer or used car dealer, as defined in section 14-51,  
14 offers the purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle, at the time of sale,  
15 the optional service of marking vehicle components with the complete  
16 vehicle identification number, the dealer shall specify the charge for

17 such service separately on the order for the sale of the motor vehicle as  
18 prescribed by the provisions of section 14-62. The commissioner may  
19 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
20 provisions of this subsection. Such regulations may provide standards  
21 for the marking of component parts in a secure manner, and for  
22 telephone or on-line access to a secure database of vehicles including  
23 motorcycles and parts that have been marked and registered in such  
24 database. Such regulations may also provide for the marking of parts  
25 used to replace parts that have been marked in accordance with the  
26 provisions of this subsection, by repairers licensed in accordance with  
27 section 14-52. Each new or used dealer that sells a motorcycle shall  
28 offer to the purchaser to mark the complete vehicle identification  
29 number on the component parts of said motorcycle. Such service shall  
30 be subject to the regulations and standards adopted by the  
31 commissioner in accordance with this subsection.

32 (c) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or lessor shall charge  
33 reasonable rates for etching services and parts marking services  
34 rendered within the state pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this  
35 section and shall file a schedule of such rates with the Commissioner of  
36 Motor Vehicles not later than September first in each year. Each such  
37 dealer or lessor may from time to time file an amended schedule of  
38 such rates with the commissioner. No such dealer or lessor may charge  
39 any rate for such etching services or parts marking services which is  
40 greater than the rates contained in the most recent schedule filed with  
41 the commissioner.

42 (d) A motor vehicle dealer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52  
43 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, may  
44 verify a manufacturer's vehicle identification number to satisfy any  
45 provision requiring such verification in this chapter, or chapter 246a or  
46 247. Such verification shall be provided in a written affidavit signed by  
47 such a motor vehicle dealer, or his designee, and submitted to the  
48 commissioner. Such affidavit shall contain a statement that the  
49 manufacturer's vehicle identification number corresponds to such

50 number (1) on the manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin, if  
51 the motor vehicle is new, or (2) on a current certificate of title, for all  
52 other vehicles. Such affidavit shall also contain a statement that the  
53 vehicle identification number has not been mutilated, altered or  
54 removed.

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

58 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
59 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	14-99h

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that requirements for vehicle identification number marking services apply to motorcycles.

*[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.]*