



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6451

House of Representatives, March 30, 2015

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING MANDATORY REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER WARRANTY COVERAGE.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, no manufacturer, distributor or
3 retailer that makes an express warranty with respect to consumer
4 goods, as defined in section 42a-9-102 of the general statutes, may
5 condition the initial term of such express warranty on the consumer
6 registering such consumer goods.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as it is not anticipated to substantially increase consumer complaints to the Department of Consumer Protection.

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OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6451*****AN ACT PROHIBITING MANDATORY REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER WARRANTY COVERAGE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits any manufacturer, distributor, or retailer from conditioning the initial term of the express warranty for any consumer good on a consumer registering it. The bill does not provide any penalties for such violations.

A consumer good is any good used or bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

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