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House Bill No. 6451
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 8, 2015

**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*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "Express warranty" means a written statement arising out
3 of a sale to a consumer of consumer goods pursuant to which the
4 manufacturer, distributor or retailer undertakes to preserve or
5 maintain the utility or performance of the consumer goods, or provide
6 compensation if there is a failure in utility or performance, and (2)
7 "consumer goods" means goods that are used or bought for use
8 primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no
10 manufacturer, distributor or retailer that makes an express warranty
11 with respect to a consumer good may condition the initial term of such
12 express warranty on the consumer registering such consumer good.

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.

House "A" is technical and results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6451 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT PROHIBITING MANDATORY REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER WARRANTY COVERAGE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits manufacturers, distributors, or retailers from conditioning the initial term of an express warranty for a consumer good on the consumer registering the good. The bill does not provide any penalties for violations.

Under the bill, an "express warranty" is a written statement arising from a sale to a consumer of a consumer good in which the manufacturer, distributor, or retailer agrees to (1) preserve or maintain the good's utility or performance or (2) provide compensation for a failure in utility or performance. A "consumer good" is any good used or bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

*House Amendment "A" adds the definition of express warranty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 2 (03/12/2015)