
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6654

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY RECALLS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the following people to check information made available by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to determine whether a motor vehicle is subject to an open recall:

1. a licensed repairer or limited repairer, or a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of changing a vehicle's oil or tires and tubes, when performing repair work or changing the oil or tires and tubes of a vehicle, and
2. an authorized emissions inspector when doing an inspection.

If the vehicle is subject to one or more open recalls, the repairer or inspector must give the vehicle owner written notice, including a description of each recall and a statement that it may be repaired or modified by a manufacturer-approved dealer at no cost to the owner, unless federal law provides a different remedy.

Under the bill, an "open recall" is a safety-related recall for which a manufacturer has provided notice under federal law and that requires an authorized dealer to repair or modify a vehicle. It does not include a recall (1) related to defects or noncompliance with labeling or notice requirements in an owner's manual or (2) where the remedy is for the manufacturer to buyback the vehicle or otherwise give financial compensation to the vehicle owner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 994 (File 293), reported favorably by the Transportation Committee, contains provisions (§§ 2-5 & 7-13) eliminating the separate license for limited repairers, instead requiring these businesses to get repairer's licenses.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/17/2023)