

SENATE BILL No. 221

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 24-5-13.

Synopsis: Lemon law for conversion vans. Extends the application of the "lemon law" for motor vehicles to conversion vans to the extent a conversion van's nonconformity is a result of an addition, a subtraction, or a modification by a converter manufacturer.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulations and consumer sales and credit.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 24-5-13-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1998]: **Sec. 3.2. As used in this chapter, "converter
4 manufacturer" means a person who adds to, subtracts from, or
5 modifies a previously assembled or manufactured van motor
6 vehicle. The term does not include a person who manufactures
7 recreational vehicles.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 24-5-13-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 4. **(a) Except as
10 provided in subsection (b), as used in this chapter, "manufacturer"
11 means any person who is engaged in the business of manufacturing
12 motor vehicles, or, in the case of motor vehicles not manufactured in
13 the United States, any person who is engaged in the business of
14 importing motor vehicles.**

15 **(b) In the case of a conversion van suffering from a
16 nonconformity, as used in this chapter, "manufacturer" means a
17 converter manufacturer to the extent the nonconformity from**



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1 **which the conversion van suffers is a result of an addition, a**
2 **subtraction, or a modification by the converter manufacturer.**

3 SECTION 3. IC 24-5-13-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 5. As used in this
5 chapter, "motor vehicle" or "vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle
6 that:

7 (1) has a declared gross vehicle weight of less than ten thousand
8 (10,000) pounds;

9 (2) is sold to:

10 (A) a buyer in Indiana and registered in Indiana; or

11 (B) a buyer in Indiana who is not an Indiana resident (as
12 defined in IC 9-13-2-78);

13 (3) is intended primarily for use and operation on public
14 highways; and

15 (4) is required to be registered or licensed before use or operation.

16 The term does not include ~~conversion vans~~; motor homes, farm
17 tractors, and other machines used in the actual production, harvesting,
18 and care of farm products, road building equipment, truck tractors, road
19 tractors, motorcycles, mopeds, snowmobiles, or vehicles designed
20 primarily for offroad use.

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