

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2135

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Expanding lemon law coverage to out-of-state consumers.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Wood, Condotta and Ormsby.

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**  
**Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing**

### **Background:**

The Motor Vehicle Warranties Act, commonly called the Lemon Law, establishes rights and responsibilities for consumers and manufacturers when vehicles are defective.

The statute establishes three definitions of a "lemon:"

- a vehicle with a serious safety defect that the manufacturer has unsuccessfully attempted to repair at least two times;
- a vehicle with some other substantial defect that the manufacturer has unsuccessfully attempted to diagnose or repair at least four times; or
- a vehicle that has been out of service for 30 cumulative calendar days with at least 15 of those days occurring during the warranty period.

If a vehicle meets one of these definitions, the manufacturer must either replace or repurchase the vehicle, whichever remedy the consumer chooses.

The Lemon Law applies to vehicles that the consumer: (1) purchased or leased in Washington; and (2) initially registered in Washington.

### **Summary:**

The Lemon Law applies to vehicles purchased or leased in Washington regardless of what state the vehicle is initially registered in.

### **Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0	
Senate	45	0	(Senate amended)
House	98	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** July 22, 2007