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H. R. 1048

To amend the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1993

Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Mr. COOPER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND REFERENCE.**

4 (A) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Vehicle Damage Disclosure Act of 1993 ”.

6 (b) REFERENCE.—Whenever in this Act an amend-
7 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
8 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
9 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-

1 sion of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings
2 Act.

3 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

4 Section 401 (49 U.S.C. 1981) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting after “reliability;” the follow-
6 ing: “that a designation by a State on the title that
7 such vehicle has previously sustained major damage
8 or has been rebuilt after being declared ‘junk’ or
9 ‘salvage’ is an important factor in evaluating the
10 value and safety of such automobile;”, and

11 (2) by inserting before the period the following:
12 “or vehicles for which States have previously issued
13 a title brand indicating prior severe damage”.

14 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS UPON TRANSFER OF**
15 **OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

16 Section 408 (49 U.S.C. 1988) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a) by inserting “on the title”
18 after “disclosure”, and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(h)(1) Any motor vehicle the ownership of which is
21 transferred may not be licensed for use in any State unless
22 the State discloses on the title whether records readily ac-
23 cessible to it indicate—

24 “(A) whether the vehicle was previously issued
25 a title that bore any word or symbol signifying that

1 the vehicle was ‘salvage’, ‘junk’, ‘reconstructed’, or
2 ‘rebuilt’ or that it has been damaged by flood, and

3 “(B) if it was issued such a title, which State
4 first issued such a title.

5 “(2) The Secretary shall—

6 “(A) not later than 90 days after the date of
7 the enactment of the Vehicle Damage Disclosure Act
8 of 1993, prescribe by rule the manner in which a
9 State shall disclose the information described in
10 paragraph (1)(A) and the manner in which such in-
11 formation shall be retained, and

12 “(B) not later than 12 months after the date
13 of the enactment of such Act, in consultation with
14 the task force established under section 140(a) of
15 the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C. 2401
16 note), prescribe the manner in which and the cir-
17 cumstances under which States shall signify that a
18 vehicle has previously sustained major damage.”.

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