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S 2617

Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce Introduced: Jun 13, 2002

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jun 13, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]

Party: Democratic • State: MN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	$D \cdot MN$		Jun 13, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 13, 2002)

Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2001 - Requires a manufacturer of a motor vehicle sold or introduced into commerce in the United States to disclose to the vehicle owner, a repair facility, and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) the information necessary to diagnose, service, or repair the vehicle.

Sets forth protections for trade secrets. States that manufacturer noncompliance with this Act constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting commerce within the purview of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Authorizes a vehicle owner or repair facility to bring a civil action in Federal district court for violations of this Act without regard to the amount in controversy or the citizenship of the parties.

Instructs the FTC to prescribe a uniform methodology for manufacturer disclosure in writing, and on the Internet.

Prohibits the FTC from prescribing rules that interfere with the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding motor vehicle emissions control diagnostics systems.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 13, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 13, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5536-5537)
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