

HB 3177 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits someone engaged in the business of selling cars from advertising or offering a car for sale before checking the national database for recalls on the car and repairing or replacing parts on the safety recall list. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reduces deaths, injuries and economic losses from motor vehicle crashes through enforcing vehicle performance standards and partnerships with state and local governments. NHTSA issues vehicle safety standards and requires manufacturers to recall vehicles and equipment that have safety-related defects. A recall is issued when a manufacturer or NHTSA determines that a vehicle, equipment, car seat, or tire creates an unreasonable safety risk or fails to meet minimum safety standards. Most decisions to conduct a recall and remedy a safety defect are made voluntarily by manufacturers prior to any involvement by NHTSA. Manufacturers are required to fix the problem by repairing it, replacing it, offering a refund, or in rare cases repurchasing the vehicle.

HB 3177 requires car sellers to check NHTSA's online safety recall database and complete any repairs or replacements on parts on the safety recall notice before advertising or offering the car in question for sale.