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2015 SENATE BILL 274

September 30, 2015 – Introduced by Senator PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representative AUGUST. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 218.0171 (8) (a) 1.; and **to amend** 218.0171 (2) (a) and 218.0171
2 (8) (b) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** reporting a nonconformity under the law
3 governing repair, replacement, and refund under a motor vehicle warranty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently the law governing repair, replacement, and refund under a motor vehicle warranty, commonly referred to as the “lemon law,” provides remedies for a person who purchases or receives (consumer) a motor vehicle having a condition or defect that substantially impairs the use, value, or safety of the motor vehicle and that is covered by an express warranty (nonconformity). If a consumer reports a nonconformity to the manufacturer or the manufacturer’s authorized dealer on a form prescribed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for reporting a nonconformity, and if the consumer makes the motor vehicle available for repair before the warranty expires or within one year after first delivery of the vehicle to a consumer, whichever is sooner, the consumer is entitled to have the nonconformity repaired. If certain requirements are satisfied and the nonconformity is not repaired, the manufacturer must provide the consumer with a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund. The DOT form for reporting a nonconformity must require the consumer to provide specified information.

