



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 173
[2015 Senate Bill 274]

**Reporting a Motor Vehicle
Nonconformity**

BACKGROUND

2013 Wisconsin Act 101 made a number of changes to the law governing repair, replacement, and refund under a new motor vehicle warranty (often referred to as the “lemon law”). One of these changes required a consumer reporting, under the lemon law, that a motor vehicle does not conform to an applicable express warranty (nonconformity) to make the report to the motor vehicle manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer’s authorized motor vehicle dealers, on a form prescribed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) within a certain time period.

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Act 173 removes the requirement that a consumer reporting a nonconformity must make the report on a form prescribed by DOT. The Act also makes this change retroactive to March 1, 2014, which is when the original requirement initially took effect.

Effective date: 2015 Wisconsin Act 173 took effect on March 2, 2016, and initially applies to reports of nonconformity made on March 1, 2014.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.