

CHAPTER 614

(Senate Bill 634)

AN ACT concerning

Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act – Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of establishing that the District Court and the circuit court have concurrent jurisdiction in a proceeding for a replacement *motor* vehicle under the Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–1502(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4–401(14) and (15) and 4–402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4–401(16)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Commercial Law

14–1502.

(c) (1) If, during the warranty period, the manufacturer or factory branch, its agent, or its authorized dealer is unable to repair or correct any defect or condition that substantially impairs the use and market value of the motor vehicle to the consumer after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer or factory branch, at the option of the consumer, shall:

(i) Replace the motor vehicle with a comparable motor vehicle acceptable to the consumer; or

(ii) Accept return of the motor vehicle from the consumer and refund to the consumer the full purchase price including all license fees, registration fees, and any similar governmental charges, less: