HOUSE BILL No. 1060

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 24-4-24; IC 24-5-0.5-3.

Synopsis: Right to repair. Requires a manufacturer of a consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural equipment that is sold in Indiana, subject to certain exceptions, to: (1) provide to an independent service provider, or to the owner of the consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment (owner), any service documentation the manufacturer provides to its authorized service providers; and (2) make available for purchase, upon reasonable terms, any service part the manufacturer provides to its authorized service providers. Provides that a manufacturer that sells service documentation to an independent service provider or owner: (1) in a format that is standardized with respect to comparable information supplied by manufacturers of comparable consumer electronic devices or agricultural equipment; and (2) under terms and conditions more favorable than the terms and conditions under which the manufacturer provides the information to an authorized service provider; may not require an authorized service provider to purchase the service documentation in a proprietary format unless the proprietary format includes content or functionality that is not available in the standardized format. Provides that a violation of the requirements is: (1) actionable by the attorney general; and (2) subject to the remedies and penalties that apply to a deceptive consumer sales practice.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 24-4-24 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2	A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3	1, 2025]:
4	Chapter 24. Access to Product Repair Resources
5	Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "aftermarket vendor" means a
6	person that:
7	(1) in the ordinary course of business:
8	(A) publishes or sells diagnostic, maintenance, or repair
9	information regarding; or
10	(B) creates, for distribution and sale in the United States
l 1	mechanisms, software, or other tools for use in performing
12	diagnostic, maintenance, or repair service for;
13	a consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultura
14	equipment;
15	(2) is not the manufacturer; and
16	(3) does not engage in the activities described in subdivision
17	(1) under an agreement with the manufacturer.



1	Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "agricultural equipment"
2	means a piece of equipment or a component of, an attachment to
3	or a service part for a piece of equipment that is:
4	(1) used to plant, cultivate, or harvest agricultural products
5	and
6	(2) manufactured for distribution and sale in the United
7	States.
8	(b) The term does not include:
9	(1) a motor vehicle or component of a motor vehicle;
10	(2) an aircraft used in an agricultural aircraft operation (as
l 1	defined in 14 CFR 137.3); or
12	(3) equipment designed and used primarily for irrigation
13	purposes.
14	Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "authorized service provider"
15	means:
16	(1) a manufacturer that provides; or
17	(2) a person that:
18	(A) is not an affiliate of a manufacturer; and
19	(B) has entered into an agreement with the manufacturer
20	to provide:
21	(i) on behalf of; or
22	(ii) under the name of;
23	the manufacturer;
24	diagnostic, maintenance, or repair service for a consumer
25	electronic device or a piece of agricultural equipment made by the
26	manufacturer.
27	Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter, "consumer electronic device"
28	means a product or component of a product that:
29	(1) contains a microprocessor; and
30	(2) is manufactured for distribution and sale in the United
31	States.
32	(b) The term does not include:
33	(1) a motor vehicle or component of a motor vehicle; or
34	(2) a medical device or component of a medical device.
35	Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "embedded firmware" means
36	software delivered with, or as a component of, a consumer
37	electronic device for purposes of affecting or facilitating the
38	operation of the consumer electronic device, including software
39	designated as:
10	(1) an operating system;
11	(2) a machine code;
12	(3) an assembly code:



1	(4) a root code; or
2	(5) a microcode.
3	Sec. 6. (a) As used in this chapter, "independent service
4	provider" means a person that:
5	(1) in the ordinary course of business, performs diagnostic,
6	maintenance, or repair service on a consumer electronic
7	device or a piece of agricultural equipment; and
8	(2) is not:
9	(A) an authorized service provider; or
10	(B) an affiliate of an authorized service provider;
11	for the consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment.
12	(b) The term includes a manufacturer when the manufacturer
13	is performing diagnostic, maintenance, or repair service on a
14	consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural equipment
15	that is not made by the manufacturer or by an affiliate of the
16	manufacturer.
17	Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "manufacturer" means a person
18	that, in the ordinary course of business:
19	(1) sells or leases:
20	(A) a consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural
21	equipment; or
22	(B) a component of a consumer electronic device or a piece
23	of agricultural equipment;
24	made by, or on behalf of, the manufacturer; and
25	(2) performs, or provides for the performance of, diagnostic,
26	maintenance, or repair service on the consumer electronic
27	device, the agricultural equipment, or a component of either.
28	Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "medical device" has the same
29	meaning as "device" as set forth in 21 U.S.C. 321(h).
30	Sec. 9. (a) As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle" means a
31	vehicle that is:
32	(1) designed for transporting people or property on a street or
33	highway; and
34	(2) certified by the vehicle's maker under all applicable
35	federal safety and emissions standards and requirements for
36	distribution and sale in the United States.
37	(b) The term does not include a mobile home (as defined in
38	IC 9-13-2-103.2), motorcycle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-108), or
39	recreational vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-100), or
40	Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "owner" means a person that:
41	(1) is domiciled in Indiana; and
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+4	(2) lawfully owns or has legal right to possession of a



1	consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural
2	equipment.
3	Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual,
4	an organization, or any other legal entity.
5	Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "remote diagnostic service"
6	means a transfer of data that is made:
7	(1) between a consumer electronic device or a piece of
8	agricultural equipment and an authorized service provider or
9	an independent service provider of diagnostic, maintenance,
0	or repair service for the consumer electronic device or
1	agricultural equipment; and
12	(2) for the purpose of:
13	(A) performing diagnostic, maintenance, or repair service
14	on;
15	(B) changing a setting on; or
16	(C) determining the location of;
17	the consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment.
18	Sec. 13. As used in this chapter, "service documentation" means
9	information, including:
20	(1) manuals;
21	(2) schematics;
22	(3) diagrams;
23 24	(4) report output;
24	(5) service code descriptions;
25	(6) technical updates;
26	(7) service access passwords; and
27	(8) information necessary to reset or unlock a security related
28	function;
29	that is provided by a manufacturer to an authorized service
30	provider for the performance of diagnostic, maintenance, or repair
31	service on the consumer electronic device or agricultural
32	equipment.
33	Sec. 14. As used in this chapter, "service part" means:
34	(1) a new or used component of a consumer electronic device
35	or a piece of agricultural equipment;
36	(2) a diagnostic or repair tool or software; or
37	(3) an update, patch, or fix for the embedded firmware of a
38	consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural
39	equipment;
10	that is provided by a manufacturer to an authorized service
11	provider for the performance of diagnostic, maintenance, or repair
12	service on the consumer electronic device or agricultural



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1	equipment.
2 3	Sec. 15. As used in this chapter, "software" means a set of
<i>3</i>	coded, programmable instructions designed to cause a consumer
	electronic device, a piece of agricultural equipment, or a
5	component of either to perform a task.
6	Sec. 16. As used in this chapter, "trade secret" has the meaning
7	set forth in IC 24-2-3-2.
8 9	Sec. 17. (a) Except as provided in section 18 of this chapter, a
	manufacturer that sells or leases a consumer electronic device or
10	a piece of agricultural equipment in Indiana must do the following:
11	(1) Subject to subsection (b), provide the service
12	documentation for the consumer electronic device or
13	agricultural equipment to an independent service provider
14	for, or to an owner of, the consumer electronic device or
15	agricultural equipment:
16	(A) within the amount of time within which;
17	(B) in the format in which; and
18	(C) at no cost or at a price that is not more than the price
19	at which;
20	the manufacturer provides the service documentation to an
21	authorized service provider for the consumer electronic
22	device or agricultural equipment.
23	(2) Make available for purchase by an independent service
24	provider for, or by an owner of, the consumer electronic
25	device or agricultural equipment any service part that the
26	manufacturer makes available to an authorized service
27	provider, upon terms that are reasonable in relation to:
28	(A) the net price at which the manufacturer provides the
29	service part to an authorized service provider, after
30	deducting any discounts, rebates, or other incentives
31	offered by the manufacturer;
32	(B) the cost to the manufacturer of making, preparing, and
33	delivering the service part:
34	(i) including amortized capital costs; and
35	(ii) excluding research and development costs;
36	incurred by the manufacturer in making, preparing, and
37	delivering the service part; and
38	(C) the price charged by manufacturers of comparable
39	consumer electronic devices or agricultural equipment for
40	a comparable service part.
41	(b) A manufacturer that supplies information necessary to reset

or unlock a security related function under subsection (a)(1) may



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1	supply the information through a secure data transfer system.
2	(c) A diagnostic or repair tool or software provided by a
3	manufacturer to an independent service provider or owner under
4	subsection (a)(2) must incorporate the same diagnostic,
5	maintenance, repair, and remote diagnostic service capabilities
6	that the manufacturer makes available to the repair or engineering
7	staff of the manufacturer or to an authorized service provider for
8	the consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment.
9	Sec. 18. (a) A manufacturer is not required under this chapter
10	to:
11	(1) provide, or require an authorized service provider to
12	provide, to an independent service provider for, or to an
13	owner of, a consumer electronic device or a piece of
14	agricultural equipment:
15	(A) either:
16	(i) service documentation; or
17	(ii) a service part;
18	that is not available to the manufacturer or the authorized
19	service provider; or
20	(B) information that is unrelated to performance of
21	diagnostic, maintenance, or repair service for the
22	consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment; or
23	(2) divulge a trade secret.
24	(b) A manufacturer that provides service documentation
25	regarding a consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural
26	equipment to one (1) or more aftermarket vendors:
27	(1) is not required to provide the service documentation to an
28	independent service provider for, or to an owner of, the
29	consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment under
30	this chapter; and
31	(2) is not responsible for the content or functionality of the
32	service documentation as:
33	(A) published or sold by; or
34	(B) used or implemented in the mechanisms, software, or
35	other tools created by;
36	the aftermarket vendor.
37	Sec. 19. A manufacturer that sells service documentation to an
38	independent service provider for, or to an owner of, a consumer
39	electronic device or a piece of agricultural equipment:
40	(1) in a format that is standardized with respect to
41	comparable information supplied by manufacturers of
42	comparable consumer electronic devices or agricultural



1	equipment; and
2	(2) in a manner, or under terms and conditions, more
3	favorable than the manner in which, or the terms and
4	conditions under which, the manufacturer provides the
5	information to an authorized service provider;
6	may not require an authorized service provider to purchase the
7	service documentation in a proprietary format unless the
8	proprietary format includes content or functionality that is no
9	available in the format described in subdivision (1).
10	Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter
11	may not be construed as to affect the terms of an agreemen
12	between a manufacturer and an authorized service provider
13	including terms regarding the authorized service provider's
14	performance of warranty or recall service on behalf of the
15	manufacturer.
16	(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a provision of an agreemen
17	between a manufacturer and an authorized service provider tha
18	purports to waive, avoid, restrict, or limit the obligations of the
19	manufacturer under this chapter is void and unenforceable.
20	Sec. 21. A manufacturer that knowingly and intentionally
21	violates sections 17 through 20 of this chapter commits a deceptive
22	act that is:
23	(1) actionable by the attorney general; and
24	(2) subject to the remedies and penalties;
25	under IC 24-5-0.5.
26	SECTION 2. IC 24-5-0.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2024
27	SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28	JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) A supplier may not commit an unfair
29	abusive, or deceptive act, omission, or practice in connection with
30	consumer transaction. Such an act, omission, or practice by a supplie
31	is a violation of this chapter whether it occurs before, during, or afte
32	the transaction. An act, omission, or practice prohibited by this section
33	includes both implicit and explicit misrepresentations.
34	(b) Without limiting the scope of subsection (a), the following acts
35	and the following representations as to the subject matter of a
36	consumer transaction, made orally, in writing, or by electronic
37	communication, by a supplier, are deceptive acts:
38	(1) That such subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship
39	approval, performance, characteristics, accessories, uses, o
40	benefits it does not have which the supplier knows or should
41	reasonably know it does not have.

(2) That such subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular



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1	standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not and if the
2	supplier knows or should reasonably know that it is not.
3	(3) That such subject of a consumer transaction is new or unused,
4	if it is not and if the supplier knows or should reasonably know
5	that it is not.
6	(4) That such subject of a consumer transaction will be supplied
7	to the public in greater quantity than the supplier intends or
8	reasonably expects.
9	(5) That replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
10	consumer transaction is needed, if it is not and if the supplier
11	knows or should reasonably know that it is not.
12	(6) That a specific price advantage exists as to such subject of a
13	consumer transaction, if it does not and if the supplier knows or
14	should reasonably know that it does not.
15	(7) That the supplier has a sponsorship, approval, or affiliation in
16	such consumer transaction the supplier does not have, and which
17	the supplier knows or should reasonably know that the supplier
18	does not have.
19	(8) That such consumer transaction involves or does not involve
20	a warranty, a disclaimer of warranties, or other rights, remedies,
21	or obligations, if the representation is false and if the supplier
22	knows or should reasonably know that the representation is false.
23	(9) That the consumer will receive a rebate, discount, or other
24	benefit as an inducement for entering into a sale or lease in return
25	for giving the supplier the names of prospective consumers or
26	otherwise helping the supplier to enter into other consumer
27	transactions, if earning the benefit, rebate, or discount is
28	contingent upon the occurrence of an event subsequent to the time
29	the consumer agrees to the purchase or lease.
30	(10) That the supplier is able to deliver or complete the subject of
31	the consumer transaction within a stated period of time, when the
32	supplier knows or should reasonably know the supplier could not.
33	If no time period has been stated by the supplier, there is a
34	presumption that the supplier has represented that the supplier
35	will deliver or complete the subject of the consumer transaction
36	within a reasonable time, according to the course of dealing or the
37	usage of the trade.
38	(11) That the consumer will be able to purchase the subject of the
39	consumer transaction as advertised by the supplier, if the supplier

does not intend to sell it.

(12) That the replacement or repair constituting the subject of a

consumer transaction can be made by the supplier for the estimate



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1	the supplier gives a customer for the replacement or repair, if the
2	specified work is completed and:
3	(A) the cost exceeds the estimate by an amount equal to or
4	greater than ten percent (10%) of the estimate;
5	(B) the supplier did not obtain written permission from the
6	customer to authorize the supplier to complete the work even
7	if the cost would exceed the amounts specified in clause (A);
8	(C) the total cost for services and parts for a single transaction
9	is more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750); and
10	(D) the supplier knew or reasonably should have known that
11	the cost would exceed the estimate in the amounts specified in
12	clause (A).
13	(13) That the replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
14	consumer transaction is needed, and that the supplier disposes of
15	the part repaired or replaced earlier than seventy-two (72) hours
16	after both:
17	(A) the customer has been notified that the work has been
18	completed; and
19	(B) the part repaired or replaced has been made available for
20	examination upon the request of the customer.
21	(14) Engaging in the replacement or repair of the subject of a
22	consumer transaction if the consumer has not authorized the
23	replacement or repair, and if the supplier knows or should
24	reasonably know that it is not authorized.
25	(15) The act of misrepresenting the geographic location of the
26	supplier by listing an alternate business name or an assumed
27	business name (as described in IC 23-0.5-3-4) in a local telephone
28	directory if:
29	(A) the name misrepresents the supplier's geographic location;
30	(B) the listing fails to identify the locality and state of the
31	supplier's business;
32	(C) calls to the local telephone number are routinely forwarded
33	or otherwise transferred to a supplier's business location that
34	is outside the calling area covered by the local telephone
35	directory; and
36	(D) the supplier's business location is located in a county that
37	is not contiguous to a county in the calling area covered by the
38	local telephone directory.
39	(16) The act of listing an alternate business name or assumed
40	business name (as described in IC 23-0.5-3-4) in a directory
41	assistance data base if:
42	(A) the name misrepresents the supplier's geographic location;



1	(B) calls to the local telephone number are routinely forwarded
2	or otherwise transferred to a supplier's business location that
3	is outside the local calling area; and
4	(C) the supplier's business location is located in a county that
5	is not contiguous to a county in the local calling area.
6	(17) The violation by a supplier of IC 24-3-4 concerning
7	cigarettes for import or export.
8	(18) The act of a supplier in knowingly selling or reselling a
9	product to a consumer if the product has been recalled, whether
10	by the order of a court or a regulatory body, or voluntarily by the
11	manufacturer, distributor, or retailer, unless the product has been
12	repaired or modified to correct the defect that was the subject of
13	the recall.
14	(19) The violation by a supplier of 47 U.S.C. 227, including any
15	rules or regulations issued under 47 U.S.C. 227.
16	(20) The violation by a supplier of the federal Fair Debt
17	Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), including any
18	rules or regulations issued under the federal Fair Debt Collection
19	Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.).
20	(21) A violation of IC 24-5-7 (concerning health spa services), as
21	set forth in IC 24-5-7-17.
22	(22) A violation of IC 24-5-8 (concerning business opportunity
23	transactions), as set forth in IC 24-5-8-20.
24	(23) A violation of IC 24-5-10 (concerning home consumer
25	transactions), as set forth in IC 24-5-10-18.
26	(24) A violation of IC 24-5-11 (concerning real property
27	improvement contracts), as set forth in IC 24-5-11-14.
28	(25) A violation of IC 24-5-12 (concerning telephone
29	solicitations), as set forth in IC 24-5-12-23.
30	(26) A violation of IC 24-5-13.5 (concerning buyback motor
31	vehicles), as set forth in IC 24-5-13.5-14.
32	(27) A violation of IC 24-5-14 (concerning automatic
33	dialing-announcing devices), as set forth in IC 24-5-14-13.
34	(28) A violation of IC 24-5-15 (concerning credit services
35	organizations), as set forth in IC 24-5-15-11.
36	(29) A violation of IC 24-5-16 (concerning unlawful motor
37	vehicle subleasing), as set forth in IC 24-5-16-18.
38	(30) A violation of IC 24-5-17 (concerning environmental
39	marketing claims), as set forth in IC 24-5-17-14.
40	(31) A violation of IC 24-5-19 (concerning deceptive commercial
41	solicitation), as set forth in IC 24-5-19-11.
42	(32) A violation of IC 24-5-21 (concerning prescription drug



1	discount cards), as set forth in IC 24-5-21-7.
2	(33) A violation of IC 24-5-23.5-7 (concerning real estate
3	appraisals), as set forth in IC 24-5-23.5-9.
4	(34) A violation of IC 24-5-26 (concerning identity theft), as set
5	forth in IC 24-5-26-3.
6	(35) A violation of IC 24-5.5 (concerning mortgage rescue fraud),
7	as set forth in IC 24-5.5-6-1.
8	(36) A violation of IC 24-8 (concerning promotional gifts and
9	contests), as set forth in IC 24-8-6-3.
10	(37) A violation of IC 21-18.5-6 (concerning representations
11	made by a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational
12	institution), as set forth in IC 21-18.5-6-22.5.
13	(38) A violation of IC 24-5-15.5 (concerning collection actions of
14	a plaintiff debt buyer), as set forth in IC 24-5-15.5-6.
15	(39) A violation of IC 24-14 (concerning towing services), as set
16	forth in IC 24-14-10-1.
17	(40) A violation of IC 24-5-14.5 (concerning misleading or
18	inaccurate caller identification information), as set forth in
19	IC 24-5-14.5-12.
20	(41) A violation of IC 24-5-27 (concerning intrastate inmate
21	calling services), as set forth in IC 24-5-27-27.
22	(42) A violation of IC 15-21 (concerning sales of dogs by retail
23	pet stores), as set forth in IC 15-21-7-4.
24	(43) A violation of IC 24-4-23 (concerning the security of
25	information collected and transmitted by an adult oriented website
26	operator), as set forth in IC 24-4-23-14.
27	(44) A violation of IC 24-4-24 (concerning access to product
28	repair resources), as set forth in IC 24-4-24-21.
29	(c) Any representations on or within a product or its packaging or
30	in advertising or promotional materials which would constitute a
31	deceptive act shall be the deceptive act both of the supplier who places
32	such representation thereon or therein, or who authored such materials,
33	and such other suppliers who shall state orally or in writing that such
34	representation is true if such other supplier shall know or have reason
35	to know that such representation was false.
36	(d) If a supplier shows by a preponderance of the evidence that an
37	act resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of
38	procedures reasonably adopted to avoid the error, such act shall not be
39	deceptive within the meaning of this chapter.
40	(e) It shall be a defense to any action brought under this chapter that

(e) It shall be a defense to any action brought under this chapter that

the representation constituting an alleged deceptive act was one made

in good faith by the supplier without knowledge of its falsity and in



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- reliance upon the oral or written representations of the manufacturer, the person from whom the supplier acquired the product, any testing organization, or any other person provided that the source thereof is disclosed to the consumer.
- (f) For purposes of subsection (b)(12), a supplier that provides estimates before performing repair or replacement work for a customer shall give the customer a written estimate itemizing as closely as possible the price for labor and parts necessary for the specific job before commencing the work.
- (g) For purposes of subsection (b)(15) and (b)(16), a telephone company or other provider of a telephone directory or directory assistance service or its officer or agent is immune from liability for publishing the listing of an alternate business name or assumed business name of a supplier in its directory or directory assistance data base unless the telephone company or other provider of a telephone directory or directory assistance service is the same person as the supplier who has committed the deceptive act.
- (h) For purposes of subsection (b)(18), it is an affirmative defense to any action brought under this chapter that the product has been altered by a person other than the defendant to render the product completely incapable of serving its original purpose.

