

1 H.186

2 Introduced by Representative Birong of Vergennes

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer protection

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
7 seller of goods in this State from conditioning the scope, duration, or
8 performance of warranty upon a requirement that the purchaser register the
9 product.

10 An act relating to regulating warranty registration requirements

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2466d is added to read:

13 § 2466d. WARRANTY REGISTRATION; COVERAGE

14 (a) A person who makes an express warranty on a good sold to consumers
15 in this State shall not condition the scope, duration, or performance of the
16 warranty upon a requirement that the purchaser register the good with the
17 seller, whether by returning a warranty registration card, completing an online
18 registration, or a similar mechanism.

19 (b) If a person who makes an express warranty on a good sold to
20 consumers in this State provides a warranty registration card, online

1 registration form, or similar mechanism for the buyer to register the product,

2 the person who makes the warranty shall disclose to the buyer:

3 (1) that the card or form is for product registration;

4 (2) the purpose of product registration;

5 (3) how the warrantor uses or discloses any information the consumer
6 provides when the product is registered; and

7 (4) that the failure to complete product registration does not affect the
8 validity, scope, duration, or performance of the warranty.

9 (c) A person who violates this section commits an unfair and deceptive act
10 in commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023 and shall apply to goods sold in
13 this State on or after January 1, 2024.