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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO, DILAN, NORRIS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to safety recalls on used motor vehicles

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 2 198-d to read as follows:
- 3 <u>§ 198-d. Used motor vehicles; recalls. (a) For the purpose of this</u> 4 section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- 5 (1) "dealer" shall have the same meaning as paragraph a of subdivision 6 one of section four hundred fifteen of the vehicle and traffic law.

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- (2) "used motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as paragraph i of subdivision one of section four hundred fifteen of the vehicle and traffic law.
- 10 (3) "stop drive order" shall mean a notification issued under 49 USC
 11 section 30118 which includes precautionary advice to stop driving a
 12 motor vehicle (including the vehicle identification number for such
 13 vehicle).
- (b) Where a franchisor or manufacturer, as defined by section four hundred sixty-two of the vehicle and traffic law, directly or indirectly subjects any dealer to any financial or other penalties or otherwise penalizes or prevents a dealer from selling or leasing any used motor vehicle subject to recall, including where any such restrictions are imposed by the manufacturer, either through the issuance of a "stop sell" or any other communication that prevents or penalizes a dealer from offering a vehicle for sale, or federal, state, or local law or regulation:
- 23 <u>(1) the franchisor or manufacturer shall, where parts or a remedy are</u> 24 <u>not reasonably available and a policy described in this subdivision is</u>

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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in effect, following fifteen days notice from a dealer that they are in possession of a vehicle subject to the provisions of this section provide to said dealer a payment of one and seventy-five hundredths 3 percent of the value of the used motor vehicle as determined by the 4 5 average "trade-in" value for a similar used vehicle as indicated in a widely disseminated, publicly available, independent used motor vehicle 7 guide for the year, make, model, and mileage of the used motor vehicle in the possession of the dealer for every thirty days, or portion of 8 9 thirty days, the dealer is unable to sell, offer to sell, or repair such 10 vehicle due to the inability to satisfy any recall issued for such vehi-11 cle or due to a communication described in the opening paragraph of this 12 subdivision received from the manufacturer regarding the sale of such 13 vehicle; and

- (2) all reimbursement claims made by a dealer pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to the procedure established under subdivisions two through seven of section four hundred sixty-five of the vehicle and traffic law.
- (c) The manufacturer or franchisor may not retaliate against a dealer 18 who has submitted a claim for reimbursement under this section or who 19 20 was otherwise compensated for a vehicle subject to a recall. For the 21 purposes of this subdivision, retaliation shall include, but shall not 22 be limited to, reducing the amount of compensation otherwise owed to a dealer, whether through a chargeback, removal from an incentive program, 23 24 reducing the amount owed under an incentive program, or any other means, 25 imposing additional requirements, withholding inventory, reducing allocation, requiring any facility upgrade, or otherwise surcharging or 26 27 penalizing the dealer. A dealer may not, however, receive compensation 28 for the same vehicle under recall under this section, as well as under 29 another manufacturer program designed to mitigate dealer costs for the 30 holding of vehicles under recall, unless otherwise entitled to such 31 compensation, and such compensation is equal to or greater than that 32 provided under paragraph one of subdivision (b) of this section.
- 33 (d) The manufacturer or franchisor shall pay for any repairs performed
 34 by the dealer to remedy any recall, pursuant to the provisions of
 35 section four hundred sixty-five of the vehicle and traffic law. Any
 36 replacement part provided for a recall repair shall be paid at the
 37 existing retail reimbursement rate in existence at the time the repair
 38 is performed.
- § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that 40 subdivision (b) of section one hundred ninety-eight-d of the general 41 business law, as added by section one of this act, shall take effect on 42 the sixtieth day after this act shall have become a law.