

**Assembly Bill No. 1383**

CHAPTER 722

An act to add and repeal Section 1656.4 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1383, Speier. Motor vehicles: consumer affairs.

Existing law governing the Department of Motor Vehicles does not require the department to prepare written material regarding consumer protection for vehicle purchasers.

This bill would require the department to make available on its Internet web site, on or before July 1, 1997, specified information to assist consumers who plan to purchase a vehicle or who have purchased a vehicle.

The bill would specify that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, money from the Consumer Fraud Protection Program Fund shall be available for the consumer protection activities of the department, including, but not limited to, expenditures by the department to finance the requirements of this bill.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1656.4 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

1656.4. (a) The department, in consultation with the Department of Consumer Affairs, shall make available on its Internet web site, on or before July 1, 1997, information to assist consumers who plan to purchase a vehicle or who have purchased a vehicle. The information shall, at a minimum, contain the names, addresses, electronic addresses, and telephone numbers of all of the following:

- (1) State and federal government agencies that deal with consumer affairs and vehicles.
- (2) Vehicle arbitration services.
- (3) Consumer organizations that provide information and direct assistance to consumers with vehicle concerns.

(b) Money deposited in the Consumer Fraud Protection Program Fund shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the consumer protection activities of the department, including, but not limited to, expenditures by the department to comply with the requirements specified in subdivision (a).

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