

[(i)] (H) This section does not limit the rights or remedies that are otherwise available to a consumer under any other law, including any implied warranties.

[(j)] (I) (1) If a manufacturer or factory branch has established an informal dispute settlement procedure which complies in all respects with the provisions of Title 16, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 703, as amended, a consumer must MAY resort to that procedure before subsection [(d)] (C) of this section applies.

(2) A consumer who has resorted to an informal dispute settlement procedure may not be precluded from seeking the rights or remedies available by law.

[(k)] (J) (1) Any agreement entered into by a consumer for the purchase of a new motor vehicle that waives, limits, or disclaims the rights set forth in this section shall be void.

(2) The rights available to a consumer under this section shall inure to a subsequent transferee of a new motor vehicle for the duration of the applicable warranties.

[(l)] (K) Any action brought under this section shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to the consumer.

[(m)] (L) (1) A court may award reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff under this section.

(2) If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that an action is brought in bad faith or is of a frivolous nature, the court may order the offending party to pay to the other party reasonable attorney's fees.

[(n)] (M) This subtitle does not apply to a fleet purchase of five or more motor vehicles.

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[(a)] (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Consumer" means the purchaser, other than for purposes of resale, of a motor vehicle.

(3) "Dealer" means a dealer as defined in § 15-101(b) of the Transportation Article.

(4) (i) "Motor vehicle" means a new vehicle that is registered in this State as a:

1. Class A (passenger) vehicle;