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An Act To Require Retailers To Disclose the State's Implied Warranty Laws to Customers

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 11 MRSA §2-103, sub-§(2) is amended to read:

(2). Other definitions applying to this Article or to specified parts thereof, and the sections in which they appear are

"Acceptance."	Section 2-606.
"Banker's credit."	Section 2-325.
"Between merchants."	Section 2-104.
"Cancellation."	Section 2-106, subsection (4).
"Commercial unit."	Section 2-105.
"Confirmed credit."	Section 2-325.
"Conforming to contract."	Section 2-106.
"Contract for sale."	Section 2-106.
"Cover."	Section 2-712.
"Entrusting."	Section 2-403.
"Financing agency."	Section 2-104.
"Future goods."	Section 2-105.
"Goods."	Section 2-105.
"Identification."	Section 2-501.
"Installment contract."	Section 2-612.
"Letter of credit."	Section 2-325.
"Lot."	Section 2-105.
"Merchant."	Section 2-104.
"Overseas."	Section 2-323.
"Person in position of seller."	Section 2-707.
"Present sale."	Section 2-106.
"Sale."	Section 2-106.
"Sale on approval."	Section 2-326.
"Sale or return."	Section 2-326.
<u>"Service contract."</u>	<u>Section 2-106.</u>
"Termination."	Section 2-106.

Sec. 2. 11 MRSA §2-106, sub-§(5) is enacted to read:

(5). Service contract. As used in this Article, "service contract" means a contract in writing to perform, over a fixed period of time or for a specified duration, services relating to the maintenance or repair, or both, of a consumer product.

Sec. 3. 11 MRSA §2-314-A is enacted to read:

§ 2-314-A. Notification of implied warranty

A seller of consumer goods, with the exception of new and used motor vehicles, who also offers for sale service contracts shall instruct the seller's employees who deal with buyers of the requirements of the State's laws governing implied warranties pursuant to section 2-314, section 2-315 and section 2-316, subsection (5).

Sec. 4. Attorney General to publish brochure. The Attorney General shall publish a brochure that describes the protections in the State's implied warranty laws and provide it at no cost to sellers of consumer goods.

SUMMARY

This bill requires sellers of consumer goods who offer service contracts for sale to instruct their employees who deal with buyers of the requirements under the State's implied warranty laws. It also requires the Attorney General to publish a brochure on the State's implied warranty laws and to provide copies at no cost to sellers of consumer goods.