

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1437

Short Title: Ads for Car Repairs/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Capps.

Referred to: Ways and Means, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 29,1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE TRUTH IN ADVERTISING CERTAIN COSTS OF
3 SERVICING OR REPAIRING PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES AND TO
4 APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PUBLICIZE THIS REQUIREMENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Chapter 66 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
7 article to read:

8 **“ARTICLE 35.**
9 **"TRUTHFUL ADVERTISEMENTS OF COSTS OF SERVICING OR**
10 **REPAIRING**
11 **PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES.**

12 **"§ 66-280. Advertisements of servicing or repairing private passenger vehicles.**

13 (a) Any business that services or repairs private passenger vehicles and advertises
14 the costs of certain services or repairs of private passenger vehicles shall disclose in the
15 advertisement all costs, except any fees and taxes that are required by law, that a
16 consumer may be charged.

17 (b) If a business that services or repairs private passenger vehicles fails to comply
18 with the requirements of this section, then, upon written notice to that business, the
19 consumer is required to pay only those charges disclosed in the advertisement, plus any
20 fees and taxes that are required by law.

1 (c) A violation of this section shall constitute an unfair trade practice under G.S.
2 75-1.1.

3 (d) For purposes of this section, 'private passenger vehicle' has the same meaning
4 as in G.S. 20-4.01."

5 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Justice, Consumer Protection Section, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the
7 1999-2000 fiscal year to publicize the provisions of Article 35 of Chapter 66 of the
8 General Statutes, as enacted in Section 1 of this act.

9 Section 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1999. The remainder
10 of this act is effective when the act becomes law.