CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 383(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:  3/24/06
Referred:  Rules

Sponsor(s):  REPRESENTATIVES GARA, Lynn, Gardner, Gruenberg

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act limiting motor vehicle dealer charges for fees and costs; relating to the disclosures required for certain motor vehicle transactions; and relating to the financing of motor vehicle purchases."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 45.25.440 is amended to read:

Sec. 45.25.440. Additional fees and costs [ADVERTISED PRICE]. (a) When selling a motor vehicle, a motor vehicle dealer may not charge any [DEALER] fees or costs in addition to the advertised or negotiated price, except for fees actually paid to a state agency for licensing, registration, or title transfers [, UNLESS THE FEES OR COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE ADVERTISED PRICE].

(b) In this section, "[DEALER] fees or costs" includes dealer preparation fees, document preparation fees, surcharges, charges, and other [DEALER-IMPOSED] fees and costs.

* Sec. 2. AS 45.25.610(c) is amended to read:
(c) If a motor vehicle dealer arranges financing for a buyer, the motor vehicle dealer may deliver the motor vehicle to the buyer before final approval by the financing entity if

1. the buyer and seller sign an agreement separate from the motor vehicle installment contract on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper that clearly and conspicuously informs the buyer that final financing arrangements have not yet been approved and that clearly sets out the amount that will be financed, the annual percentage rate of the finance charge, the amount of the finance charge, the number and frequency of payments, and the amount of each payment;

2. the separate agreement in (1) of this subsection clearly and conspicuously informs the buyer that accepting delivery of the vehicle before final financing approval obligates the buyer to terms of the motor vehicle sales contract if the terms on the separate agreement are identical to the terms finally approved by the financing entity; [AND]

3. the motor vehicle dealer complies with the disclosure requirements of (f) of this section; and

4. the separate agreement in (1) of this subsection provides that the separate agreement, the motor vehicle sales contract, and any and all other conditions of the purchase will be void if any of the terms contained in the separate agreement are changed by either the motor vehicle dealer or the financing institution as a condition of sale or final financing approval.

* Sec. 3. AS 45.25.610 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) In addition to the other requirements of this section, if a motor vehicle dealer arranges financing for a proposed buyer or offers financing to a proposed buyer, the dealer shall disclose in writing and before the sale is finalized

1. whether the interest rate quoted to the proposed buyer is different than the interest rate charged to the dealer; and

2. that the interest rate quoted to the buyer may not be the lowest interest rate available.