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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Automobile Dealers. Buyers' Right to Cancel Purchase. Seller Disclosures. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative has received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

AUTOMOBILE DEALERS. BUYERS' RIGHT TO CANCEL PURCHASE. SELLER DISCLOSURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows buyer of used automobile to return automobile to dealer, cancel purchase, within three business days and receive full refund, less reasonable mileage offset. Requires that dealers disclose credit scores, and lowest available interest rates. Limits dealer loan fees to $150; prohibits dealers from accepting additional compensation from lenders. Requires dealers to disclose monthly cost of financing optional items. Requires "certified" used vehicles to be inspected by qualified technician. Prohibits dealers from advertising used rental, police or fleet vehicles, taxicabs, "lemon law" buy backs, salvage, or similar vehicles as "certified." Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Various possible impact on state and local government revenues resulting from changes in the financing of vehicle sales. The net fiscal impact of the changes is unknown.

The proponent, Rosemary Shahan, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, for her measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is July 5 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 926 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. No phone number was provided.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.

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