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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 119**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING USED MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTIES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill extends the statutory used vehicle warranty requirements to all vehicles that are less than 10 years old, regardless of price, rather than those that cost \$3,000 or more and are less than seven years old. The bill also requires these vehicles to have the required express warranty for at least 60 days or 3,000 miles, whichever ends first. Under current law, the express warranty must cover a used vehicle for (1) at least 30 days or 1,500 miles, whichever ends first, if it costs between \$3,000 and \$5,000, and (2) at least 60 days or 3,000 miles, whichever ends first, if it costs \$5,000 or more.

As under current law, dealers may not exclude, modify, disclaim, or limit implied warranties on these vehicles, and they must provide an express warranty in each sales contract for these vehicles that covers the full cost of both parts and labor for repairs during the required time or mileage, excluding damage from an accident or consumer misuse.

Current law also only allows used car dealers to sell a used car “as is” if its cash purchase price is less than \$3,000 or if the car is seven years or older. The bill eliminates the purchase price option and increases the minimum age to 10 years.

As under existing law, dealers violating the warranty provisions may have their license suspended by the motor vehicles commissioner and be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation (CGS § 42-226a).

The bill also makes minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/11/2026)