

HB 582 -- RIGHT TO REPAIR

SPONSOR: Weber

This bill specifies that owners of products purchased or used in Missouri must have the right to access the same diagnostic and repair information that manufacturers supply to independent repair facilities and authorized repair providers.

Product owners will also have the right to purchase service parts from manufacturers in the same manner and time as those parts are given to authorized repair providers. A "product" does not include motor vehicles. Product owners and independent repair facilities must have the right to purchase all diagnostic repair tools from manufacturers with fair and reasonable terms. Products sold for security-related purposes may not be programmed to exclude diagnostic, service, or repair methods to reset a security-related electronic function. Manufacturers are not legally responsible for the content and functionality of the diagnostic repair tools so long as the manufacturers comply with the rest of the bill, the bill does not require the manufacturer to divulge any trade secrets.

However, no manufacturer is required to provide repair information or service parts to a product owner if the product is still covered by a repair or replacement warranty.

The bill also provides a complaint provision for consumers and independent repair providers for violations of the bill, and directs the Attorney General to enforce its provisions. Each violation of this provision is subject to a \$500 fine to be deposited into the county school fund.

This bill is the same as HB 2041 (2024).