

Lemon Law Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on the Texas Lemon Law, “a statute designed to protect a consumer who buys a substandard automobile.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary*, 12th ed.) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA)

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Occupations Code

- § 2301.204 Complaint Concerning Vehicle Defect
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/O C.2301.htm#2301.204>
- § 2301.205 Notice of Complaint Procedure
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/O C.2301.htm#2301.205>
- Subchapter M. Warranties: Rights of Vehicle Owners, aka Texas “Lemon Law” § 2301.601 – 2301.613
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/O C.2301.htm#2301.601>
- Subchapter P. Judicial Review § 2301.751 – 2301.755
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/O C.2301.htm#2301.751>

Texas Administrative Code

- Title 43 Ch. 224 Subchapter G Lemon Law and Warranty Performance Claims https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?chapter=224&interface=VIEW_TAC&part=10&subchapter=G&title=43

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 14, Ch. 221 Warranties

Texas Practice Series REF KFT 1280 .T4

- Vol. 27, Consumer Rights and Remedies
 - §3:20 The Texas “Lemon” Law

Consumer Protection Law in a Nutshell KF 1610 .M37

- Ch. 10.3 Lemon Law

Texas Forms: Legal and Business REF KFT 1352 .A65T4

- Vol. 4B, Sections 8A:23, 8A:55 to 8A:57
Consumer warranties, motor vehicles

CLE Materials

Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law (PDF only)

- 2021 Ch. 9 Lemon Law and Breach of Express Warranty
- 2020 Ch. 13 DTPA and Arbitration Update

Online Resources

Texas Lemon Law (TX DMV)

<https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/lemon-law>

Lemon Law Publication Files (TX DMV)

<https://www.txdmv.gov/node/4522>

Texas Lemon Law Brochure (TX DMV)

https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/Texas_Lemon_Law_Brochure.pdf

Notice of Complaint Procedure for New Vehicle Owners and Lessees (TX DMV)

https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/Notice_of_Complaint_Procedure.pdf

Motor Vehicle Dealer Online Complaint System (TX DMV) <https://texasdmv.my.salesforce-sites.com/Complaint/>

Office of Administrative Hearings (TX DMV) <https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/the-office-of-administrative-hearings>

The Texas Lemon Law (Better Business Bureau) <https://bbbprograms.org/programs/dr/lemon-law/texas>

Texas Lemon Law Summary (Better Business Bureau) <https://assets.bbbprograms.org/docs/default-source/autoline/statelemonlaws/texas-lemonlaw.pdf?>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Check for Recalls (NHTSA) <https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legaline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: <https://www.tarrantbar.org/index.cfm?pg=LRIS>
(\$20 for the first 30 minutes)