

The Illinois Lemon Law

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The Illinois lemon laws are the US state laws which offer remedies to consumers in Illinois for boats, cars, computers, motorcycles, refrigerators, RVs, etc. If these products fail to meet the set standards of quality and performance as promised in the express warranty they are commonly referred to as 'the lemons'. There are both the Illinois State and Federal lemon laws which protect the interests of consumers in the State of Illinois. The rights afforded to consumers by the Illinois lemon law may exceed any warranties expressed in purchase contracts.

The Illinois lemon law basics

- The Illinois lemon law applies to any written express warranty on the vehicle for one year or 12,000 miles driven, whichever occurs first
- The manufacturer or dealer must repair a vehicle in accordance with the warranty if the defect or problem is covered by the warranty and the owner reports it within the warranty period or 12 months after delivery of the vehicle, whichever comes first
- As long as the problem is reported within the warranty period, the manufacturer or dealer must make repairs, even if the warranty subsequently runs out
- If the warranty expires, the Illinois lemon law does not apply

The Illinois lemon law has special provisions for the real lemons with serious problems

If the dealer or manufacturer is unable to repair a vehicle's warranty defect after a reasonable number of attempts, the buyer or person leasing the vehicle:

- Has a right to go to the manufacturer's arbitration program or to court
- Can seek a replacement vehicle or a full refund of the purchase or lease price

According to the Illinois lemon law, 'a reasonable number of attempts' depends on the problem

According to the Illinois lemon law, a reasonable number is:

- Four or more unsuccessful attempts to correct the same defect
- More than one unsuccessful attempt to correct a defect that causes a complete failure of the steering or braking system which is likely to cause death or serious bodily harm
- Any warranty repair attempt that causes the vehicle to be out of service for repairs for 30 or more business days

The [Illinois Lemon Law](#) applies to your vehicle if the problem has substantially impaired the use, market value, or safety of the vehicle.



Motor Vehicles Covered

The Illinois lemon law covers any new:

- Passenger car
- Motor vehicle weighing under 8,000 pounds
- Vehicle purchased or leased by a fire department
- Recreational vehicle

Written notification and the manufacturer's obligation to repurchase or replace

According to the Illinois lemon law, the manufacturer must replace or repurchase the lemon vehicle. According to the Illinois lemon law, the presumption that a reasonable number of repair attempts has occurred does not apply against a manufacturer unless the manufacturer has received a direct written notification from or on behalf of the consumer, and has had a final opportunity to correct the alleged defect.

Take advantage of the consumer protection laws in the State of Illinois. You may be entitled to cash compensation for your lemon under the Illinois state or Federal lemon laws.

This information is not intended as legal advice. Please direct your specific questions to [Krohn & Moss](#) for protection involving defective vehicles (lemon law), Products (Warranty law), Consumer Fraud, Violations of Renters Rights, Credit Report discrepancies and lenders and creditors discrepancies.

If you think your consumer rights have been violated and you need legal help, call **Krohn & Moss attorneys**, toll free, at 1-800 US LEMONÂ® (800-875-3666) for a [FREE CASE REVIEW](#), or complete one of our online submission forms.



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If you have any questions or want more information on your rights under the Illinois (The Lemon Law), call or write:

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