Overview

This bill relates to warranty provisions in contracts between suppliers and dealers of farm equipment and certain other equipment. Generally, the bill requires that certain provisions be contained in dealer agreements between suppliers and dealers, and that claims be paid promptly.

Section

1 Citation. Provides that the bill is called the Uniform Farm and Equipment Dealers Warranty Reimbursement Act.

2 Definitions. Defines terms. Equipment, for the purposes of the bill, is agricultural, construction, utility and industrial, dairy and farmstead mechanization, logging, outdoor power, and lawn and garden equipment. A warranty claim is a claim for payment submitted by a dealer to a supplier for service or parts provided to a customer under a warranty, pursuant to recall, or under a modification order of the supplier. Also defines "supplier," "equipment dealer," and "dealer agreement."

3 Warranty claims.

Subd. 1. Reasonable compensation for services. Requires a dealer agreement to include reasonable warranty claim compensation, and to contain certain other provisions.

Subd. 2. Transportation allowances. Requires reimbursement for transportation of equipment in need of repair to the dealership and back to the customer.

Subd. 3. Payment of claims. Requires dealer claims for labor and parts to be paid within 30 days of approval.

Subd. 4. Relief. Provides that if the supplier does not make payment as required, wrongfully rejects a warranty claim, or violates the provisions of the bill in any other way, a dealer may bring action in court to obtain payment of the warranty claim. Also provides that the dealer, if successful, shall be awarded costs and attorney's fees.
Effective date. Provides that the act is effective August 1, 1999, and applies to all warranty claims submitted on or after that date.