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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, August 27 has the third part of a consumer information series on the new odometer law.

Ann Uccello, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation comments on the meaning of the new, anti-tampering odometer law.

"Simply put, it's illegal for you to do anything to a vehicle which could cause the odometer to record mileage falsely, or not at all. And, since the car is your responsibility, it's also your responsibility to be sure that no alterations of this kind occur.

"You must not use any device which would cause the odometer to record anything but the correct mileage. The same applies to altering it to change the reading or defeat its operation. It's illegal to operate a vehicle with a malfunctioning or disconnected odometer -- to obtain a false or fraudulent mileage record.

"Let's also take the situation where repair or replacement is needed and the odometer can't be reset to show the correct mileage. You'll have to put a permanent notice on the left door post showing the date of repair and the miles driven before the repair. In other words, do whatever is necessary to reflect the actual mileage."

This has been the Transportation News Report. Tomorrow, the last of the series of Consumer reports on the new odometer law.