

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 562, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 1998, 564, 565.2, Section 1, Chapter 132, O.S.L. 1999, 572, 578 and 579.1, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 1998 (47 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 562, 565.3, and 579.1), which relate to regulation of new motor vehicle dealers; adding definitions; defining the performance of certain activities as unlawful practices and describing such activities; requiring manufacturer and distributor license applications to include affidavit pertaining to conformance of franchise provisions with certain statutory provisions; deeming statutory provisions as controlling if franchise provisions conflict with statutory provisions; expanding time period for filing protest of termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of franchise by manufacturer or distributor; placing burden of proof on manufacturer or distributor; deeming franchise and all licenses to be in effect pending final resolution of termination; requiring Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission to issue certain final order if cancellation, termination, or nonrenewal of franchise is not for good cause or for finding of noncompliance with certain provisions; deeming such termination to be null and void and making manufacturer or distributor responsible for attorney fees and costs; modifying information to be provided and stating procedures for approving or rejecting proposed franchise sale, transfer, or assignment; allowing certain injunctive relief to be granted without bond; modifying time period for filing and hearing protest of new dealership locating within market area of existing dealership and modifying description of market area; modifying definition of broker; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.