

## FLOOR AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB512 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by  
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Mike Dobrinski

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 512

By: Paxton of the Senate

and

Dobrinski of the House

9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to motor vehicles; creating the  
11 Hometown Auto-jobs Act of 2022; setting certain  
12 guidelines for certain entities regarding consumer  
13 data; providing certain indemnification; authorizing  
14 certain data disclosure; requiring certain party bear  
15 burden of proof; confining certain judgments to  
16 operations of this act directly involved in the  
17 controversy in which judgment is rendered; amending  
18 47 O.S. 2021, Section 562, which relates to  
19 definitions; modifying definitions; defining terms;  
20 amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 564, which relates to  
21 licenses; disallowing certain authorization; making  
22 certain exception; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section  
23 565, which relates to denial, revocation, or  
24 suspension of license; modifying entity subject to  
license denial, revocation, suspension, or fine;  
modifying reasons for license denial, revocation,  
suspension, or punishment by fine; prohibiting  
certain standards to measure performance; requiring  
certain vehicles be offered at same price; requiring  
certain reimbursement for rental cars; requiring  
factories provide certain technology to new motor  
vehicle dealers; requiring factories offer certain  
upgrades or changes at equal price; making certain  
exception; limiting dealers to one part or labor rate  
request per year; providing for certain calculation;  
providing for exclusions for certain rate  
calculation; modifying reasons for certain rebuttal;  
requiring certain written notice; deleting certain

1 requirement to submit repair orders; prohibiting  
2 certain recovery of costs; prohibiting factory denial  
3 of certain claims and implementation of certain  
4 charge-backs; providing for certain compensation  
5 calculation; requiring certain method for used  
6 vehicle calculations; allowing factory to direct  
7 dealer in certain manner and method; requiring  
8 certain reimbursement claims be subject to certain  
9 limitations and requirements; placing certain limit  
10 on total compensation; disallowing certain remedy  
11 combinations; disallowing the use of certain  
12 agreements; making certain exception; providing for  
13 certain violation; allowing for certain construction  
14 or renovation; providing certain rebuttable  
15 presumption; prohibiting factories from changing  
16 certain plans or systems; limiting license for  
17 distribution; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 565.1,  
18 which relates to succession dealerships; defining  
19 term; clarifying language; requiring certain  
20 adherence; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 565.2,  
21 which relates to termination, cancellation, or  
22 nonrenewal of franchise; requiring certain  
23 compensation; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 565.3,  
24 which relates to notice of proposed sale; limiting  
evaluations; deleting certain protest right; amending  
47 O.S. 2021, Section 578.1, which relates to  
procedures for relocation or establishment; modifying  
definition; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 580.2,  
which relates to insurance coverage on loan vehicles;  
defining term; making certain liability policy  
coverage distinction; providing for noncodification;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Hometown Auto-  
jobs Act of 2022".

1       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 564.3 of Title 47, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. With respect to consumer data, a factory or third party  
5 acting on behalf of a factory:

6       1. Shall comply with and shall not cause a new motor vehicle  
7 dealer to violate any applicable restrictions on reuse or disclosure  
8 of consumer data established by federal or state law;

9       2. Shall, upon the written request of the new motor vehicle  
10 dealer, provide a written statement describing the established  
11 procedures adopted by such factory or third party acting on behalf  
12 of the factory which meet or exceed any federal or state  
13 requirements to safeguard consumer data including, but not limited  
14 to, those established in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C.,  
15 Section 6801 et seq.;

16       3. Shall, upon the written request of the new motor vehicle  
17 dealer, provide a written list of the consumer data obtained from  
18 the new motor vehicle dealer and all persons to whom any consumer  
19 data has been provided by the factory or a third party acting on  
20 behalf of a factory during the preceding six (6) months. The new  
21 motor vehicle dealer may make such a request no more than once every  
22 six (6) months. The list must indicate the specific fields of  
23 consumer data which were provided to each person.

1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, such a list shall not be required to  
2 include:

3       a.    a person to whom consumer data was provided, or the  
4            specific consumer data provided to such person, if the  
5            person was, at the time such consumer data was  
6            provided, a service provider, subcontractor, or  
7            consultant acting in the course of performance of  
8            services on behalf of or for the benefit of the  
9            factory, third party, or new motor vehicle dealer,  
10          provided that:

11           (1) the factory, third party, or new motor vehicle  
12            dealer has entered into an agreement with such  
13            person requiring that such person comply with the  
14            safeguard requirements of applicable state and  
15            federal law, including, but not limited to, those  
16            established in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15  
17            U.S.C., Section 6801 et seq., and

18           (2) the consumer data is used by the factory for  
19            internal purposes only and is not distributed to  
20            third parties for use or sale other than acting  
21            in the course of performance of services on  
22            behalf of or for the benefit of the factory,

23       b.    a person to whom consumer data was provided, or the  
24            specific consumer data provided to such person, if the

1 new motor vehicle dealer has previously consented in  
2 writing to such person receiving such consumer data  
3 and the new motor vehicle dealer has not withdrawn  
4 such consent in writing, or

5 c. data collected or received for purposes enumerated in  
6 paragraph 5 of this section;

7 4. May not require that a new motor vehicle dealer grant the  
8 factory or a third party acting on behalf of a factory, or use any  
9 incentive that is not paid to all new motor vehicle dealers or  
10 withhold any benefit from a new motor vehicle dealer to obtain,  
11 direct or indirect access to such new motor vehicle dealer's data  
12 management system to obtain consumer data. A factory or a third  
13 party acting on behalf of a factory shall permit a new motor vehicle  
14 dealer to furnish consumer data in a widely accepted file format,  
15 such as comma delimited, and through a third-party vendor selected  
16 by the new motor vehicle dealer. However, a factory or a third  
17 party acting on behalf of a factory may access or obtain consumer  
18 data directly from a new motor vehicle dealer's data management  
19 system with the express written consent of the new motor vehicle  
20 dealer. The consent shall be in the form of a written document that  
21 is separate from the franchise agreement and is executed by the  
22 dealer principal or operator and may be withdrawn by the new motor  
23 vehicle dealer upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the factory  
24 or third party acting on the factory's behalf, as applicable. For

1 incentive programs beginning on or after November 1, 2022, such  
2 consent shall not be required as a condition to a new motor vehicle  
3 dealer's participation in an incentive program unless such consent  
4 is necessary to obtain consumer data to implement the program;

5 5. Shall indemnify the new motor vehicle dealer for any third-  
6 party claims asserted against or damages incurred by the new motor  
7 vehicle dealer to the extent caused by access to, use of, or  
8 disclosure of consumer data in violation of this section by the  
9 factory or a third party to whom the factory has provided consumer  
10 data. Nothing contained in this section shall limit the ability of  
11 the factory or a third party acting on the factory's behalf to  
12 require that the new motor vehicle dealer provide, or use in  
13 accordance with the law, such consumer information related solely to  
14 such factory's own vehicle makes to the extent necessary to do any  
15 of the following:

- 16 a. satisfy any safety or recall notice obligations or  
17 other legal notice obligations on the part of the  
18 manufacturer,
- 19 b. validate and pay to a new motor vehicle dealer a  
20 consumer or new motor vehicle dealer incentive,
- 21 c. submit claims to the factory for any services supplied  
22 by the new motor vehicle dealer for any claim for  
23 warranty parts or repair,

- d. complete the sale and delivery of a new motor vehicle to a consumer,
- e. conduct market analysis which is used by the factory for internal purposes only and the consumer data is not distributed to third parties for use or sale other than acting in the course of performance of services on behalf of or for the benefit of the factory related to the market analysis,
- f. evaluate sales and customer service satisfaction with the new motor vehicle dealer, including surveys, or
- g. use for tier one marketing of the factory's products.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification requirements contained in this paragraph shall continue to apply to all consumer data used for the purposes enumerated according to the exceptions listed in this paragraph; and

B. In any cause of action against the factory for a violation of this section, the party bringing the action shall have the burden of proof.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 564.4 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

If any part or provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its



1 operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved  
2 in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered  
3 and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this  
4 act or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

5 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 562, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 562. The following words, terms and phrases, when used  
8 in Sections 561 through 567, 572, 578.1, 579 and 579.1 of this  
9 title, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this  
10 section, except where the context clearly indicates a different  
11 meaning:

12 1. "Motor vehicle" means any motor-driven vehicle required to  
13 be registered under the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration  
14 Act. The term "motor vehicle" does not include:

- 15 a. recreational vehicles, as defined in the Recreational  
16 Vehicle Franchise Act, or  
17 b. all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles, and  
18 motorcycles used exclusively for off-road use which  
19 are sold by a retail implement dealer;

20 2. "New motor vehicle dealer" means any person, firm,  
21 association, corporation or trust not excluded by this paragraph who  
22 sells, offers for sale, advertises to sell, leases or displays new  
23 motor vehicles and holds a bona fide contract or franchise in effect  
24 with a manufacturer or distributor authorized by the manufacturer to

1 make predelivery preparation of such vehicles sold to purchasers and  
2 to perform post-sale work pursuant to the manufacturer's or  
3 distributor's warranty. As used herein, "authorized predelivery  
4 preparation" means the rendition by the dealer of services and  
5 safety adjustments on each new motor vehicle in accordance with the  
6 procedure and safety standards required by the manufacturer of the  
7 vehicle to be made before its delivery to the purchaser.

8 "Performance of authorized post-sale work pursuant to the warranty",  
9 as used herein, means the rendition of services which are required  
10 by the terms of the warranty that stands extended to the vehicle at  
11 the time of its sale and are to be made in accordance with the  
12 safety standards prescribed by the manufacturer. The term includes  
13 premises or facilities at which a person engages only in the repair  
14 of motor vehicles if repairs are performed pursuant to the terms of  
15 a franchise and motor vehicle manufacturer's warranty. However, the  
16 term shall not include premises or facilities at which a new motor  
17 vehicle dealer or dealers within the area of responsibility of such  
18 dealer or dealers as defined in the manufacturer's franchise  
19 agreement of such dealer or dealers performs motor vehicle repairs  
20 pursuant to the terms of a franchise and motor vehicle  
21 manufacturer's warranty. For the purpose of Sections 561 through  
22 567, 572, 578.1, 579 and 579.1 of this title, the terms "new motor  
23 vehicle dealer" and "new motor vehicle dealership" shall be  
24 synonymous. The term "new motor vehicle dealer" does not include:

- a. receivers, trustees, administrators, executors, guardians or other persons appointed by or acting under judgment or order of any court,
- b. public officers while performing or in operation of their duties, ~~or~~
- c. employees of persons, corporations or associations enumerated in subparagraph a of this paragraph when engaged in the specific performance of their duties as such ~~employee~~ employees, or
- d. a powersports vehicle dealer;

3. "Motor vehicle salesperson" means any person who, for gain or compensation of any kind, either directly or indirectly, regularly or occasionally, by any form of agreement or arrangement, sells or negotiates for the sale, lease, or conveyance or arranges the financing of any new motor vehicle for any new motor vehicle dealer to any one or more third parties;

4. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission;

5. "Manufacturer" means any person, firm, association, corporation or trust, resident or nonresident, ~~who~~ that manufactures or assembles new and unused motor vehicles or ~~who~~ that engages in the fabrication or assembly of motorized vehicles of a type required to be registered in the State of Oklahoma;

6. "Distributor" means any person, firm, association, corporation or trust, resident or nonresident, ~~who~~ that, being

1 authorized by the original manufacturer, in whole or in part sells  
2 or distributes new and unused motor vehicles to motor vehicle  
3 dealers, or ~~who~~ that maintains distributor representatives;

4 7. "Factory branch" means any branch office maintained by a  
5 person, firm, association, corporation or trust ~~who~~ that  
6 manufactures or assembles motor vehicles for the sale of motor  
7 vehicles to distributors, or for the sale of motor vehicles to motor  
8 vehicle dealers, or for directing or supervising, in whole or in  
9 part, its representatives;

10 8. "Distributor branch" means any branch office similarly  
11 maintained by a distributor for the same purposes a factory branch  
12 is maintained;

13 9. "Factory representative" means any officer or agent engaged  
14 as a representative of a manufacturer of motor vehicles or by a  
15 factory branch, for the purpose of making or promoting the sale of  
16 its motor vehicles, or for supervising or contacting its dealers or  
17 prospective dealers;

18 10. "Distributor representative" means any person, firm,  
19 association, corporation or trust and each officer and employee  
20 thereof engaged as a representative of a distributor or distributor  
21 branch of motor vehicles, for the purpose of making or promoting the  
22 sale of its motor vehicles, or for supervising or contacting its  
23 dealers or prospective dealers;

1        11. "Franchise" means any contract or agreement between a new  
2 motor vehicle dealer and a manufacturer of a new motor vehicle or  
3 its distributor or factory branch by which the new motor vehicle  
4 dealer is authorized to engage in the ~~business of selling any~~  
5 ~~specified make or makes of new motor vehicles~~ activities of a new  
6 motor vehicle dealer as defined by this section;

7        12. "New or unused motor vehicle" means a vehicle which is in  
8 the possession of the manufacturer or distributor or has been sold  
9 only to the holder of a valid ~~selling agreement,~~ franchise ~~or~~  
10 ~~contract,~~ granted by the manufacturer or distributor for the sale of  
11 that make of new vehicle so long as the manufacturer's statement of  
12 origin has not been assigned to anyone other than a licensed  
13 franchised new motor vehicle dealer of the same line-make;

14        13. "Area of responsibility" means the geographical area, as  
15 designated by the manufacturer, factory branch, factory  
16 representative, distributor, distributor branch or distributor  
17 representative, in which the new motor vehicle dealer is held  
18 responsible for the promotion and development of sales and rendering  
19 of service for the make of motor vehicle for which the new motor  
20 vehicle dealer holds a franchise or selling agreement;

21        14. "Off premises" means at a location other than the address  
22 designated on the new motor vehicle dealer's license;

23        15. "Sponsoring entity" means any person, firm, association,  
24 corporation or trust which has control, either permanently or

1 temporarily, over the real property upon which the ~~off-premise~~ off-  
2 premises sale or display is conducted;

3 16. "Product" means new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle  
4 parts;

5 17. "Service" means motor vehicle warranty repairs including  
6 both parts and labor;

7 18. "Lead" means a consumer contact in response to a factory  
8 program designed to generate interest in purchasing or leasing a new  
9 motor vehicle;

10 19. "Sell or sale" means to sell or lease;

11 20. "Factory" means a manufacturer, distributor, factory  
12 branch, distributor branch, factory representative or distributor  
13 representative, which manufactures or distributes vehicle products;

14 21. "Powersports vehicle" means motorcycles, scooters, mopeds,  
15 all-terrain vehicles, and utility vehicles;

16 22. "Powersports vehicle dealer" means any person, firm, or  
17 corporation ~~who~~ that is in the business of selling any new  
18 powersports vehicles except for retail implement dealers; ~~and~~

19 23. "Retail implement dealer" means a business engaged  
20 primarily in the sale of farm tractors as defined in Section 1-118  
21 of this title or implements of husbandry as defined in Section 1-125  
22 of this title or a combination thereof;

1        24. "Consumer data" means nonpublic personal information as  
2 such term is defined in 15 U.S.C., Section 6809(4) as it existed on  
3 January 1, 2022, that is:

- 4            a. collected by a new motor vehicle dealer, and  
5            b. provided by the new motor vehicle dealer directly to a  
6            manufacturer or third party acting on behalf of a  
7            manufacturer.

8        Such term shall not include the same or similar data obtained by  
9 a manufacturer from any source other than the new motor vehicle  
10 dealer or new motor vehicle dealer's data management system;

11        25. "Data management system" means a computer hardware or  
12 software system that:

- 13            a. is owned, leased, or licensed by a new motor vehicle  
14            dealer including a system or web-based applications,  
15            computer software or computer hardware,  
16            b. is located at the dealership or hosted remotely, and  
17            c. stores and provides access to consumer data collected  
18            or stored by a new motor vehicle dealer.

19        Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, dealership  
20 management systems and customer relations management systems; and

21        26. "Fleet vehicle" means a new motor vehicle sold and titled  
22 or registered to a business and used for business purposes only.

23        SECTION 5.        AMENDATORY        47 O.S. 2021, Section 564, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 564. A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm,  
2 association, corporation or trust to engage in business as, or serve  
3 in the capacity of, or act as a new motor vehicle dealer or  
4 manufacturer or distributor of new motor vehicles, or factory  
5 branch, distributor branch or factory representative or distributor  
6 representative, as ~~such~~ defined in Section 562 of this title, in  
7 this state without first obtaining a license therefor as provided  
8 for by law. Any person, firm, association, corporation or trust  
9 engaging in more than one of such capacities or having more than one  
10 place where such business is carried on or conducted shall be  
11 required to obtain and hold a current license for each thereof.  
12 Provided that, a new motor vehicle dealer's license shall authorize  
13 one person to sell in the event such person shall be the owner of a  
14 proprietorship, or the person designated as principal in the  
15 dealer's franchise or the managing officer or one partner if no  
16 principal person is named in the franchise. It is further provided  
17 that a factory or an entity affiliated by any ownership or control  
18 by the factory shall not be permitted to be licensed as a new motor  
19 vehicle dealer in this state, except as provided by subparagraph b  
20 of paragraph 12 of Section 565 of this title.

21       B. Applications for licenses required to be obtained under  
22 provisions of Section 561 et seq. of this title shall be verified by  
23 the oath or affirmation of the applicant and shall be on forms  
24 prescribed by the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission and furnished to



1 such applicants, and shall contain such information as the  
2 Commission deems necessary to enable it to fully determine the  
3 qualifications and eligibility of the several applicants to receive  
4 the license or licenses applied for. The Commission shall require  
5 in such application, or otherwise, information relating to the  
6 applicant's financial standing, the applicant's business integrity,  
7 whether the applicant has an established place of business and is  
8 primarily engaged in the pursuit, avocation or business for which a  
9 license, or licenses, are applied for, and whether the applicant is  
10 able to properly conduct the business for which a license, or  
11 licenses, are applied for, and such other pertinent information  
12 consistent with the safeguarding of the public interest and the  
13 public welfare. All such applications for license or licenses shall  
14 be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees therefor in accordance  
15 with the schedule thereof hereinafter set out. In the event any  
16 such application is denied and the license applied for is not  
17 issued, the entire license fee shall be returned to the applicant.  
18 All licenses issued under the provisions of Section 561 et seq. of  
19 this title shall expire on June 30, following the date of issue and  
20 shall be nontransferable. All applications for renewal of a license  
21 for a new motor vehicle dealer, manufacturer, distributor or  
22 manufacturer's or distributor's representative shall be submitted by  
23 June 1 of each year, and such license or licenses will be issued by  
24 July 1. If applications have not been made for renewal of licenses

1 at the times described in this subsection, it shall be illegal for  
2 any person to represent himself or herself and act as a dealer,  
3 manufacturer, distributor or manufacturer's or distributor's  
4 representative. Motor license agents will be notified not to accept  
5 such dealers' titles until such time as licenses have been issued by  
6 the Commission.

7 C. The schedule of license fees to be charged and received by  
8 the Commission for the licenses issued hereunder shall be as  
9 follows:

10 1. For each factory branch or distributor branch, Four Hundred  
11 Dollars (\$400.00) initial fee with annual renewal fee of Three  
12 Hundred Dollars (\$300.00);

13 2. For each manufacturer or distributor of new motor vehicles,  
14 Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) initial fee with annual renewal fee  
15 of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00);

16 3. For each factory representative or distributor  
17 representative, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) annually;

18 4. For each new motor vehicle dealer, except powersports  
19 vehicle dealers, initial fee of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per  
20 franchise sold at each location licensed, with an annual renewal fee  
21 of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per franchise sold at each location  
22 per year; and

23 5. For each powersports vehicle dealer, initial fee of Three  
24 Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per manufacturer represented by the dealer

1 at each location licensed, with an annual renewal fee of One Hundred  
2 Dollars (\$100.00) per manufacturer represented by the dealer at each  
3 location licensed per year.

4 D. The licenses issued to each new motor vehicle dealer,  
5 manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, distributor branch or  
6 representative, if a corporation, shall specify the location of the  
7 factory, office or branch thereof. In case such location is  
8 changed, the Commission may endorse the change of location on the  
9 license without charge unless the change of address triggers a  
10 relocation of a new motor vehicle dealer pursuant to the provisions  
11 of Section 578.1 of this title. The license of each new motor  
12 vehicle dealer shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the new  
13 motor vehicle dealer's place or places of business.

14 Every motor vehicle factory representative or distributor  
15 representative if an individual shall physically possess the license  
16 when engaged in business, and shall display same upon request. The  
17 name of the employer of such factory representative or distributor  
18 representative shall be stated on the license and, in case of a  
19 change of employer, the holder of such license shall immediately  
20 mail same to the Commission for its endorsement of such change  
21 thereon. The Commission shall endorse each such change of employer  
22 on licenses for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

1 E. The powersports dealer license shall only allow the sale of  
2 the specific types of powersports vehicles authorized by the  
3 manufacturer and agreed to by the powersports dealer.

4 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 565, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 565. A. The Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission may deny  
7 an application for a license, ~~or~~ revoke or suspend a license, or  
8 impose a fine against any person or entity, not to exceed Ten  
9 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) ~~against a manufacturer or distributor~~  
10 ~~or a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) against a~~  
11 ~~dealer~~ per occurrence, that violates any provision of Sections 561  
12 through 567, 572, 578.1, 579 and 579.1 of this title ~~is violated~~ or  
13 for any of the following reasons:

14 1. On satisfactory proof of unfitness of the applicant in any  
15 application for any license under the provisions of Section 561 et  
16 seq. of this title;

17 2. For any material misstatement made by an applicant in any  
18 application for any license under the provisions of Section 561 et  
19 seq. of this title;

20 3. For any failure to comply with any provision of Section 561  
21 et seq. of this title or any rule promulgated by the Commission  
22 under authority vested in it by Section 561 et seq. of this title;

23 4. A change of condition after license is granted resulting in  
24 failure to maintain the qualifications for license;

1       5. Being a new motor vehicle dealer who:

- 2           a. has required a purchaser of a new motor vehicle, as a  
3           condition of sale and delivery thereof, to also  
4           purchase special features, appliances, accessories or  
5           equipment not desired or requested by the purchaser  
6           and installed by the new motor vehicle dealer,  
7           b. uses any false or misleading advertising in connection  
8           with business as a new motor vehicle dealer,  
9           c. has committed any unlawful act which resulted in the  
10          revocation of any similar license in another state,  
11          d. has failed or refused to perform any written agreement  
12          with any retail buyer involving the sale of a motor  
13          vehicle,  
14          e. has been convicted of a crime involving moral  
15          turpitude,  
16          f. has committed a fraudulent act in selling, purchasing  
17          or otherwise dealing in new motor vehicles or has  
18          misrepresented the terms and conditions of a sale,  
19          purchase or contract for sale or purchase of a new  
20          motor vehicle or any interest therein including an  
21          option to purchase such vehicle,  
22          g. has failed to meet or maintain the conditions and  
23          requirements necessary to qualify for the issuance of  
24          a license, or

1           h.     completes any sale or transaction of an extended  
2                 service contract, extended maintenance plan, or  
3                 similar product using contract forms that do not  
4                 conspicuously disclose the identity of the service  
5                 contract provider;

6           6.    Being a new motor vehicle salesperson who is not employed as  
7   such by a licensed new motor vehicle dealer;

8           7.    Being a new motor vehicle dealer who:

9           a.     does not have an established place of business,

10          b.     does not provide for a suitable repair shop separate  
11                 from the display room with ample space to repair or  
12                 recondition one or more vehicles at the same time, and  
13                 which is staffed with properly trained and qualified  
14                 repair technicians and is equipped with such parts,  
15                 tools and equipment as may be requisite for the  
16                 servicing of motor vehicles in such a manner as to  
17                 make them comply with the safety laws of this state  
18                 and to properly fulfill the new motor vehicle dealer's  
19                 or manufacturer's warranty obligation,

20          c.     does not hold a franchise in effect with a  
21                 manufacturer or distributor of new or unused motor  
22                 vehicles for the sale of the same and is not  
23                 authorized by the manufacturer or distributor to  
24                 render predelivery preparation of such vehicles sold

1 to purchasers and to perform any authorized post-sale  
2 work pursuant to the manufacturer's or distributor's  
3 warranty,

4 d. employs a person without obtaining a certificate of  
5 registration for the person, or utilizes the services  
6 of used motor vehicle lots or dealers or other  
7 unlicensed persons in connection with the sale of new  
8 motor vehicles,

9 e. does not properly service a new motor vehicle before  
10 delivery of same to the original purchaser thereof, or

11 f. fails to order and stock a reasonable number of new  
12 motor vehicles necessary to meet ~~customer~~ consumer  
13 demand for each of the new motor vehicles included in  
14 the new motor vehicle dealer's franchise agreement,  
15 unless the new motor vehicles are not readily  
16 available from the manufacturer or distributor due to  
17 limited production;

18 8. Being a factory that has:

19 a. either induced or attempted to induce by means of  
20 coercion or intimidation, any new motor vehicle  
21 dealer:

22 (1) to accept delivery of any motor vehicle or  
23 vehicles, parts or accessories therefor, or any  
24 other commodities including advertising material

1                   which shall not have been ordered by the new  
2                   motor vehicle dealer,

3           (2)   to order or accept delivery of any motor vehicle  
4                   with special features, appliances, accessories or  
5                   equipment not included in the list price of the  
6                   motor vehicles as publicly advertised by the  
7                   manufacturer thereof, or

8           (3)   to order or accept delivery of any parts,  
9                   accessories, equipment, machinery, tools,  
10                  appliances or any commodity whatsoever, ~~or~~

11       b.   induced under threat or discrimination by the  
12                  withholding from delivery to a new motor vehicle  
13                  dealer certain models of motor vehicles, changing or  
14                  amending unilaterally the new motor vehicle dealer's  
15                  allotment of motor vehicles and/or withholding and  
16                  delaying delivery of such vehicles out of the ordinary  
17                  course of business, in order to induce by such  
18                  coercion any such new motor vehicle dealer to  
19                  participate or contribute to any local or national  
20                  advertising fund controlled directly or indirectly by  
21                  the factory or for any other purposes such as contest,  
22                  ~~"give-aways"~~ "giveaways" or other so-called sales  
23                  promotional devices and/or change of quotas in any  
24                  sales contest; or has required new motor vehicle



1 dealers, as a condition to receiving their vehicle  
2 allotment, to order a certain percentage of the  
3 vehicles with optional equipment not specified by the  
4 new motor vehicle dealer; however, nothing in this  
5 section shall prohibit a factory from supporting an  
6 advertising association which is open to all new motor  
7 vehicle dealers on the same basis,

8 c. used an unreasonable, arbitrary, or unfair sales or  
9 other standard to measure a new motor vehicle dealer's  
10 performance under any factory program, policy, or the  
11 franchise agreement. It shall be considered  
12 unreasonable, arbitrary, and unfair for the factory to  
13 fail to take into account the new motor vehicle  
14 dealer's specific and market circumstances in  
15 establishing the sales or other standard,

16 d. failed or refused to sell, or offer for sale, new  
17 motor vehicles to all of its same line-make franchised  
18 new motor vehicle dealers at the same price for a  
19 comparably equipped motor vehicle, on the same terms,  
20 with no differential in functionally available  
21 discount, allowance, credit or bonus. For a factory  
22 program or policy which goes into effect after  
23 November 1, 2022, any differential in discount,  
24 allowance, credit, or bonus paid to new motor vehicle

1 dealers on a per vehicle basis in exchange for  
2 compliance with a facility requirement of the factory  
3 shall be a violation of this section. However, a  
4 factory is not prohibited from making payment to a new  
5 motor vehicle dealer on a lump sum or periodic basis  
6 for compliance with a facility requirement as long as  
7 said payment is not made on a per vehicle basis,  
8 e. failed to reimburse a new motor vehicle dealer in full  
9 for the actual cost of providing a loaner or rental  
10 vehicle to any consumer who is having a vehicle  
11 serviced at the dealership if the provision of such a  
12 loaner or rental vehicle is required by the factory.  
13 For purposes of this paragraph, actual cost shall not  
14 exceed the average cost in the new motor vehicle  
15 dealer's region for the rental of a substantially  
16 similar make and model as the vehicle being serviced,  
17 or  
18 f. failed to make available to its new motor vehicle  
19 dealers the technology to offer to consumers any  
20 software or hardware upgrade or change to vehicle  
21 functions and features, whether provided remotely or  
22 otherwise, following the initial retail sale of a  
23 motor vehicle. The factory shall not have exclusive  
24 rights to make any such offering to a consumer but

1       shall offer any software or hardware upgrade or change  
2       to vehicle functions and features to new motor vehicle  
3       dealers at the same price and structure as any offered  
4       to consumers by the factory and such upgrade or change  
5       shall be available at any time during the life cycle  
6       of the vehicle. This subparagraph does not apply to  
7       software or hardware upgrades or changes related  
8       solely to the safety of the new motor vehicle;

9       9. Being a factory that:

- 10       a. has attempted to coerce or has coerced any new motor  
11       vehicle dealer to enter into any agreement or to  
12       cancel any agreement, or fails to act in good faith  
13       and in a fair, equitable and nondiscriminatory manner;  
14       or has directly or indirectly coerced, intimidated,  
15       threatened or restrained any new motor vehicle dealer;  
16       or has acted dishonestly, or has failed to act in  
17       accordance with the reasonable standards of fair  
18       dealing,
- 19       b. has failed to compensate its dealers for the work and  
20       services they are required to perform in connection  
21       with the dealer's delivery and preparation obligations  
22       according to the agreements on file with the  
23       Commission which must be found by the Commission to be  
24       reasonable, or ~~fail~~ has failed to adequately and

1 fairly compensate its dealers for labor, parts and  
2 other expenses incurred by such dealer to perform  
3 under and comply with manufacturer's warranty  
4 agreements, and recall repairs which shall include  
5 diagnostic work as applicable and factory-authorized  
6 goodwill repairs. Time allowances for the diagnosis  
7 and performance of repair work shall be reasonable and  
8 adequate for the work to be performed. Adequate and  
9 fair compensation for parts and/or labor for warranty  
10 and recall repairs shall, at the option of the new  
11 motor vehicle dealer, be established by the new motor  
12 vehicle dealer submitting to the manufacturer or  
13 distributor one hundred sequential nonwarranty  
14 ~~customer-paid~~ consumer-paid service repair orders  
15 which contain warranty-like ~~parts~~ repairs, or ninety  
16 (90) consecutive days of nonwarranty ~~customer-paid~~  
17 consumer-paid service repair orders which contain  
18 warranty-like ~~parts~~ repairs, whichever is less,  
19 covering repairs made no more than one hundred eighty  
20 (180) days before the submission and declaring the  
21 average percentage markup rate. ~~Adequate and fair~~  
22 ~~compensation for labor shall be established by the~~  
23 ~~dealer submitting to the manufacturer or distributor~~  
24 ~~one hundred sequential customer-paid service repair~~

~~orders which contain labor charges, or ninety (90) consecutive days of customer paid service repair orders which contain labor charges, whichever is less.~~

A new motor vehicle dealer may not submit a request to establish a parts and/or labor rate more than once in a twelve-month period. The new motor vehicle dealer shall calculate its retail parts rate by determining the total charges for parts from the qualified repair orders submitted, dividing that amount by the new motor vehicle dealer's total cost of the purchase of those parts, subtracting one (1), and multiplying by one hundred (100) to produce a percentage. The new motor vehicle dealer shall calculate its retail labor rate by dividing the amount of the new motor vehicle dealer's total labor sales from the qualified repair orders by the total labor hours charged for those sales. When submitting repair orders to calculate establish a retail parts and/or labor rate, a new motor vehicle dealer need not include repair orders repairs for:

(1) routine maintenance including, but not limited to, the replacement of bulbs, fluids, filters, batteries, and belts that are not provided in the course of and related to a repair,

- (2) factory special events, specials, or promotional discounts for retail consumer repairs,
- (3) parts sold or repairs performed at wholesale,
- (4) factory-approved goodwill or policy repairs or replacements,
- (5) repairs with aftermarket parts, when calculating the retail parts rate but not the retail labor rate,
- (6) repairs on aftermarket parts,
- (7) replacement of or work on tires including front-end alignments and wheel or tire rotations,
- (8) repairs of motor vehicles owned by the new motor vehicle dealer or employee thereof at the time of the repair,
- (9) engine and/or transmission assemblies,
- (10) vehicle reconditioning, or
- (11) items that do not have individual part numbers including, but not limited to, nuts, bolts and fasteners.

A manufacturer or distributor may, not later than thirty (30) days after submission, rebut that declared retail parts and/or labor rate in writing by reasonably substantiating that the rate is ~~inaccurate~~ not accurate and complete pursuant to the provisions of this section or

1       unreasonable in ~~light of the practices of all other~~  
2       ~~franchised motor vehicle dealers in an economically similar~~  
3       ~~part of the state offering the same line make vehicles~~  
4       consideration of the rates charged to the new motor vehicle  
5       dealer's nonwarranty, retail consumers. The retail ~~rate~~  
6       labor and parts rates shall go into effect thirty (30) days  
7       following the approval by the manufacturer or distributor,  
8       subject to audit of the submitted repair orders by the  
9       franchisor and a rebuttal of the declared rate as described  
10      ~~above~~ in this subparagraph. If the declared rate is  
11      rebutted, the manufacturer or distributor shall provide  
12      written notice stating the reasons for the rebuttal, an  
13      explanation of the reasons for the rebuttal, and a copy of  
14      all calculations used by the franchisor in determining the  
15      manufacturer or distributor's position and propose an  
16      adjustment in writing of the average percentage markup or  
17      labor rate based on that rebuttal not later than thirty  
18      (30) days after submission. If the new motor vehicle  
19      dealer does not agree with the proposed average percentage  
20      markup or labor rate, the new motor vehicle dealer may file  
21      a protest with the Commission not later than thirty (30)  
22      days after receipt of that proposal by the manufacturer or  
23      distributor. In the event a protest is filed, the  
24      manufacturer or distributor shall have the burden of proof

1 to establish the new motor vehicle dealer's submitted parts  
2 markup rate or labor rate was inaccurate or unreasonable in  
3 ~~light of the practices of all other franchised motor~~  
4 ~~vehicle dealers in an economically similar part of the~~  
5 ~~state~~ consideration of the rates charged to the new motor  
6 vehicle dealer's nonwarranty, retail consumers. A  
7 manufacturer or distributor may not retaliate against any  
8 new motor vehicle dealer seeking to exercise its rights  
9 under this ~~provision~~ section. ~~A manufacturer or~~  
10 ~~distributor may require a dealer to submit repair orders in~~  
11 ~~accordance with this section in order to validate a~~  
12 ~~dealer's retail rate for parts or labor not more often than~~  
13 ~~once every twelve (12) months.~~ A manufacturer or  
14 distributor may not otherwise recover its costs from new  
15 motor vehicle dealers within this state including an  
16 increase in the wholesale price of a vehicle or surcharge  
17 imposed on a new motor vehicle dealer solely intended to  
18 recover the cost of reimbursing a new motor vehicle dealer  
19 for parts and labor pursuant to this section; provided, a  
20 manufacturer or distributor shall not be prohibited from  
21 increasing prices for vehicles or parts in the normal  
22 course of business. All claims made by dealers for  
23 compensation for delivery, preparation ~~and,~~ warranty, or  
24 recall repair work shall be paid within thirty (30) days



1 after approval and shall be approved or disapproved within  
2 thirty (30) days after receipt. When any claim is  
3 disapproved, the dealer shall be notified in writing of the  
4 grounds for disapproval. The dealer's delivery,  
5 preparation and warranty obligations as filed with the  
6 Commission shall constitute the dealer's sole  
7 responsibility for product liability as between the dealer  
8 and manufacturer. A factory may reasonably and  
9 periodically audit a new motor vehicle dealer to determine  
10 the validity of paid claims for new motor vehicle dealer  
11 compensation or any charge-backs for warranty parts or  
12 service compensation. Except in cases of suspected fraud,  
13 audits of warranty payments shall only be for the one-year  
14 period immediately following the date of the payment. A  
15 manufacturer shall reserve the right to reasonable,  
16 periodic audits to determine the validity of paid claims  
17 for dealer compensation or any charge-backs for consumer or  
18 dealer incentives. Except in cases of suspected fraud,  
19 audits of incentive payments shall only be for a one-year  
20 period immediately following the date of the payment. A  
21 factory shall not deny a claim or charge a new motor  
22 vehicle dealer back subsequent to the payment of the claim  
23 unless the factory can show that the claim was false or  
24 fraudulent or that the new motor vehicle dealer failed to

1 reasonably substantiate the claim by the written reasonable  
2 procedures of the factory. A factory shall not deny a  
3 claim or implement a charge-back against a new motor  
4 vehicle dealer after payment of a claim in the event a  
5 purchaser of a new vehicle that is the subject of a claim  
6 fails to comply with titling or registration laws of this  
7 state and is not prevented from compliance by any action of  
8 the new motor vehicle dealer; provided, that the factory  
9 may require the new motor vehicle dealer to establish the  
10 sale. The factory shall provide written notice to a dealer  
11 of a proposed charge-back that is the result of an audit  
12 along with the specific audit results and proposed charge-  
13 back amount. A dealer that receives notice of a proposed  
14 charge-back pursuant to a factory's audit has the right to  
15 file a protest with the Commission within thirty (30) days  
16 after receipt of the notice of the charge-back or audit  
17 results, whichever is later. The factory is prohibited  
18 from implementing the charge-back or debiting the dealer's  
19 account until either the time frame for filing a protest  
20 has passed or a final adjudication is rendered by the  
21 Commission, whichever is later, unless the dealer has  
22 agreed to the charge-back or charge-backs,  
23 c. fails to compensate the new motor vehicle dealer for a  
24 used motor vehicle:

- 1           (1) that is of the same make and model manufactured,  
2           imported or distributed by the factory and is a  
3           line-make that the new motor vehicle dealer is  
4           franchised to sell or on which the new motor  
5           vehicle dealer is authorized to perform recall  
6           repairs,
- 7           (2) that is subject to a stop-sale or do-not-drive  
8           notice issued by the factory or an authorized  
9           governmental agency,
- 10          (3) that is held by the new motor vehicle dealer in  
11          the dealer's inventory at the time the stop-sale  
12          or do-not-drive notice is issued or that is taken  
13          by the new motor vehicle dealer into the dealer's  
14          inventory after the recall notice as a result of  
15          a retail consumer trade-in or a lease return to  
16          the dealer inventory in accordance with an  
17          applicable lease contract,
- 18          (4) that cannot be repaired due to the  
19          unavailability, within thirty (30) days after  
20          issuance of the stop-sale or do-not-drive notice,  
21          of a remedy or parts necessary for the new motor  
22          vehicle dealer to make the recall repair, and
- 23          (5) that is not at least in the prorated amount of  
24          one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) of the value

1 of the vehicle per month beginning on the date  
2 that is thirty (30) days after the date on which  
3 the stop-sale order was provided to the new motor  
4 vehicle dealer until the earlier of either of the  
5 following:

6 (a) the date the recall remedy or parts are made  
7 available, or

8 (b) the date the new motor vehicle dealer sells,  
9 trades, or otherwise disposes of the  
10 affected used motor vehicle.

11 For the purposes of division (5) of this subparagraph, the value  
12 of a used vehicle shall be the average Black Book value for the  
13 year, make, and model of the recalled vehicle.

14 A factory may direct the manner and method in which a new motor  
15 vehicle dealer must demonstrate the inventory status of an affected  
16 used motor vehicle to determine eligibility under this subparagraph;  
17 provided, that the manner and method may not be unduly burdensome  
18 and may not require information that is unduly burdensome to  
19 provide.

20 All reimbursement claims made by new motor vehicle dealers  
21 pursuant to this section for recall remedies or repairs, or for  
22 compensation where no part or repair is reasonably available and the  
23 vehicle is subject to a stop-sale or do-not-drive order, shall be  
24 subject to the same limitations and requirements as a warranty

1 reimbursement claim made under subparagraph b of this paragraph. In  
2 the alternative, a manufacturer may compensate its franchised new  
3 motor vehicle dealers under a national recall compensation program;  
4 provided, the compensation under the program is equal to or greater  
5 than that provided under division (5) of this subparagraph, or as  
6 the manufacturer and new motor vehicle dealer otherwise agree.

7 Nothing in this section shall require a factory to provide total  
8 compensation to a new motor vehicle dealer which would exceed the  
9 total average Black Book value of the affected used motor vehicle as  
10 originally determined under division (5) of this subparagraph.

11 Any remedy provided to a new motor vehicle dealer under this  
12 subparagraph is exclusive and may not be combined with any other  
13 state or federal compensation remedy.

14 d. unreasonably fails or refuses to offer to its same  
15 line-make franchised dealers a reasonable supply and  
16 mix of all models manufactured for that line-make, or  
17 unreasonably requires a dealer to pay any extra fee,  
18 purchase unreasonable advertising displays or other  
19 materials, or enter into a separate agreement which  
20 alters the rights or obligations contained within the  
21 new motor vehicle dealer's existing franchise  
22 agreement or which waives any right the new motor  
23 vehicle dealer has within the existing franchise  
24 agreement, or remodel, renovate, or recondition the

1        new motor vehicle dealer's existing facilities as a  
2        prerequisite to receiving a model or series of  
3        vehicles, except as may be necessary to sell or  
4        service the model or series of vehicles as provided by  
5        subparagraph e of this paragraph. It shall be a  
6        violation of this section for new vehicle allocation  
7        to be withheld subject to any requirement to purchase  
8        or sell any number of used or off-lease vehicles. The  
9        failure to deliver any such new motor vehicle shall  
10       not be considered a violation of the section if the  
11       failure is not arbitrary or is due to lack of  
12       manufacturing capacity or to a strike or labor  
13       difficulty, a shortage of materials, a freight embargo  
14       or other cause over which the manufacturer has no  
15       control. However, this subparagraph shall not apply  
16       to recreational vehicles ~~or~~, limited production model  
17       vehicles, or a vehicle not advertised by the factory  
18       for sale in this state,

19       ~~d.~~ e.       except as necessary to comply with a health or safety  
20       law, or to comply with a technology requirement which  
21       is necessary to sell or service a motor vehicle that  
22       the franchised motor vehicle dealer is authorized or  
23       licensed by the franchisor to sell or service,  
24       requires a new motor vehicle dealer to construct a new

1 facility or substantially renovate the new motor  
2 vehicle dealer's existing facility unless the facility  
3 construction or renovation is justified by the  
4 economic conditions existing at the time, as well as  
5 the reasonably foreseeable projections, in the new  
6 motor vehicle dealer's market and in the automotive  
7 industry. However, this subparagraph shall not apply  
8 if the ~~factory provides~~ new motor vehicle dealer  
9 voluntarily agrees to facility construction or  
10 renovation in exchange for money, credit, allowance,  
11 reimbursement, except for payments on a per vehicle  
12 basis, or additional vehicle allocation to a new motor  
13 vehicle dealer from the factory to compensate the new  
14 motor vehicle dealer for the cost of, or a portion of  
15 the cost of, the facility construction or renovation.  
16 Except as necessary to comply with a health or safety  
17 law, or to comply with a technology or safety  
18 requirement which is necessary to sell or service a  
19 motor vehicle that the franchised new motor vehicle  
20 dealer is authorized or licensed by the franchisor to  
21 sell or service, a new motor vehicle dealer which  
22 completes a facility construction or renovation  
23 pursuant to factory requirements shall not be required  
24 to construct a new facility or renovate the existing

1 facility for ten (10) years, during which time the  
2 new motor vehicle dealer will be considered in  
3 compliance with any new facility program involving any  
4 part of the facility which was previously renovated  
5 for purposes of being entitled to all incentive or  
6 bonus payments offered to same line-make new motor  
7 vehicle dealers,

8 e. f. requires a new motor vehicle dealer to establish an  
9 exclusive facility, unless supported by reasonable  
10 business, market and economic considerations;  
11 provided, that this ~~provision~~ section shall not  
12 restrict the terms of any agreement for such exclusive  
13 facility voluntarily entered into and supported by  
14 valuable consideration separate from the new motor  
15 vehicle dealer's right to sell and service motor  
16 vehicles for the franchisor,

17 ~~f.~~ g. requires a new motor vehicle dealer to enter into a  
18 site-control agreement covering any or all of the new  
19 motor vehicle dealer's facilities or premises;  
20 provided, that this ~~provision~~ section shall not  
21 restrict the terms of any site-control agreement  
22 voluntarily entered into and supported by valuable  
23 consideration separate from the new motor vehicle  
24 dealer's right to sell and service motor vehicles for



1 the franchisor. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the  
2 terms of any site-control agreement, a site-control  
3 agreement automatically extinguishes if all of the  
4 factory's franchises that operated from the location  
5 that are the subject of the site-control agreement are  
6 terminated by the factory as part of the  
7 discontinuance of a product line, ~~or~~

8 ~~g.~~ h. refuses to pay, or claims reimbursement from, a new  
9 motor vehicle dealer for sales, incentives or other  
10 payments related to a motor vehicle sold by the new  
11 motor vehicle dealer because the purchaser of the  
12 motor vehicle exported or resold the motor vehicle in  
13 violation of the policy of the factory unless the  
14 factory can show that, at the time of the sale, the  
15 new motor vehicle dealer knew or reasonably should  
16 have known of the purchaser's intention to export or  
17 resell the motor vehicle. There is a rebuttable  
18 presumption that the new motor vehicle dealer did not  
19 know or could not have known that the vehicle would be  
20 exported if the vehicle is titled and registered in  
21 any state of the United States, or

22 i. requires a new motor vehicle dealer to purchase goods  
23 or services for the construction, renovation, or  
24 improvement of the dealer's facility from a vendor

1 chosen by the factory if goods or services available  
2 from other sources are of substantially similar  
3 quality and design and comply with all applicable  
4 laws; provided, however, that such goods are not  
5 subject to the factory's intellectual property or  
6 trademark rights and the new motor vehicle dealer has  
7 received the factory's approval, which approval may  
8 not be unreasonably withheld. Nothing in this  
9 subparagraph may be construed to allow a new motor  
10 vehicle dealer to impair or eliminate a factory's  
11 intellectual property, trademark rights or trade dress  
12 usage guidelines. Nothing in this section prohibits  
13 the enforcement of a voluntary agreement between the  
14 factory and the new motor vehicle dealer where  
15 separate and valuable consideration has been offered  
16 and accepted;

17 10. Being a factory that:

- 18 a. establishes a system of motor vehicle allocation or  
19 distribution which is unfair, inequitable or  
20 unreasonably discriminatory. Upon the request of any  
21 new motor vehicle dealer franchised by it, a factory  
22 shall disclose in writing to the new motor vehicle  
23 dealer the basis upon which new motor vehicles are  
24 allocated, scheduled and delivered among the new motor

1        vehicle dealers of the same line-make for that  
2        factory, or

3        b. changes an established plan or system of motor vehicle  
4        distribution. A new motor vehicle dealer franchise  
5        agreement shall continue in full force and operation  
6        notwithstanding a change, in whole or in part, of an  
7        established plan or system of distribution of the  
8        motor vehicles offered or previously offered for sale  
9        under such franchise agreement. The appointment of a  
10       new importer or distributor for motor vehicles offered  
11       for sale under such franchise agreement shall be  
12       deemed to be a change of an established plan or system  
13       of distribution. The discontinuation of a line-make  
14       shall not be deemed to be a change of an established  
15       plan or system of motor vehicle distribution. The  
16       creation of a line-make shall not be deemed to be a  
17       change of an established plan or system of motor  
18       vehicle distribution as long as the new line-make is  
19       not selling vehicles or substantial parts of vehicles  
20       sold or previously sold through another line-make.  
21       Upon the occurrence of such change, the manufacturer  
22       or distributor shall be prohibited from obtaining a  
23       license to distribute vehicles under the new plan or  
24       system of distribution unless the manufacturer or

1           distributor offers to each new motor vehicle dealer  
2           who is a party to the franchise agreement a new  
3           franchise agreement containing substantially the same  
4           provisions which were contained in the previous  
5           franchise agreement;

6           11. Being a factory that sells directly or indirectly new motor  
7 vehicles to any retail consumer in the state except through a new  
8 motor vehicle dealer holding a franchise for the line-make that  
9 includes the new motor vehicle. This paragraph does not apply to  
10 factory sales of new motor vehicles to its employees, family members  
11 of employees, retirees and family members of retirees, not-for-  
12 profit organizations or the federal, state or local governments.  
13 The provisions of this paragraph shall not preclude a factory from  
14 providing information to a consumer for the purpose of marketing or  
15 facilitating a sale of a new motor vehicle or from establishing a  
16 program to sell or offer to sell new motor vehicles through  
17 participating dealers subject to the limitations contained in  
18 paragraph 2 of Section 562 of this title;

19           12. a. Being a factory which directly or indirectly:

20                   (1) owns any ownership interest or has any financial  
21                   interest in a new motor vehicle dealer or any  
22                   person who sells products or services pursuant to  
23                   the ~~public~~ terms of the franchise agreement,

- 1 (2) operates or controls a new motor vehicle dealer,  
2 or  
3 (3) acts in the capacity of a new motor vehicle  
4 dealer.

5 b. (1) This paragraph does not prohibit a factory from  
6 owning or controlling a new motor vehicle dealer  
7 while in a bona fide relationship with a dealer  
8 development candidate who has made a substantial  
9 initial investment in the franchise and whose  
10 initial investment is subject to potential loss.  
11 The dealer development candidate can reasonably  
12 expect to acquire full ownership of a new motor  
13 vehicle dealer within a reasonable period of time  
14 not to exceed ten (10) years and on reasonable  
15 terms and conditions. The ten-year acquisition  
16 period may be expanded for good cause shown.

- 17 (2) This paragraph does not prohibit a factory from  
18 owning, operating, controlling or acting in the  
19 capacity of a new motor vehicle dealer for a  
20 period not to exceed twelve (12) months during  
21 the transition from one independent dealer to  
22 another independent dealer if the dealership is  
23 for sale at a reasonable price and on reasonable  
24 terms and conditions to an independent qualified

1           buyer. On showing by a factory of good cause,  
2           the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission may extend  
3           the time limit set forth above; extensions may be  
4           granted for periods not to exceed twelve (12)  
5           months.

6           (3) This paragraph does not prohibit a factory from  
7           owning, operating or controlling or acting in the  
8           capacity of a new motor vehicle dealer which was  
9           in operation prior to January 1, 2000.

10          (4) This paragraph does not prohibit a factory from  
11          owning, directly or indirectly, a minority  
12          interest in an entity that owns, operates or  
13          controls motor vehicle dealerships of the same  
14          line-make franchised by the manufacturer,  
15          provided that each of the following conditions  
16          are met:

17           (a) all of the motor vehicle dealerships selling  
18           the motor vehicles of that manufacturer in  
19           this state trade exclusively in the line-  
20           make of that manufacturer,

21           (b) all of the franchise agreements of the  
22           manufacturer confer rights on the dealer of  
23           the line-make to develop and operate, within  
24           a defined geographic territory or area, as

many dealership facilities as the dealer and manufacturer shall agree are appropriate,

(c) at the time the manufacturer first acquires an ownership interest or assumes operation, the distance between any dealership thus owned or operated and the nearest unaffiliated motor vehicle dealership trading in the same line-make is not less than seventy (70) miles,

(d) during any period in which the manufacturer has such an ownership interest, the manufacturer has no more than three franchise agreements with new motor vehicle dealers licensed by the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission to do business within the state, and

(e) prior to January 1, 2000, the factory shall have furnished or made available to prospective motor vehicle dealers an offering-circular in accordance with the Trade Regulation Rule on Franchising of the Federal Trade Commission, and any guidelines and exemptions issued thereunder, which disclose the possibility that the factory

1                   may from time to time seek to own or  
2                   acquire, directly or indirectly, ownership  
3                   interests in retail dealerships;

4       13.   Being a factory which directly or indirectly makes  
5   available for public disclosure any proprietary information provided  
6   to the factory by a new motor vehicle dealer, other than in  
7   composite form to new motor vehicle dealers in the same line-make or  
8   in response to a subpoena or order of the Commission or a court.

9   Proprietary information includes, but is not limited to,  
10 information:

- 11           a.   derived from monthly financial statements provided to
- 12               the factory, and
- 13           b.   regarding any aspect of the profitability of a
- 14               particular new motor vehicle dealer;

15       14.   Being a factory which does not provide or direct leads in a  
16   fair, equitable and timely manner. Nothing in this paragraph shall  
17   be construed to require a factory to disregard the preference of a  
18   consumer in providing or directing a lead;

19       15.   Being a factory which used the ~~customer~~ consumer list of a  
20   new motor vehicle dealer for the purpose of unfairly competing with  
21   dealers;

22       16.   Being a factory which prohibits a new motor vehicle dealer  
23   from relocating after a written request by such new motor vehicle  
24   dealer if:



1           a.    the facility and the proposed new location satisfies  
2                   or meets the written reasonable guidelines of the  
3                   factory. Reasonable guidelines do not include  
4                   exclusivity or site control unless agreed to as set  
5                   forth in subparagraphs e f and g of paragraph 9 of  
6                   this subsection,

7           b.    the proposed new location is within the area of  
8                   responsibility of the new motor vehicle dealer  
9                   pursuant to Section 578.1 of this title, and

10          c.    the factory has sixty (60) days from receipt of the  
11                   new motor vehicle dealer's relocation request to  
12                   approve or deny the request. The failure to approve  
13                   or deny the request within the sixty-day time frame  
14                   shall constitute approval of the request;

15          17.   Being a factory which prohibits a new motor vehicle dealer  
16                   from adding additional line-makes to its existing facility, if,  
17                   after adding the additional line-makes, the facility satisfies the  
18                   written reasonable capitalization standards and facility guidelines  
19                   of each factory. Reasonable facility guidelines do not include a  
20                   requirement to maintain exclusivity or site control unless agreed to  
21                   by the dealer as set forth in subparagraphs e f and g of paragraph  
22                   9 of this subsection;

23          18.   Being a factory that increases prices of new motor vehicles  
24                   which the new motor vehicle dealer had ordered for retail consumers

1 and notified the factory prior to the dealer's receipt of the  
2 written official price increase notification. A sales contract  
3 signed by a retail consumer accompanied with proof of order  
4 submission to the factory shall constitute evidence of each such  
5 order, provided that the vehicle is in fact delivered to the  
6 ~~customer~~ consumer. Price differences applicable to new models or  
7 series motor vehicles at the time of the introduction of new models  
8 or series shall not be considered a price increase for purposes of  
9 this paragraph. Price changes caused by any of the following shall  
10 not be subject to the provisions of this paragraph:

- 11 a. the addition to a motor vehicle of required or
- 12 optional equipment pursuant to state or federal law,
- 13 b. revaluation of the United States dollar in the case of
- 14 foreign-made vehicles or components, or
- 15 c. an increase in transportation charges due to increased
- 16 rates imposed by common or contract carriers;

17 19. Being a factory that requires a new motor vehicle dealer to  
18 participate monetarily in an advertising campaign or contest, or  
19 purchase any promotional materials, showroom or other display  
20 decoration or materials at the expense of the new motor vehicle  
21 dealer without consent of the dealer, which consent shall not be  
22 unreasonably withheld;

23 20. Being a factory that denies any new motor vehicle dealer  
24 the right of free association with any other new motor vehicle

1 dealer for any lawful purpose, unless otherwise permitted by this  
2 chapter; or

3 21. Being a factory that requires a new motor vehicle dealer to  
4 sell, offer to sell or sell exclusively an extended service  
5 contract, extended maintenance plan or similar product, such as gap  
6 products offered, endorsed or sponsored by the factory by the  
7 following means:

8 a. by an act or statement from the factory that will in  
9 any manner adversely impact the new motor vehicle  
10 dealer,

11 b. by measuring the new motor vehicle dealer's  
12 performance under the franchise based on the sale of  
13 extended service contracts, extended maintenance plans  
14 or similar products offered, endorsed or sponsored by  
15 the manufacturer or distributor.

16 B. Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise agreement, in the  
17 event of a proposed sale or transfer of a dealership, the  
18 manufacturer or distributor shall be permitted to exercise a right  
19 of first refusal to acquire the assets or ownership interest of the  
20 dealer of the new vehicle dealership, if such sale or transfer is  
21 conditioned upon the manufacturer or dealer entering into a dealer  
22 agreement with the proposed new owner or transferee, only if all the  
23 following requirements are met:

1        1. To exercise its right of first refusal, the factory must  
2 notify the dealer in writing within sixty (60) days of receipt of  
3 the completed proposal for the proposed sale transfer;

4        2. The exercise of the right of first refusal will result in  
5 the dealer and the owner of the dealership receiving the same or  
6 greater consideration as they have contracted to receive in  
7 connection with the proposed change of ownership or transfer;

8        3. The proposed sale or transfer ~~of the assets~~ of the  
9 dealership does not involve the transfer or sale to a member or  
10 members of the family of one or more dealer owners, or to a  
11 qualified manager or a partnership or corporation controlled by such  
12 persons; and

13       4. The factory agrees to pay the reasonable expenses, including  
14 attorney fees which do not exceed the usual, customary and  
15 reasonable fees charged for similar work done for other clients  
16 incurred by the proposed new owner and transferee prior to the  
17 exercise by the factory of its right of first refusal in negotiating  
18 and implementing the contract for the proposed sale or transfer of  
19 the dealership or dealership assets. Notwithstanding the foregoing,  
20 no payment of expenses and attorney fees shall be required if the  
21 proposed new dealer or transferee has not submitted or caused to be  
22 submitted an accounting of those expenses within thirty (30) days of  
23 receipt of the written request of the factory for such an  
24

1 accounting. The accounting may be requested by a factory before  
2 exercising its right of first refusal.

3 C. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, limit, restrict or  
4 impose conditions on:

5 1. Business activities, including without limitation the  
6 dealings with motor vehicle manufacturers and the representatives  
7 and affiliates of motor vehicle manufacturers, of any person that is  
8 primarily engaged in the business of short-term, not to exceed  
9 twelve (12) months, rental of motor vehicles and industrial and  
10 construction equipment and activities incidental to that business,  
11 provided that:

12 a. any motor vehicle sold by that person is limited to  
13 used motor vehicles that have been previously used  
14 exclusively and regularly by that person in the  
15 conduct of business and used motor vehicles traded in  
16 on motor vehicles sold by that person,

17 b. warranty repairs performed by that person on motor  
18 vehicles are limited to those motor vehicles that it  
19 owns, previously owned or takes in trade, and

20 c. motor vehicle financing provided by that person to  
21 retail consumers for motor vehicles is limited to used  
22 vehicles sold by that person in the conduct of  
23 business; or

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1        2. The direct or indirect ownership, affiliation or control of  
2 a person described in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

3        SECTION 7.        AMENDATORY        47 O.S. 2021, Section 565.1, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5        Section 565.1 A. For purposes of this section, "designated  
6 successor" means a person who the new motor vehicle dealer has  
7 designated to take over operation of the dealership or a family  
8 member of the new motor vehicle dealer who the new motor vehicle  
9 dealer has designated to take over operation or ownership of the  
10 dealership.

11        B. Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise agreement, and  
12 subject to the following conditions contained in paragraphs 1  
13 through 5 of this ~~section~~ subsection, any manufacturer or  
14 distributor who prevents or refuses to honor the succession to the  
15 operation of a dealership by any legal heir or devisee under the  
16 will of a new motor vehicle dealer or under the laws of descent and  
17 distribution of this state, or designated successor to a departing  
18 dealership operator, without good cause or good faith, as defined in  
19 this section, shall be subject to the following procedure:

20        1. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the death or  
21 departure of the new motor vehicle dealer, the manufacturer shall  
22 receive a written notice from any legal heir or devisee or designee  
23 successor who intends to ~~establish a~~ become the successor dealership  
24 operator. If timely notice is not so received, then this paragraph

1 shall not apply, and any succession shall be governed solely by the  
2 terms of the franchise;

3 2. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the legal heir's ~~or~~,  
4 devisee's or successor's timely written notice, the manufacturer may  
5 request, and the legal heir ~~or~~, devisee or successor shall, within a  
6 reasonable time, provide any information which is reasonably  
7 necessary for the manufacturer to evaluate the proposed successor  
8 dealer and dealership, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ applications,  
9 ~~proposals for facilities~~ and financing;

10 3. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of such information, the  
11 manufacturer shall approve or disapprove the proposed successor  
12 ~~dealership dealer~~, and in case of disapproval shall communicate in  
13 writing such disapproval and grounds for disapproval to the ~~legal~~  
14 ~~heir or devisee~~ proposed successor;

15 4. Failure of the manufacturer to act in a timely manner with  
16 respect to any time period described above shall constitute a waiver  
17 of the manufacturer's right to disapprove the proposed succession;

18 5. Within ten (10) days of ~~its~~ the proposed successor's receipt  
19 of the manufacturer's notice of disapproval, the ~~legal heir or~~  
20 ~~devisee~~ proposed successor may file a protest of the manufacturer's  
21 decision with the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission and request a  
22 hearing. Such hearing shall be heard in a substantially similar  
23 manner as provided by Section 566 of this title, except that the  
24 Commission shall render a final decision within sixty (60) days of

1 the filing of the protest. The manufacturer shall have the burden  
2 of proof to show that its disapproval was for a good cause and in  
3 good faith. A denial shall not be for good cause and in good faith  
4 unless the factory establishes that the ~~legal heir or devisee~~  
5 proposed successor, or the ~~legal heir or devisee's~~ proposed  
6 successor's controlling executive management, is not of good moral  
7 character or fails to meet the written, reasonable and uniformly  
8 applied requirements of the manufacturer or distributor relating to  
9 financial qualifications, general business experience, and other  
10 requirements relating to prospective franchisees. However, a legal  
11 heir ~~that~~ who is of good moral character in accordance with ~~the~~  
12 ~~factory's~~ reasonable factory qualifications and meets the factory's  
13 financial qualifications may rely on controlling executive  
14 management that is of good moral character and meets the factory's  
15 qualifications for general business experience ~~and other~~  
16 ~~requirements relating to prospective franchises.~~ Any denial of the  
17 proposed successor based upon a failure to agree to terms other than  
18 those contained in the existing franchise agreement shall not be  
19 considered good cause for such denial. The disapproval by the  
20 manufacturer shall be final if the ~~legal heir or devisee~~ proposed  
21 successor or dealership fails to file a timely protest of such  
22 disapproval. In the event that the Commission finds that the  
23 manufacturer's disapproval was not made for good cause, then it  
24 shall issue a final order requiring the manufacturer to honor the



1 successor designated in the notice sent by the legal heir or  
2 devisee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section,  
3 a new motor vehicle dealer may designate any person as successor by  
4 filing a written instrument pursuant to the franchise with the  
5 manufacturer during the new motor vehicle dealer's lifetime. In  
6 such a case, the written instrument and franchise shall govern the  
7 dealership succession.

8 The suspension, revocation or refusal to issue or renew a  
9 license or the imposition of any other penalty by the Commission  
10 shall be in addition to any penalty which might be imposed upon any  
11 licensee upon judgment or conviction in a court of competent  
12 jurisdiction for any violation of the provisions of Sections 561  
13 through 567, 572, 578.1, 579 and 579.1 of this title.

14 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 565.2, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 565.2 A. Irrespective of the terms, provisions or  
17 conditions of any franchise, or the terms or provisions of any  
18 waiver, no manufacturer shall terminate, cancel or fail to renew any  
19 franchise with a licensed new motor vehicle dealer unless the  
20 manufacturer has satisfied the notice requirements as provided in  
21 this section and has good cause for cancellation, termination or  
22 nonrenewal. The manufacturer shall not attempt to cancel or fail to  
23 renew the franchise agreement of a new motor vehicle dealer in this  
24 state unfairly and without just provocation or without due regard to

1 the equities of the dealer or without good faith as defined herein.  
2 As used herein, "good faith" means the duty of each party to any  
3 franchise agreement to act in a fair and equitable manner toward  
4 each other, with freedom from coercion or intimidation or threats  
5 thereof from each other.

6 B. Irrespective of the terms, provisions or conditions of any  
7 franchise, or the terms or provisions of any waiver, good cause  
8 shall exist for the purpose of a termination, cancellation, or  
9 nonrenewal when:

10 1. The new motor vehicle dealer has failed to comply with a  
11 provision of the franchise, which provision is both reasonable and  
12 of material significance to the franchise relationship, or the new  
13 motor vehicle dealer has failed to comply with reasonable  
14 performance criteria for sales or service established by the  
15 manufacturer, and the dealer has been notified by written notice  
16 from the manufacturer; and

17 2. The new motor vehicle dealer has received written  
18 notification of failure to comply with the manufacturer's reasonable  
19 sales performance standards, capitalization requirements, facility  
20 commitments, business related equipment acquisitions or other such  
21 remediable failings exclusive of those reasons enumerated in  
22 paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, and the new motor  
23 vehicle dealer has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of not  
24

1 less than six (6) months to comply with such a provision or  
2 criteria.

3 C. Irrespective of the terms, provisions or conditions of any  
4 franchise agreement prior to the termination, cancellation or  
5 nonrenewal of any franchise, the manufacturer shall furnish  
6 notification of such termination, cancellation or nonrenewal to the  
7 new motor vehicle dealer and the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission  
8 as follows:

9 1. Not less than ninety (90) days prior to the effective date  
10 of such termination, cancellation or nonrenewal unless for a cause  
11 described in paragraph 2 of this subsection;

12 2. Not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the effective date  
13 of such termination, cancellation or nonrenewal with respect to any  
14 of the following:

- 15 a. insolvency of the new motor vehicle dealer, or the  
16 filing of any petition by or against the motor vehicle  
17 dealer under any bankruptcy or receivership law,  
18 b. failure of the new motor vehicle dealer to conduct its  
19 customary sales and service operations during its  
20 customary business hours for seven (7) consecutive  
21 business days, provided that such failure to conduct  
22 business shall not be due to an act of God or  
23 circumstances beyond the direct control of the new  
24 motor vehicle dealer, or

1           c.     conviction of the new motor vehicle dealer of any  
2                 felony which is punishable by imprisonment or a  
3                 violation of the Federal Odometer Act; and

4           3.   Not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the  
5     effective date of such termination or cancellation where the  
6     manufacturer or distributor is discontinuing the sale of the product  
7     line.

8           The notification required by this subsection shall be by  
9     certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall contain a  
10    statement of intent to terminate, to cancel or to not renew the  
11    franchise, a statement of the reasons for the termination,  
12    cancellation or nonrenewal and the date the termination shall take  
13    effect.

14          D.   Upon the affected new motor vehicle dealer's receipt of the  
15    aforementioned notice of termination, cancellation or nonrenewal,  
16    the new motor vehicle dealer shall have the right to file a protest  
17    of such threatened termination, cancellation or nonrenewal with the  
18    Commission within thirty (30) days and request a hearing.  Such  
19    hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the  
20    Administrative Procedures Act, Sections ~~301~~ 250 through ~~326~~ 323 of  
21    Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to determine if the threatened  
22    cancellation, termination or nonrenewal of the franchise has been  
23    for good cause and if the factory has complied with its obligations  
24    pursuant to subsections A, B and C of this section and the factory

1 shall have the burden of proof. If the Commission finds that the  
2 threatened cancellation, termination or nonrenewal of the franchise  
3 has not been for good cause or violates subsection A, B or C of this  
4 section, then it shall issue a final order stating that the  
5 threatened termination is wrongful. A factory shall have the right  
6 to appeal such order. During the pendency of the hearing and after  
7 the decision, the franchise shall remain in full force and effect,  
8 including the right to transfer the franchise. If the Commission  
9 finds that the threatened cancellation, termination or nonrenewal is  
10 for good cause and does not violate subsection A, B or C of this  
11 section, the new motor vehicle dealer shall have the right to an  
12 appeal. During the pendency of the action, including the final  
13 decision or appeal, the franchise shall remain in full force and  
14 effect, including the right to transfer the franchise. If the new  
15 motor vehicle dealer prevails in the threatened termination action,  
16 the Commission shall award to the new motor vehicle dealer the  
17 attorney fees and costs incurred to defend the action.

18 E. If the factory prevails in an action to terminate, cancel or  
19 not renew any franchise, the new motor vehicle dealer shall be  
20 allowed fair and reasonable compensation by the manufacturer for:

21 1. New current and previous model year vehicle inventory which  
22 has been acquired from the manufacturer, and which is unused and has  
23 not been damaged or altered while in the dealer's possession;

24

1        2. Supplies and parts which have been acquired from the  
2 manufacturer, for the purpose of this section, limited to any and  
3 all supplies and parts that are listed on the current parts price  
4 sheet available to the dealer;

5        3. Equipment and furnishings, provided the new motor vehicle  
6 dealer purchased them from the manufacturer or its approved sources;  
7 and

8        4. Special tools, with such fair and reasonable compensation to  
9 be paid by the manufacturer within ninety (90) days of the effective  
10 date of the termination, cancellation or nonrenewal, provided the  
11 new motor vehicle dealer has clear title to the inventory and other  
12 items and is in a position to convey that title to the manufacturer.

13            a. For the purposes of paragraph 1 of this subsection,  
14                fair and reasonable compensation shall be no less than  
15                the net acquisition price of the vehicle paid by the  
16                new motor vehicle dealer.

17            b. For the purposes of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this  
18                subsection, fair and reasonable compensation shall be  
19                the net acquisition price paid by the new motor  
20                vehicle dealer less a twenty-percent (20%) straight-  
21                line depreciation for each year following the dealer's  
22                acquisition of the supplies, parts, equipment,  
23                furnishings and/or special tools.

1 F. If a factory prevails in an action to terminate, cancel or  
2 not renew any franchise and the new motor vehicle dealer is leasing  
3 the dealership facilities, the manufacturer shall pay a reasonable  
4 rent to the lessor in accordance with and subject to the provisions  
5 of subsection G of this section. Nothing in this section shall be  
6 construed to relieve a dealer of its duty to mitigate damages.

7 G. 1. Such reasonable rental value shall be paid only to the  
8 extent the dealership premises are recognized in the franchise and  
9 only if they are:

10 a. used solely for performance in accordance with the  
11 franchise. If the facility is used for the operation  
12 of more than one franchise, the reasonable rent shall  
13 be paid based upon the portion of the facility  
14 utilized by the franchise being terminated, canceled  
15 or nonrenewed, and

16 b. not substantially in excess of facilities recommended  
17 by the manufacturer.

18 2. If the facilities are owned by the new motor vehicle dealer,  
19 within ninety (90) days following the effective date of the  
20 termination, cancellation or nonrenewal the manufacturer will  
21 either:

22 a. locate a qualified purchaser who will offer to  
23 purchase the dealership facilities at a reasonable  
24 price,

- 1           b.    locate a qualified lessee who will offer to lease the  
2               premises for the remaining lease term at the rent set  
3               forth in the lease, or  
4           c.    failing the foregoing, lease the dealership facilities  
5               at a reasonable rental value for the portion of the  
6               facility that is recognized in the franchise agreement  
7               for one (1) year.

8           3.    If the facilities are leased by the new motor vehicle  
9   dealer, within ninety (90) days following the effective date of the  
10   termination, cancellation or nonrenewal the manufacturer will  
11   either:

- 12           a.    locate a tenant or tenants satisfactory to the lessor,  
13               who will sublet or assume the balance of the lease,  
14           b.    arrange with the lessor for the cancellation of the  
15               lease without penalty to the dealer, or  
16           c.    failing the foregoing, lease the dealership facilities  
17               at a reasonable rent for the portion of the facility  
18               that is recognized in the franchise agreement for one  
19               (1) year.

20           4.    The manufacturer shall not be obligated to provide  
21   assistance under this section if the new motor vehicle dealer:

- 22           a.    fails to accept a bona fide offer from a prospective  
23               purchaser, subleases or assignee,  
24



1           b.    refuses to execute a settlement agreement with the  
2                lessor if such agreement with the lessor would be  
3                without cost to the dealer, or

4           c.    fails to make written request for assistance under  
5                this section within ninety (90) days after the  
6                effective date of the termination, cancellation or  
7                nonrenewal.

8           5.    The manufacturer shall be entitled to occupy and use any  
9                space for which it pays rent required by this section.

10          H.    In addition to the repurchase requirements set forth in  
11                subsections E and G of this section, in the event the termination or  
12                cancellation is the result of a discontinuance of a product line,  
13                the manufacturer or distributor shall compensate the new motor  
14                vehicle dealer in an amount equivalent to the fair market value of  
15                the terminated franchise as of the date ~~of~~ immediately preceding the  
16                manufacturer's or distributor's announcement or provide the new  
17                motor vehicle dealer with a replacement franchise on substantially  
18                similar terms and conditions as those offered to other same line-  
19                make dealers. The dealer may immediately request payment under this  
20                ~~provision~~ section following the announcement in exchange for  
21                cancelling any further franchise rights, except payments owed to the  
22                dealer in the ordinary course of business, or may request payment  
23                under this ~~provision~~ section upon the final termination,  
24                cancellation or nonrenewal of the franchise. In either case,

1 payment under this ~~provision~~ section shall be made not later than  
2 ninety (90) days after the fair market value is determined. If the  
3 factory and dealer cannot agree on the fair market value of the  
4 terminated franchise or agree to a process to determine the fair  
5 market value, then the factory and dealer shall utilize a neutral  
6 third party mediator to resolve the disagreement.

7 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 565.3, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 565.3 A. A franchised vehicle dealer proposing a sale,  
10 transfer, or assignment of a franchise agreement or the business and  
11 assets of a dealership or an interest in a dealership to another  
12 person, hereinafter transferee, shall notify the manufacturer or  
13 distributor whose vehicles the dealer is franchised to sell of the  
14 proposed action of the dealer. The manufacturer or distributor may  
15 make written request to the proposed transferee to submit completed  
16 application forms and related information generally utilized by a  
17 manufacturer to evaluate such a proposal and a copy of all  
18 agreements related to the proposed sale, transfer, or assignment.

19 B. The approval by the manufacturer or distributor of the sale,  
20 transfer, or assignment shall not be unreasonably withheld unless  
21 the proposed transferee is not of good moral character or fails to  
22 meet the written, reasonable, and uniformly applied requirements of  
23 the manufacturer or distributor relating to prospective franchisees.  
24 Approval of the transfer shall not be made contingent upon the

1 transferee meeting unreasonable facility requirements or performance  
2 standards different than those contained in the transferor's  
3 franchise agreement, but may be made contingent upon the proposed  
4 transferee meeting reasonable written requirements. The burden of  
5 proof shall be upon the manufacturer or distributor to show good  
6 cause existed to withhold approval. The manufacturer or distributor  
7 that has made such a determination shall send a letter by certified  
8 mail to the dealer and the applicant of its refusal to approve the  
9 proposal, which shall include a statement of the specific grounds  
10 for refusal, within sixty (60) days after the later of:

11 1. Receipt by the manufacturer or distributor of the notice of  
12 the proposed sale, transfer, or assignment; or

13 2. Receipt by the manufacturer or distributor of the  
14 information requested from the proposed transferee pursuant to  
15 subsection A of this section if the manufacturer or distributor has  
16 requested such information within fifteen (15) days of receipt of  
17 written notice of the proposed sale, transfer, or assignment.

18 C. Failure of the manufacturer or distributor to send its  
19 notice of refusal pursuant to subsection B of this section shall  
20 mean that the application for the proposed sale, transfer, or  
21 assignment is approved.

22 D. If the proposed sale, transfer, or assignment is to an  
23 existing owner's family member or other existing owner, then the  
24 manufacturer or distributor's evaluation of such proposal is limited

1 to the written, reasonable, and uniformly applied requirements of  
2 the manufacturer or distributor relating to good moral character and  
3 financial qualifications.

4 E. A dealer dealership or dealership owner receiving notice of  
5 refusal of the sale, transfer, or assignment shall have the right to  
6 file a protest with the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission within  
7 thirty (30) days of receipt of the refusal. ~~A dealer receiving~~  
8 ~~notice that the sale, transfer or assignment is contingent upon the~~  
9 ~~transferee meeting facility and/or performance standards shall have~~  
10 ~~the right to file a protest with the Commission within thirty (30)~~  
11 ~~days of receipt of the notice.~~ In the event a protest is filed, the  
12 manufacturer or distributor shall have the burden of proof to  
13 establish the proposed transferee or the proposed transferee's  
14 controlling executive management is not of good moral character or  
15 fails to meet the written reasonable and uniformly applied  
16 requirements of the manufacturer or distributor relating to  
17 prospective franchisees or that the facility requirements are not  
18 ~~reasonable based on the reasons set forth in subparagraph d of~~  
19 ~~paragraph 9 of Section 565 of this title~~ different than those  
20 contained in the transferor's franchise agreement.

21 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 578.1, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 578.1 A. Notwithstanding the terms of a franchise and  
24 notwithstanding the terms of a waiver, if a factory intends or

1 proposes to enter into a franchise to establish an additional new  
2 motor vehicle dealer or to relocate an existing new motor vehicle  
3 dealer within or into a relevant market area in which the same line-  
4 make of motor vehicle is currently represented, the factory shall  
5 provide at least sixty (60) days advance written notice to the  
6 Commission and to each new motor vehicle dealer of the same line-  
7 make in the relevant market area, of the intention of the factory to  
8 establish an additional new motor vehicle dealer or to relocate an  
9 existing new motor vehicle dealer within or into the relevant market  
10 area. For purposes of this section, the "relevant market area"  
11 means the area within a radius of fifteen (15) miles ~~of~~ around the  
12 site of the proposed new motor vehicle dealership measured from the  
13 property boundary. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to  
14 each party and shall include the following information:

- 15 1. The specific location at which the additional or relocated  
16 motor vehicle dealer will be established;
- 17 2. The date on or after which the additional or relocated motor  
18 vehicle intends to commence business at the proposed location;
- 19 3. The identity of all motor vehicle dealers who are franchised  
20 to sell the same line-make vehicles as the proposed dealer and who  
21 have licensed locations within the relevant market area;
- 22 4. The names and addresses of the person intended to be  
23 franchised as the proposed additional or relocated motor vehicle  
24 dealership, the principal investors in the proposed additional or

1 relocated motor vehicle dealership, and the proposed dealer operator  
2 of the proposed additional or relocated motor vehicle dealership;  
3 and

4 5. The specific grounds or reasons for the proposed  
5 establishment of an additional motor vehicle dealer or relocation of  
6 an existing dealer.

7 B. This section does not apply:

8 1. To the relocation of an existing new motor vehicle dealer  
9 within the relevant market area of that dealer; provided, that the  
10 relocation not be at a site within ten (10) miles of a licensed new  
11 motor vehicle dealer for the same line-make of motor vehicle;

12 2. To a proposed additional new motor vehicle dealer which is  
13 to be established at or within two (2) miles of a location at which  
14 a former licensed new motor vehicle dealer for the same line-make of  
15 new motor vehicle had ceased operating within the previous two (2)  
16 years;

17 3. To the relocation of an existing new motor vehicle dealer  
18 within two (2) miles of the existing site of the new motor vehicle  
19 dealership; or

20 4. To the relocation of an existing new motor vehicle dealer if  
21 the proposed site of the relocated new motor vehicle dealership is  
22 farther away from all other new motor vehicle dealers of the same  
23 line-make in that relevant market area.

1 C. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice, or  
2 within thirty (30) days after the end of an appeal procedure  
3 provided by the factory, whichever is greater, a new motor vehicle  
4 dealer so notified or entitled to notice may file a petition with  
5 the Commission protesting the proposed establishment or relocation.  
6 The petition shall contain a short statement setting forth the  
7 reasons for the objection of the dealer to the proposed  
8 establishment or relocation. Upon filing of a protest, the  
9 Commission shall promptly notify the factory that a timely protest  
10 has been filed and shall schedule a hearing, which shall be held  
11 within one hundred twenty (120) days of the filing of a timely  
12 protest. The factory shall not establish or relocate the new motor  
13 vehicle dealer until the Commission has held a hearing and has  
14 determined that there is good cause for permitting the proposed  
15 establishment or relocation. When more than one protest is filed  
16 against the establishment or relocation of the same dealer, the  
17 Commission shall consolidate the hearings to expedite disposition of  
18 the matter.

19 D. The burden of proof to establish that good cause exists for  
20 permitting the proposed establishment of a new motor vehicle dealer  
21 or relocating an existing new motor vehicle dealership shall be on  
22 the applicant who seeks to establish a new motor vehicle dealership  
23 or the relocation of an existing new motor vehicle dealership.  
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1       SECTION 11.       AMENDATORY       47 O.S. 2021, Section 580.2, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 580.2 During the time a person is operating a motor  
4 vehicle with the express or implied permission of ~~an authorized~~ a  
5 new motor vehicle dealer, as defined in Section 562 of this title,  
6 such person's motor vehicle liability policy shall have primary  
7 coverage with the motor vehicle liability policy of the new motor  
8 vehicle dealer having secondary coverage until the vehicle is  
9 returned. As used herein, "motor vehicle liability policy" means  
10 motor vehicle insurance against legal liability for the death,  
11 injury, or disability of any human being, or for damage to real or  
12 personal property. The motor vehicle liability policy of any person  
13 who has been loaned a vehicle by a new motor vehicle dealer pursuant  
14 to the terms of this section shall provide primary coverage for any  
15 death or injury of any human being or for any real or personal  
16 property damage, including damage to the loaned vehicle, with the  
17 motor vehicle insurance policy of the new motor vehicle dealer  
18 having secondary coverage for any death or injury of any human being  
19 or for any real or personal property damage, including damage to the  
20 loaned vehicle. The change in financial responsibility shall be  
21 evidenced by a release signed by the person operating the vehicle  
22 with the express or implied permission of the new motor vehicle  
23 dealer with the release to be returned to the person upon the return  
24 of the motor vehicle to the new motor vehicle dealer. The motor



1 vehicle liability policy of such person shall meet the minimum  
2 financial responsibility requirements found in Section 7-324 of this  
3 title.

4 This section shall apply only to the loan of a motor vehicle by  
5 ~~an authorized~~ a new motor vehicle dealer which loan occurs without  
6 financial remuneration in the form of a fee or lease charge.

7 SECTION 12. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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