

the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), TITLE "VEHICLE LAWS," SUBTITLE 5, LICENSING OF DEALERS, WRECKERS, SCRAP PROCESSORS, AND VEHICLE SALESMEN, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Subtitle 5. Licensing of Dealers, Wreckers, Scrap Processors, **[and] Vehicle Salesmen [.]**, *Manufacturers, Distributors and Factory Branches.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new subheading "Part VII—Manufacturers, Distributors, and Factory Branches," consisting of Sections 5-701 to 5-709, inclusive, be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle 5, LICENSING OF DEALERS, WRECKERS, SCRAP PROCESSORS AND VEHICLE SALESMEN, to follow immediately after Part VI thereof as follows:*

PART VII—Manufacturers, Distributors, and Factory Branches
5-701.

Any manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch who ~~or which~~ engages directly or indirectly in purposeful contacts with the State of Maryland in connection with the offering or advertising for sale of Class A or Class B vehicles or has business dealings with respect to Class A or Class B vehicles within this State shall be subject to the provisions of this Part and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State, upon service of process in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-702(c).

5-702.

(a) No Class A or Class B vehicle of a manufacturer or distributor may be sold in this State unless either the manufacturer, in the case of such vehicles manufactured in the United States, or the distributor, in the case of such vehicles not manufactured in the United States, is licensed by the Department to do so under this subtitle.

(b) No person may carry on, conduct, or engage in the business of factory branch in Class A or Class B vehicles unless he is licensed by the Department to do so under this subtitle.

(c) The acceptance by any person of a license under this Part shall be deemed equivalent to an appointment by him of the Secretary of State, or his successor in office, to be his, their, or its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served all lawful processes in any action or proceeding instituted, filed or pending against him, them or it growing out of any transaction or operation connected with or incidental to any activities of such person carried on under the license and the acceptance of his license shall be a signification of his, their, or its agreement that the process be of the same legal force and validity as if served on him, them, or it personally. Service of the process shall be in accordance with and in the same manner as provided for service of process upon non-residents under the provisions of subtitle 9, Part III of this Article.