CHAPTER 606

(Senate Bill 727)

AN ACT concerning

Automobile Manufacturers - Penalties

FOR the purpose of permitting the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration to impose a penalty upon licensed automobile manufacturers under certain conditions and to order restitution to injured parties under certain conditions.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 66 1/2 — Vehicle Laws Section 5-707(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF HARYLAND, That Section 5-707(c) of Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws

5-707.

If the Administration determines that any licensee is quilty of any violation of any of the provisions of this [[article]] PART VII, the authority of the licensee to do business may be revoked or suspended for a period of time determined by the Administration. IN LIEU OF, OR IN ADDITION TO, REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION TO DO BUSINESS, OF A LICENSEE'S AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATOR MAY (1) IMPOSE A PENALTY OF NOT LESS \$100 OR MORE THAN \$50,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS [[ARTICLE]] PART VII BY ANY LICENSEE WHOSE AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS [[ARTICLE]] PART VII, AND (2) REQUIRE THAT RESTITUTION BE MADE BY A LICENSEE TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED FINANCIAL INJURY OR DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.