## CHAPTER 437

(Senate Bill 634)

AN ACT concerning

## Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Dealers - Succession

FOR the purpose of authorizing the officers or other authorized representatives of certain business entities to sign certain license applications; prohibiting the exclusion of certain vehicle dealerships from the use of a dealer's facilities under certain circumstances; requiring a sales objective or other program for measuring the performance of vehicle dealers to be fair and based on certain factors under certain circumstances; prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from denying certain benefits to a dealer under certain eireumstances; requiring the designation of certain individuals to represent certain vehicle dealers and prohibiting the withholding of approval of certain designated individuals as successors under certain circumstances; establishing the burden of proof at certain hearings under certain circumstances; providing for continuation of certain vehicle dealerships and franchises under certain circumstances; providing for replacement of certain individuals who are vehicle dealers under certain circumstances; making technical changes; providing for the application of certain provisions of law; and generally relating to the succession of automobile certain vehicle dealerships.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 15-101(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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Article - Transportation

Section 15–102(c), 15–207, 15–209, and 15–211.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - Transportation**

15-101.

- (b) (1) "Dealer" means, except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a dealer in vehicles of a type required to be registered under Title 13 of this article.
  - (2) (i) "Dealer" includes: