

(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) "Dealer" includes:

(i) A person who during any 12-month period [sells] OFFERS TO SELL five or more of these vehicles, the ownership of which was acquired for resale purposes; and

(ii) For the purposes of §§ 15-301 through 15-315, inclusive, of this title, any person who sells vehicles, whether or not that person acquired the vehicles for personal or business use, if the vehicles are displayed at a fixed location used principally for the purpose of selling vehicles on a regular basis.

(3) "Dealer" does not include:

(i) A public official who sells or disposes of vehicles in the performance of his official duties;

(ii) An insurance company, finance company, bank, or other lending institution licensed or otherwise authorized to do business in this State that, to save it from loss, sells or disposes of vehicles under a contractual right and in the regular course of its business;

(iii) A licensed auctioneer acting on behalf of a seller, secured party or owner and where title does not pass to the auctioneer and the auction is not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this title;

(iv) A receiver, trustee, personal representative, or other person appointed by or acting under the authority of any court;

(v) Either a manufacturer or distributor who sells or distributes vehicles to licensed dealers or a person employed by a manufacturer or distributor to promote the sale of the vehicles of the manufacturer or distributor, if that manufacturer, distributor, or person does not sell vehicles to retail buyers;

(vi) A person who sells or disposes of vehicles acquired and used for personal or business use and not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this title, if that person is not engaged in buying, selling, or exchanging vehicles as a business; or

(vii) An automotive dismantler and recycler who during the normal course of his business acquires a salvage vehicle or vehicles and sells those vehicles on a salvage certificate. The automotive dismantler and recycler will be limited to rebuilding 5 vehicles pursuant to this section.