

Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 784.

This bill would require that a dealer's claim for compensation against a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch be approved or disapproved within 30 days of receipt and paid to the dealer within 30 days of approval.

Senate Bill 556, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 784.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 784

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors, and Factory Branches - Payments to Dealers - Chargebacks

FOR the purpose of requiring a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to compensate a motor vehicle dealer for certain services; requiring the payment of the compensation to be made within a certain time; ~~prohibiting permitting~~ the chargeback of certain claims to a motor vehicle dealer by a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch ~~except~~ under certain circumstances; specifying certain time restrictions for the issuance of chargebacks from a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or a factory branch to a motor vehicle dealer; ~~providing that manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches have the responsibility of showing that a dealer's claim is intentionally false or fraudulent for certain purposes;~~ and generally relating to payments and chargebacks between motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches and motor vehicle dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 15-212(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Transportation