

CHAPTER 326

(House Bill 1135)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Fair Distributorship Act**

FOR the purpose of clarifying the terms for the repurchase of certain merchandise under certain circumstances; ~~protecting a distributor from cancellation or nonrenewal under certain circumstances~~; increasing the amount of time by which a distributor must make a certain notice; providing that state law applies to certain distributorship agreements; clarifying that certain rights and remedies remain available to a grantor and a distributor; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the applicability of this Act; and generally relating to wholesale distributorships.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law

Section ~~11-1303(a)~~, 11-1304(a); and 11-1305(a), and ~~11-1306~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article - Commercial Law~~

~~Section 11-1303(d) and (e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 11-1307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

**Article - Commercial Law**

**11-1303.**

(a) ~~Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, [a grantor shall notify] a GRANTOR MAY NOT CANCEL OR REFUSE TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT UNLESS:~~

~~(1) THE DISTRIBUTOR HAS FAILED TO MEET THE MATERIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; AND~~