eertain terms; and generally relating to dealers, manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches.

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Section 15-211.1 and 15-214

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

## **Article - Transportation**

15-201.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (B) "CANCEL" INCLUDES A MODIFICATION OF A FRANCHISE OR OTHER ACTION AGAINST A DEALER BY A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH, WHETHER DURING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE OR UPON ITS RENEWAL, THAT HAS A MATERIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE DEALER.
- {(b)}(C) "Distributor" means a distributor who is authorized by the manufacturer or the manufacturer's authorized importer to enter into franchise agreements with dealers of:
- (1) New motor vehicles constructed or assembled outside of the United States; or
- (2) New two-stage vehicles completed outside of the United States by a second-stage manufacturer.
- {(c)}(D) "Factory branch" means a branch office of a manufacturer from which the manufacturer:
- (1) Sells or promotes the sale to dealers in this State of a particular brand or make of new motor vehicles, or new completed two-stage vehicles;