

to provide a certain notice; requiring the designated family member to provide certain information; establishing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may refuse to honor a franchise agreement with a designated family member for good cause; requiring a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to provide notice to a designated family member in certain situations; authorizing dealers to make certain designations; establishing a general right to a hearing to resolve certain disputes between a dealer or designated dealer successor and a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch and requiring the hearing officer to consider certain facts in making a determination regarding the dispute; defining certain terms; and generally relating to dealers, manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 15-201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section ~~15-201~~ and 15-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 15-211.1 and 15-214

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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)~~ (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: