

~~(B) IN MAKING A DETERMINATION REGARDING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES TO A HEARING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, OR IN INTERPRETING OR APPLYING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, CONTRACT, OR DOCUMENT, THE HEARING OFFICER SHALL CONSIDER:~~

~~(1) THAT THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, OR FACTORY BRANCHES REGULATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS GOVERNED BY GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING PRACTICES; AND~~

~~(2) THAT A DEALER IS ENTITLED TO ACT IN RELIANCE ON A REASONABLE INTERPRETATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF A FRANCHISE AND, UNLESS THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH DEMONSTRATES THAT THE INTERPRETATION WAS UNREASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEALER IN RELIANCE ON THE INTERPRETATION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FRANCHISE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1265.

This bill changes the termination date from January 1, 1997 to January 1, 2001, for changes made to the workers' compensation benefit structure in 1987 which altered minimum compensation benefits for permanent partial disabilities and included special provisions for the loss of a thumb, finger, or toe.

Senate Bill 501, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1265.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1265

AN ACT concerning