

(As enacted by Chapters 361 and 362 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

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

**Article - Transportation**

15-311.1.

(a) (1) In this section, "dealer processing charge" includes an amount charged by a dealer for:

- (i) The preparation of written documentation of the transaction;
- (ii) Obtaining the title and license plates for the vehicle;
- (iii) Obtaining a release of lien;
- (iv) Filing title documents with the Administration; [or]
- (v) RETAINING DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDS OF THE TRANSACTION;
- (VI) COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL OR STATE PRIVACY LAWS; OR
- (VII) Other administrative services concerning the sale of the vehicle.

(2) "Dealer processing charge" does not include a charge to purchase or install tangible personal property on or in the vehicle, or to perform mechanical service on the vehicle.

(b) (1) If a dealer charges a dealer processing charge, the charge [may not exceed \$25]:

- (I) SHALL BE REASONABLE;
- (II) MAY NOT EXCEED ~~\$100~~ \$75 \$100; AND
- (III) SHALL REFLECT DEALER EXPENSES GENERALLY INCURRED FOR THE SERVICES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) A DEALER SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN DISCLOSURE OF THE SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE DEALER PROCESSING CHARGE ON REQUEST BY THE PURCHASER.

(c) Any dealer processing charge OR FREIGHT CHARGE shall be disclosed to a purchaser as provided in this section.

(d) A contract for the sale of a vehicle shall contain a statement, in 12 point type or larger, [preprinted] on the contract form as follows:

"Dealer processing charge (not required by law): \$....".

"FREIGHT CHARGE: \$ ....".