

(III) THE FRANCHISEE MUST PAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, A FRANCHISE FEE.

(2) "FRANCHISE" INCLUDES AN AREA FRANCHISE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 345(h) and (d)(1), (2), and, except as it related to a fee in excess of \$100, (3).

Defined terms: "Area franchise" § 14-201

"Franchisee" § 14-201

"Franchise fee" § 14-201

"Franchisor" § 14-201

(F) FRANCHISEE.

"FRANCHISEE" MEANS A PERSON TO WHOM A FRANCHISE IS GRANTED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 56, § 345(e).

The second sentence of former Art. 56, § 345(e), which provided that a "franchisee" includes a distributee, is deleted. See the General Revisor's Note to this subtitle.

Defined terms: "Franchise" § 14-201

"Person" § 1-101

(G) FRANCHISE FEE.

(1) "FRANCHISE FEE" MEANS A CHARGE THAT A FRANCHISEE OR SUBFRANCHISOR IS REQUIRED OR AGREES TO PAY FOR THE RIGHT TO DO BUSINESS UNDER A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

(2) "FRANCHISE FEE" INCLUDES PAYMENT FOR GOODS OR SERVICES.

(3) "FRANCHISE FEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) THE PURCHASE OF OR AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE GOODS AT A WHOLESALE PRICE;

(II) THE PAYMENT OF A REASONABLE SERVICE CHARGE TO THE ISSUER OF A CREDIT CARD BY AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT ACCEPTS THE CREDIT CARD;

(III) THE AMOUNT PAID TO A LICENSED TRADING STAMP COMPANY BY A PERSON ISSUING TRADING STAMPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETAIL SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES;