

use of any firearm by a third person, unless the person or entity conspired with the third person to commit, or willfully aided, abetted, or caused the commission of the criminal act in which the firearm was used.

(2) This section may not be construed to otherwise negate, limit, or modify the doctrine of negligence or strict liability relating to abnormally dangerous products or activities and defective products.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

**CHAPTER 608**

**(Senate Bill 408)**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Franchise Agreements - Manufacturer/Dealer Relations**

FOR the purpose of defining "require" and redefining "coercion" as the terms apply term applies to certain provisions pertaining to the relationship between vehicle manufacturers, distributors, or factory branches and vehicle dealers; ~~prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from requiring a dealer to order or accept delivery of vehicles or equipment, parts, or accessories for a vehicle, or other commodities, that are not required by law, the dealer's franchise agreement, or that are not voluntarily ordered; modifying a certain provision relating to imposition of substantial financial hardship; providing for the construction and effect of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and~~ generally relating to the regulation of vehicle dealer and manufacturer, distributor, and factory branch relations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 15-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article - Transportation**

15-207.

(a) (1) In this section[:] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.