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### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# AN ACT TO CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS LICENSING LAWS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: SECTION 1. G.S. 20-305 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: "(50) To require, coerce, or attempt to coerce any new motor vehicle dealer located in this State to change location of its dealership, or to make any substantial alterations to its dealership premises or facilities, if the dealer (i) has changed

9 the location of its dealership or made substantial alterations to its dealership 10 premises or facilities within the preceding 10 years at a cost of more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), indexed to the Consumer Price 11 Index, over this 10-year period, and (ii) the change in location or alteration 12 was made toward compliance with a facility initiative or facility program that 13 was sponsored or supported by the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, 14 or distributor branch, with the approval of the manufacturer, factory branch, 15 distributor, or distributor branch. For any dealer that did not change the 16 17 location of its dealership or make substantial alterations to its dealership premises or facilities within the preceding 10 years at a cost of more than two 18 19 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), indexed to the Consumer Price 20 Index, the dealer's obligation to change location of its dealership, or to make any substantial alteration to its dealership premises or facilities, at the request 21 22 of a manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch, or to satisfy a requirement or condition of an incentive program sponsored by a 23 24 manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch, shall be 25 governed by the applicable provisions of subdivisions (4), (11), (12), (25), (30), (32), and (42) of this section. This section shall not apply to any facility 26 or premises improvement or alteration that is voluntarily agreed to by the new 27 28 motor vehicle dealer and for which the dealer receives facilities-related compensation from the manufacturer or distributor for the facility 29 30 improvement or alteration equivalent to at least a majority of the cost incurred 31 by the dealer for the facility improvement or alteration." 32 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-305.1 reads as rewritten: 33 "§ 20-305.1. Automobile dealer warranty and recall obligations.

34 (a) Each motor vehicle manufacturer, factory branch, distributor or distributor branch,
35 shall specify in writing to each of its motor vehicle dealers licensed in this State the dealer's



1 obligations for preparation, delivery and warranty delivery, warranty, and recall service on its 2 products products. The disclosure required under this subsection shall include the schedule of 3 compensation to be paid such the dealers for parts, work, and service in connection with 4 warranty preparation, delivery, warranty, and recall service, and the time allowances for the 5 performance of such the work and service. In no event shall such the schedule of compensation 6 fail to include reasonable compensation for diagnostic work and associated administrative 7 requirements as well as repair service and labor. Time allowances for the performance of 8 warranty preparation, delivery, warranty, and recall work and service shall be reasonable and 9 adequate for the work to be performed. The compensation which must be paid under this section 10 must shall be reasonable, provided, however, that under no circumstances may shall the 11 reasonable compensation under this section for warranty and recall service be in an amount less than the dealer's current retail labor rate and the amount charged to retail customers for the 12 13 manufacturer's or distributor's original parts for nonwarranty work of like kind, provided such 14 the amount is competitive with the retail rates charged for parts and labor by other franchised 15 dealers of the same line-make located within the dealer's market. If there is no other same 16 line-make dealer located in the dealer's market or if all other same line-make dealers in the 17 dealer's market are owned or operated by the same entities or individuals as the dealership being 18 compared, the retail rates charged for parts and labor by other franchised dealers located in the 19 dealer's market that sell competing line-make motor vehicles as the dealer may be considered 20 when determining whether the dealer's rates are competitive.

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(a3) If a manufacturer or distributor furnishes a part or component to a dealer, at <u>reduced</u> or no cost, to use in performing repairs under a recall, campaign service action, or warranty repair, the manufacturer or distributor shall compensate the dealer for the part or component in the same manner as warranty parts compensation under this section by compensating the dealer <u>on the</u> <u>basis of the dealer's</u> average markup on the cost for the part or component as listed in the manufacturer's or distributor's price schedule less the cost for the part or component.

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29 Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise agreement, it is unlawful for any motor (b) 30 vehicle manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch to fail to perform any of 31 its warranty or recall obligations with respect to a motor vehicle, to fail to fully compensate its 32 motor vehicle dealers licensed in this State for a qualifying used motor vehicle pursuant to subsections (i) and (j) of this section or warranty and recall parts other than parts used to repair 33 34 the living facilities of recreational vehicles, including motor homes, travel trailers, fifth-wheel 35 trailers, camping trailers, and truck campers as defined in GS 20-4.01(32b), at the prevailing 36 retail rate according to the factors in subsection (a) of this section, or, in service in accordance 37 with the schedule of compensation provided the dealer pursuant to subsection (a) above of this 38 section, or to otherwise recover all or any portion of its costs for compensating its motor vehicle 39 dealers licensed in this State for warranty or recall parts and service or for payments for a 40 qualifying used motor vehicle pursuant to subsections (i) and (j) of this section either by reduction in the amount due to the dealer, or by separate charge, surcharge, or other imposition, and to fail 41 42 to indemnify and hold harmless its franchised dealers licensed in this State against any judgment 43 for damages or settlements agreed to by the manufacturer, including, but not limited to, court 44 costs and reasonable attorneys' fees of the motor vehicle dealer, arising out of complaints, claims 45 or lawsuits including, but not limited to, strict liability, negligence, misrepresentation, express or implied warranty, or recision or revocation of acceptance of the sale of a motor vehicle as defined 46 47 in G.S. 25-2-608, to the extent that the judgment or settlement relates to the alleged defective 48 negligent manufacture, assembly or design of new motor vehicles, parts or accessories or other 49 functions by the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor or distributor branch, beyond the 50 the dealer. Any audit for warranty or recall parts control of or service 51 compensation compensation for a qualifying used motor vehicle in accordance

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2 following the date of the payment of the claim by the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, 3 or distributor branch. Any audit for sales incentives, service incentives, rebates, or other forms 4 of incentive compensation shall only be for the 12-month period immediately following the date 5 of the payment of the claim by the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch 6 pursuant to a sales incentives program, service incentives program, rebate program, or other form 7 of incentive compensation program. Provided, however, these limitations shall not be effective 8 in the case of fraudulent claims. 9 (b1) All claims made by motor vehicle dealers pursuant to this section for compensation 10 for delivery, preparation, warranty-warranty, and recall work-work, including compensation for 11 a qualifying used motor vehicle in accordance with subsection (i) of this section, labor, parts, and other expenses, shall be paid by the manufacturer within 30 days after receipt of claim from the 12 13 dealer. When any claim is disapproved, the dealer shall be notified in writing of the grounds for 14 disapproval. Any claim not specifically disapproved in writing within 30 days after receipt shall 15 be considered approved and payment is due immediately. No claim which has been approved 16 and paid may be charged back to the dealer unless it can be shown that the claim was false or 17 fraudulent, that the repairs were not properly made or were unnecessary to correct the defective 18 condition, or the dealer failed to reasonably substantiate the claim either in accordance with the 19 manufacturer's reasonable written procedures or by other reasonable means. A manufacturer or 20 distributor shall not deny a claim or reduce the amount to be reimbursed to the dealer as long as 21 the dealer has provided reasonably sufficient documentation that the dealer: 22 Made a good faith attempt to perform the work in compliance with the written (1)23 policies and procedures of the manufacturer; and 24 (2)Actually performed the work. 25 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a manufacturer shall not fail to fully compensate a dealer for 26 warranty or recall work or make any chargeback to the dealer's account based on the dealer's 27 failure to comply with the manufacturer's claim documentation procedure or procedures unless 28 both of the following requirements have been met: 29 The dealer has, within the previous 12 months, failed to comply with the same (1)30 specific claim documentation procedure or procedures; and 31 The manufacturer has, within the previous 12 months, provided a written (2)32 warning to the dealer by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, 33 identifying the specific claim documentation procedure or procedures violated 34 by the dealer. 35 Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to prevent or prohibit a manufacturer from 36 adopting or implementing a policy or procedure which provides or allows for the self-audit of 37 dealers, provided, however, that if any such self-audit procedure contains provisions relating to 38 claim documentation, such claim documentation policies or procedures shall be subject to the 39 prohibitions and requirements contained in this subdivision. Notices sent by a manufacturer 40 under a bona fide self-audit procedure shall be deemed sufficient notice to meet the requirements of this subsection provided that the dealer is given reasonable opportunity through self-audit to 41 42 identify and correct any out-of-line procedures for a period of at least 60 days before the 43 manufacturer conducts its own audit of the dealer warranty operations and procedures. A 44 manufacturer may further not charge a dealer back subsequent to the payment of the claim unless 45 a representative of the manufacturer has met in person at the dealership, or by telephone, with an officer or employee of the dealer designated by the dealer and explained in detail the basis for 46 47 each of the proposed charge-backs and thereafter given the dealer's representative a reasonable 48 opportunity at the meeting, or during the telephone call, to explain the dealer's position relating 49 to each of the proposed charge-backs. In the event the dealer was selected for audit or review on 50 the basis that some or all of the dealer's claims were viewed as excessive in comparison to 51 average, mean, or aggregate data accumulated by the manufacturer, or in relation to claims

with subsections (i) and (j) of this section shall only be for the 12-month period immediately

1 submitted by a group of other franchisees of the manufacturer, the manufacturer shall, at or prior 2 to the meeting or telephone call with the dealer's representative, provide the dealer with a written 3 statement containing the basis or methodology upon which the dealer was selected for audit or

4 review.

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6 In the event there is a dispute between the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, (c) 7 or distributor branch, and the dealer with respect to any matter referred to in subsection (a), (b), 8 (b1), (b2), (b3), <del>or (d)</del>(d), or (i) of this section, either party may petition the Commissioner in 9 writing, within 30 days after either party has given written notice of the dispute to the other, for 10 a hearing on the subject and the decision of the Commissioner shall be binding on the parties, 11 subject to rights of judicial review and appeal as provided in Chapter 150B of the General Statutes; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall give the Commissioner any 12 13 authority as to the content of any manufacturer's or distributor's warranty. Upon the filing of a 14 petition before the Commissioner under this subsection, any chargeback to or any payment 15 required of a dealer by a manufacturer relating to warranty or recall parts or service 16 compensation, or to sales incentives, service incentives, rebates, other forms of incentive 17 compensation, or the withholding or chargeback of other compensation or support that a dealer 18 would otherwise be eligible to receivereceive, shall be stayed during the pendency of the 19 determination by the Commissioner.

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21 Right to Return Unnecessary Parts or Accessories. - Notwithstanding the terms of (h) 22 any franchise agreement, it is unlawful for any motor vehicle manufacturer, factory branch, 23 distributor, or distributor branch to deny a franchised new motor vehicle dealer the right to return 24 any part or accessory that the dealer has not sold after 15 months where the part or accessory was 25 not obtained through a specific order initiated by the franchised new motor vehicle dealer, 26 but instead was specified for, sold to, and shipped to the dealer pursuant to an automated ordering 27 system, provided that such the part or accessory is in the condition required for return to the 28 manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch and the dealer returns the part 29 within 60 days of it becoming eligible under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, an 30 "automated ordering system" shall be a computerized system required by the manufacturer that 31 automatically specifies parts and accessories for sale and shipment to the dealer without specific 32 order thereof initiated by the dealer. The manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor 33 branch shall not charge a restocking or handling fee for any part or accessory being returned 34 under this subsection.

35 Compensation for Used Motor Vehicle Recall. – Notwithstanding the terms of any (i) 36 franchise or other agreement other than an agreement permitted by this subsection (i) of this 37 section, it is unlawful for any motor vehicle manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or 38 distributor branch to fail to compensate a franchised motor vehicle dealer for any qualifying used 39 motor vehicle in the inventory of a dealer authorized to sell new motor vehicles of the same 40 line-make or by a dealer authorized to perform recall repairs on vehicles of the same line-make in the manner specified in this subsection. The manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or 41 42 distributor branch shall compensate the dealer for any qualifying used motor vehicle in the 43 inventory of the dealer at the prorated rate of at least one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month of the average trade-in value of the qualifying used motor vehicle beginning on the date the 44 45 vehicle becomes a qualifying used motor vehicle and ending on and including the date the vehicle ceases to be a qualifying used motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (j) of this section. Any claim 46 47 by a dealer for compensation owed under this subsection may be submitted by the dealer on a 48 monthly basis, and the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch shall approve or disapprove the claim within 30 days of receipt of the claim and shall process and pay 49 50 the claim within 60 days after the approval of the claim. Every manufacturer, manufacturer branch, distributor, and distributor branch licensed by the Commissioner under this Article shall 51

1	-	le, convenient, and efficient process for its franchised dealers to submit claims
2	-	n under this subsection on a monthly basis. Such process shall provide for a
3		hod for a dealer to demonstrate the inventory status of a qualifying used motor
4		d the manner and method is reasonable and does not require information that is
5		ome. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a manufacturer, factory branch,
6		stributor branch from compensating a dealer for a qualifying used motor vehicle
7		recall compensation program instead of the basis established in this section,
8	1	e compensation paid to dealers under the program is equal to or exceeds the level
9		required by this subsection on a monthly basis and the compensation payments
10		the time periods required by this section. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit
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13		ubject to a recall and which provides a compensation amount or other related
14		from the compensation amount and other requirements specified in subsection
15		n provided that the dealer's ability to participate in or qualify for any incentive
16	program offered	l or sponsored by the manufacturer or distributor or to otherwise receive any
17		ts, rebates, or incentives of any kind is not conditioned upon the dealer's
18	willingness to en	nter such an agreement. Nothing in this subsection shall require a manufacturer,
19	factory branch,	distributor, or distributor branch to provide total compensation in excess of the
20		de-in value of the qualifying used motor vehicle.
21	<u>(j)</u> <u>Defin</u>	nitions – The following definitions apply in this section:
22	<u>(1)</u>	"Average trade-in value" means the value of a used motor vehicle as
23		determined by reference to a generally accepted, nationally published,
24		third-party used vehicle valuation guide book.
25	<u>(2)</u>	"Qualifying used motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that meets all of the
26		following: (i) a used motor vehicle of a line-make for which the dealer holds
27		an active franchise with the manufacturer to sell and service new motor
28		vehicles; (ii) a used motor vehicle of a model subject to a recall notice and
29		subject to or covered under a stop-sale or do-not-drive order issued by the
30		manufacturer of the motor vehicle or issued by the National Highway Traffic
31		Safety Administration; (iii) parts or other remedy sufficient to fully repair the
32		underlying defect that resulted in the recall of the motor vehicle to the extent
33		that the motor vehicle is no longer subject to or covered by a stop-sale or
34		do-not-drive order issued by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle were not
35		made available to the dealer within 30 days of the date of the notice of recall
36		by the manufacturer; (iv) a motor vehicle in the dealer's inventory or otherwise
37		owned by the dealer at the time a stop-sale or do-not-drive order is issued or
38		taken into the used motor vehicle inventory of the dealer as a consumer
39		trade-in incident to the purchase of a motor vehicle from the dealer after the
40		stop-sale or do-not-drive order is issued. A motor vehicle meeting the
41		definition of a "qualifying used motor vehicle" pursuant to this subdivision
42		shall cease to be a "qualifying used motor vehicle" on the earlier of the
43		following: (i) the date the remedy or parts to fully repair the underlying defect
44		that resulted in the recall of the motor vehicle to an extent that the motor
45		vehicle is no longer subject to or covered by a stop-sale or do-not-drive order
46		issued by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle are made available to the
47		dealer; (ii) the date the dealer sells, trades, or otherwise disposes of the
48		qualifying used motor vehicle; or (iii) the date the manufacturer provides
49		notice to the dealer that the stop-sale or do-not-drive order is no longer in
50		effect.

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1	<u>(3)</u>	"Stop-sale or do-not-drive order" means a notification,	directive, or order
2	<u></u>	issued by a manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or	
3		its franchised dealers or issued by the National High	
4		Administration stating that motor vehicle models of cert	
5		inventory shall not be sold or leased, at either retail or	
5		federal safety recall for a defect or a noncompliance	
7		emissions recall.	
8	Nothing in this	subsection shall be construed as excluding from the definition	tion of a qualifying
9	used motor vehi	cle a motor vehicle on which a previously issued notice of order remains in effect as of the effective date of this sub	recall or a stop-sale
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2		omes subject to a notice of recall or a stop-sale or do-not dr	
		e of this subsection, provided that the motor vehicle otherwi	
3		used motor vehicle. Subsections (i) and (j) of this section sh	
1 5		turer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch th	lat manufactures or
	distributes recrea		•
		compensation provided to the dealer that meets the minim	±
		this section is exclusive and may not be combined with any	other state or federal
		tion civil remedy for used motor vehicles subject to recall."	
		<b>TION 3.</b> G.S. 20-305.7(b) reads as rewritten:	
		anufacturer, factory branch, distributor, distributor branch,	-
		vendor, or any third party acting on behalf of any manufact	-
		ibutor branch, or dealer management computer system ve	
		or prospect information maintained in a dealer manageme	
		otor vehicle dealer located in this State for purposes of	
		spect on behalf of, or directing such customer or prospect	to, any other dealer.
	The limitations i	n this subsection do not apply to:	
	(1)	A customer that requests a reference to another dealership	
	(2)	A customer that moves more than 60 miles away from the	e dealer whose data
		was accessed;	
	(3)	Customer or prospect information that was provided to	-
		manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor b	
	(4)	Customer or prospect information obtained by the material	
		branch, distributor, or distributor branch where the dealer	agrees to allow the
		manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, distribut	
		management computer system vendor, or any third party	-
		any manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, distributor	
		management computer system vendor the right to acc	cess and utilize the
		customer or prospect information maintained in t	he dealer's dealer
		management computer system for purposes of solicitin	ng any customer or
		prospect of the dealer on behalf of, or directing such cust	omer or prospect to,
		any other dealer in a separate, stand-alone written instrum	ent dedicated solely
		to such authorization.	
	No manufacture	r, factory branch, distributor, distributor branch, dealer ma	nagement computer
		or any third party acting on behalf of any manufacture	
	distributor, distr	ibutor branch, or dealer management computer system v	endor, may provide
	access to custor	ner or dealership information maintained in a dealer ma	nagement computer
	system utilized b	y a motor vehicle dealer located in this State, without first o	btaining the dealer's
		itten consent, revocable by the dealer upon five business da	
	provide such acc	ess. Prior to obtaining said consent and prior to entering in	to an initial contract
	or renewal of a	contract with a dealer located in this State, the manufactu	rer, factory branch,
	distributor, distr	ibutor branch, dealer management computer system vendo	r, or any third party

1 acting on behalf of, or through any manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, distributor branch, 2 or dealer management computer system vendor shall provide to the dealer a written list of all 3 specific third parties to whom any data obtained from the dealer has actually been provided 4 within the 12-month period ending November 1 of the prior year. The list shall further describe 5 the scope and specific fields of the data provided. In addition to the initial list, a dealer 6 management computer system vendor or any third party acting on behalf of, or through a dealer 7 management computer system vendor shall provide to the dealer an annual list of each and every 8 third <del>parties</del> party to whom said data is actually being provided on November 1 of each year and 9 each and every third party to whom said data haswas actually been provided in the preceding 12 10 months and describe for each and every third party identified, the scope and specific fields of the 11 data provided to such third party during such 12-month period. Such list shall be provided to the dealer by January 1 of each year. The lists required in this paragraph of the third parties to whom 12 13 any data obtained from the dealer has actually been provided shall be specific to each affected 14 dealer and it shall be insufficient and unlawful for the provider of this information to furnish any dealer a list of third parties who could or may have received any of the affected dealer's data, as 15 16 the information required to be provided in this paragraph requires the provider of this information 17 to state the identity and other specified information of each and every third party to whom such 18 data was actually provided during the relevant period of time. Any dealer management computer 19 system vendor's contract that directly relates to the transfer or accessing of dealer or dealer 20 customer information must conspicuously state, "NOTICE TO DEALER: THIS AGREEMENT 21 RELATES TO THE TRANSFER AND ACCESSING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND CONSUMER RELATED DATA". Such consent does not change any such person's 22 23 obligations to comply with the terms of this section and any additional State or federal laws (and 24 any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder) applicable to them with respect to such access. 25 In addition, no dealer management computer system vendor may refuse to provide a dealer 26 management computer system to a motor vehicle dealer located in this State if the dealer refuses 27 to provide any consent under this subsection."

**SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-305 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

29 To establish, implement, or enforce criteria for measuring the sales or service "(51) 30 performance of any of its franchised new motor vehicle dealers in this State 31 for the purpose of cancelling, terminating or nonrenewing a franchise 32 agreement which (i) are unfair, unreasonable, arbitrary, or inequitable; (ii) do 33 not consider available relevant and material local, State, and regional criteria, 34 data, and facts. Relevant and material criteria, data, or facts include those of 35 motor vehicle dealerships of comparable size in comparable markets; and (iii) if such performance measurement criteria are based, in whole or in part, on a 36 37 survey, such survey must be based on a statistically significant and valid 38 random sample. In any proceeding under this subdivision, the applicable 39 manufacturer or distributor shall bear the burden of proof (i) with regard to all 40 issues raised in the proceeding and (ii) that the dealer performance measurements comply with all of the provisions hereof and are and have been 41 42 implemented and enforced uniformly by the applicable manufacturer or distributor among its dealers in this State. In the event it is determined that the 43 44 performance criteria employed by a manufacturer or distributor for measuring 45 the sales, service, or customer satisfaction performance of any of its franchised motor vehicle dealers in this State for the purpose of cancelling, terminating 46 47 or nonrenewing a franchise agreement are unfair, unreasonable, arbitrary, or 48 inequitable, or that the performance criteria does not consider available local, State, and regional criteria, data, and facts required in this subsection, or that 49 50 the performance criteria have not been implemented and enforced uniformly 51 by the applicable manufacturer or distributor among its dealers in this State,

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	the performance criteria of the manufacturer or distributor may not constitute
	any part of the basis for a determination in any franchise-related decision
	pertaining to whether good cause exists for the termination of a dealer's
	franchise pursuant to G.S. 20-305(6)."
	SECTION 4.5.(a) G.S. 20-79.02(g) reads as rewritten:
	"(g) Applicability. – Prior to January 1, 2019,2021, a new motor vehicle dealer may, but
	is not required to, display an LD license plate on a service loaner vehicle. Beginning on or after
	January 1, <del>2019,2021,</del> a new motor vehicle dealer shall display an LD license plate on any new
	motor vehicle placed into service as a loaner vehicle if either of the following circumstances
	exists:
	(1) The new motor vehicle dealer is receiving incentive or warranty compensation
	from a manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch for the
	use of the vehicle as a service loaner.
	(2) The new motor vehicle dealer is receiving a fee or other compensation from
	the dealer's customers for the use of the vehicle as a service loaner."
	<b>SECTION 4.5.(b)</b> Section 1.1(b) of S.L. 2015-232 reads as rewritten:
	"SECTION 1.1.(b) This section is effective when this act becomes law and expires
	December 31, 2018.2020."
	SECTION 4.5.(c) Section 1.4(b) of S.L. 2015-232 reads as rewritten:
	"SECTION 1.4.(b) This section is effective when this act becomes law and expires
	December 31, 2018.2020."
	SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the
	invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect
	without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
	severable.
	<b>SECTION 6.</b> This act is effective when it becomes law.