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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies provisions regulating motor vehicle manufacturers and distributors governing vehicle sale at retail, civil suits, and licensing as a vehicle dealer.

Section

- Unfair practices by manufacturers, distributors, factory branches. Modifies a prohibition on motor vehicle manufacturers and distributors, to prevent such entities from operating a dealership the sells the same vehicle as what is being manufactured. Provides for dealerships to be able to bring civil suits against manufacturers or distributors who violate the prohibition.
- Manufacturers and distributors. Permits motor vehicle manufacturers and distributors to sell vehicles to new motor vehicle dealers licensed by the state, without themselves being required to obtain a new motor vehicle dealer license. Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers and distributors from obtaining a license to sell new vehicles at retail. Manufacturers and distributors of certain new vehicle bodies and of some electric vehicles are exempted from the provision.