



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Finance)

Sens. Patton, Balderson, Hite, Coley

BILL SUMMARY

- Generally prohibits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from issuing a motor vehicle dealer's license or motor vehicle leasing dealer's license to a motor vehicle manufacturer for the retail sale or lease of new or used motor vehicles.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under the bill, if a manufacturer, or a parent company, subsidiary, or affiliated entity of a manufacturer, applies to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for a license to sell or lease new or used motor vehicles at retail, the Register must deny the application and refuse to issue the license. The bill is not, however, to serve as the basis for the termination, revocation, or nonrenewal of a license granted *prior* to the bill's effective date.

The bill states that it does not prohibit a manufacturer from doing either of the following:

(1) Owning, operating, or controlling not more than three licensed motor vehicle dealerships if, as of January 1, 2014, the manufacturer was selling or otherwise distributing its motor vehicles at an established place of business in this state. The manufacturer's ownership, operation, or control of the dealerships may continue unless the manufacturer's motor vehicle operations are sold or acquired or the manufacturer produces any motor vehicles other than all-electric motor vehicles.

(2) Disposing of motor vehicles at wholesale at the termination of a consumer lease through a motor vehicle auction.¹

¹ R.C. 4517.12(A)(11).

HISTORY

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