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SENATE BILL NO. 1333

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1570 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers; franchises; discontinuation of manufacturing rights.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-1570 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 46.2-1570. Transfer or discontinuation of distributors and manufacturers.**

If a manufacturer or factory branch sells or otherwise transfers its right to manufacture or distribute a line-make of motor vehicles, or discontinues its right to manufacture or distribute a line-make of motor vehicles and another manufacturer or factory branch manufactures or distributes motor vehicles of the same line-make or the same motor vehicles of a re-named line-make, or if the contract between a distributor or distributor branch and a manufacturer or importer is terminated or otherwise discontinued, all franchises granted to motor vehicle dealers in Virginia by that *manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch* shall continue in full force and shall not be affected by the *transfer, termination, or* discontinuance, except that the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, *distributor branch*, representative, or other person who undertakes to *manufacture or* distribute motor vehicles of the same line-make or the same motor vehicles of a re-named line-make shall be substituted for the discontinued *manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch* under the existing motor vehicle dealer franchises, and those franchises shall be modified accordingly.

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