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**1**     **SENATE BILL NO. 336**
**2**     Offered January 21, 1998
**3**  *A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1510 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motor vehicle dealers.*
**4**     ——————
**5**     Patron—Watkins
**6**     ——————
**7**     Referred to the Committee on Transportation
**8**     ——————
**9**   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
**10** **1. That § 46.2-1510 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**
**11**   § 46.2-1510. Dealers required to have established place of business.
**12**   No license shall be issued to any motor vehicle dealer unless he has an established place of business,
**13** owned or leased by him, where a substantial portion of the sales activity of the business is routinely
**14** conducted and which:
**15**   1. Satisfies all local zoning regulations;
**16**   2. Has sales, service, and office space devoted exclusively to the dealership of at least 250 square
**17** feet in a permanent, enclosed building not used as a residence;
**18**   3. Houses all records the dealer is required to maintain by § 46.2-1529;
**19**   4. Is equipped with a desk, chairs, filing space, a working telephone listed in the name of the
**20** dealership, and working utilities including electricity and provisions for space heating;
**21**   5. Displays a sign and business hours as required by this chapter; and
**22**   6. Has contiguous space designated for the exclusive use of the dealer adequate to permit the display
**23** of at least ten vehicles.
**24**   Any dealer licensed on or before July 1, 1995, shall be considered in compliance with subdivisions 2
**25** and 6 of this section for that licensee.
**26**   *Upon application to and approval by the Board, any dealer who (i) is qualified as a nonprofit*
**27** *organization under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) is either (a) a charitable*
**28** *organization or a civic organization, as those terms are defined in § 57-48, or (b) a church or*
**29** *convention or association of churches primarily operated for nonsecular purposes and no net income of*
**30** *the dealer inures to the direct benefit of an individual, shall, upon demonstration of the dealer's*
**31** *compliance with Chapter 5 (§ 57-48 et seq.) of Title 57, be deemed to be in compliance with*
**32** *subdivisions 2 and 6 of this section.*

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