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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2861**

Offered January 20, 1997

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1500, 46.2-1900, 46.2-1992, and 46.2-1993, of the Code of Virginia, relating to motor vehicle, T&M vehicle, trailer, and motorcycle dealers.*

Patrons—O'Brien (By Request); Senator: Barry (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 46.2-1500, 46.2-1900, 46.2-1992, and 46.2-1993 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-1500. Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms for the purpose of this chapter shall have the following meanings:

"Board" means the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board.

"Certificate of origin" means the document provided by the manufacturer of a new motor vehicle, or its distributor, which is the only valid indication of ownership between the manufacturer, its distributor, its franchised motor vehicle dealers, and the original purchaser not for resale.

"Dealer-operator" means the individual who works at the established place of business of a dealer and who is responsible for and in charge of day-to-day operations of that place of business.

"Distributor" means a person who is licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles under Chapter 19 (§ 46.2-1900 et seq.) of this title and who sells or distributes new motor vehicles pursuant to a written agreement with the manufacturer, to franchised motor vehicle dealers in the Commonwealth.

"Distributor branch" means a branch office licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles under Chapter 19 (§ 46.2-1900 et seq.) of this title and maintained by a distributor for the sale of motor vehicles to motor vehicle dealers or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its representatives in the Commonwealth.

"Distributor representative" means a person who is licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles under Chapter 19 (§ 46.2-1900 et seq.) of this title and employed by a distributor or by a distributor branch, for the purpose of making or promoting the sale of motor vehicles or for supervising or contacting its dealers, prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

"Factory branch" means a branch office maintained by a person for the sale of motor vehicles to distributors or for the sale of motor vehicles to motor vehicle dealers, or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its representatives in the Commonwealth.

"Factory representative" means a person who is licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles under Chapter 19 (§ 46.2-1900 et seq.) of this title and employed by a person who manufactures or assembles motor vehicles or by a factory branch for the purpose of making or promoting the sale of its motor vehicles or for supervising or contacting its dealers, prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

"Factory repurchase motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle sold, leased, rented, consigned, or otherwise transferred to a person under an agreement that the motor vehicle will be resold or otherwise retransferred only to the manufacturer or distributor of the motor vehicle, and which is reacquired by the manufacturer or distributor, or its agents.

"Family member" means a person who either (i) is the spouse, child, grandchild, spouse of a child, spouse of a grandchild, brother, sister, or parent of the dealer or owner or (ii) has been employed continuously by the dealer for at least five years.

"Franchise" means a written contract or agreement between two or more persons whereby one person, the franchisee, is granted the right to engage in the business of offering and selling, servicing, or offering, selling, and servicing new motor vehicles of a particular line-make or late model or factory repurchase motor vehicles of a particular line-make manufactured or distributed by the grantor of the right, the franchisor, and where the operation of the franchisee's business is substantially associated with the franchisor's trademark, trade name, advertising, or other commercial symbol designating the franchisor, the motor vehicle or its manufacturer or distributor. The term shall include any severable part or parts of a franchise agreement which separately provides for selling and servicing different line-makes of the franchisor.

"Franchised late model or factory repurchase motor vehicle dealer" means a dealer in late model or factory repurchase motor vehicles, including a franchised new motor vehicle dealer, that has a franchise agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of the line-make of the late model or factory repurchase

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60 motor vehicles.

61 "Franchised motor vehicle dealer" means a dealer in new motor vehicles that has a franchise  
62 agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of new motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers.

63 "Fund" means the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board Fund.

64 "Independent motor vehicle dealer" means a dealer in used motor vehicles.

65 "Late model motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle of the current model year and the immediately  
66 preceding model year.

67 "Line-make" means the name of the motor vehicle manufacturer or distributor and a brand or name  
68 plate marketed by the manufacturer or distributor.

69 "Manufacturer" means a person who is licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles under Chapter  
70 19 (§ 46.2-1900 et seq.) of this title and engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new  
71 motor vehicles and, in the case of trucks, also means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing  
72 engines, power trains, or rear axles, when such engines, power trains, or rear axles are not warranted by  
73 the final manufacturer or assembler of the truck.

74 "Motor vehicle" means the same as provided in § 46.2-100, except, for the purposes of this chapter,  
75 it shall not include (i) trailers and semitrailers; (ii) mobile homes, sales of which are regulated under  
76 Chapter 4.2 (§ 36-85.16 et seq.) of Title 36; (iii) motor homes; (iv) motorcycles; (v) nonrepairable  
77 vehicles, as defined in § 46.2-1600; and (vi) salvage vehicles, as defined in § 46.2-1600.

78 "Motor vehicle dealer" or "dealer" means any person who:

79 1. For commission, money, or other thing of value, buys, sells, exchanges, either outright or on  
80 conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel mortgage, or otherwise or arranges or offers or attempts to  
81 solicit or negotiate on behalf of others a sale, purchase, or exchange of an interest in new motor  
82 vehicles, new and used motor vehicles, or used motor vehicles alone, whether or not the motor vehicles  
83 are owned by him; or

84 2. Is wholly or partly engaged in the business of selling new motor vehicles, new and used motor  
85 vehicles, or used motor vehicles only, whether or not the motor vehicles are owned by him; or

86 3. Offers to sell, sells, displays, or permits the display for sale, of five or more motor vehicles within  
87 any twelve consecutive months.

88 The term "motor vehicle dealer" does not include:

89 1. Receivers, trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, or other persons appointed by or acting  
90 under judgment or order of any court or their employees when engaged in the specific performance of  
91 their duties as employees.

92 2. Public officers, their deputies, assistants, or employees, while performing their official duties.

93 3. Persons other than business entities primarily engaged in the leasing or renting of motor vehicles  
94 to others when selling or offering such vehicles for sale at retail, disposing of motor vehicles acquired  
95 for their own use and actually so used, when the vehicles have been so acquired and used in good faith  
96 and not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this chapter.

97 4. Persons dealing solely in the sale and distribution of fire-fighting equipment, ambulances, and  
98 funeral vehicles, including motor vehicles adapted therefor; however, this exemption shall not exempt  
99 any person from the provisions of §§ 46.2-1519, 46.2-1520 and 46.2-1548.

100 5. Any financial institution chartered or authorized to do business under the laws of the  
101 Commonwealth or the United States which may have received title to a motor vehicle in the normal  
102 course of its business by reason of a foreclosure, other taking, repossession, or voluntary reconveyance  
103 to that institution occurring as a result of any loan secured by a lien on the vehicle.

104 6. An employee of an organization arranging for the purchase or lease by the organization of  
105 vehicles for use in the organization's business.

106 7. Any person licensed to sell real estate who sells a mobile home or similar vehicle in conjunction  
107 with the sale of the parcel of land on which the mobile home or similar vehicle is located.

108 8. Any person who permits the operation of a motor vehicle show or permits the display of motor  
109 vehicles for sale by any motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter.

110 9. An insurance company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth that sells or disposes of  
111 vehicles under a contract with its insured in the regular course of business.

112 10. Any publication, broadcast, or other communications media when engaged in the business of  
113 advertising, but not otherwise arranging for the sale of vehicles owned by others.

114 11. Any person dealing solely in the sale or lease of vehicles designed exclusively for off-road use.

115 12. Any credit union authorized to do business in Virginia, provided the credit union does not  
116 receive a commission, money, or other thing of value directly from a motor vehicle dealer.

117 13. Any person licensed as a manufactured home dealer, broker, manufacturer, or salesperson under  
118 Chapter 4.2 (§ 36-85.16 et seq.) of Title 36.

119 "Motor vehicle salesperson" or "salesperson" means any person who is licensed as and employed as a  
120 salesperson by a motor vehicle dealer to sell or exchange motor vehicles. It shall also mean any person  
121 who is licensed as a motor vehicle dealer and who sells or exchanges motor vehicles.

122 "Motor vehicle show" means a display of motor vehicles to the general public at a location other  
 123 than a dealer's location licensed under this chapter where the vehicles are not being offered for sale or  
 124 exchange during or as part of the display.

125 "New motor vehicle" means any vehicle which (i) has not been previously sold except in good faith  
 126 for the purpose of resale, (ii) has not been used as a rental, driver education, or demonstration motor  
 127 vehicle, or for the personal and business transportation of the manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or any of  
 128 his employees, (iii) has not been used except for limited use necessary in moving or road testing the  
 129 vehicle prior to delivery to a customer, (iv) is transferred by a certificate of origin, and (v) has the  
 130 manufacturer's certification that it conforms to all applicable federal motor vehicle safety and emission  
 131 standards. Notwithstanding provisions (i) and (iii), a motor vehicle that has been previously sold but not  
 132 titled shall be deemed a new motor vehicle if it meets the requirements of provisions (ii), (iv), and (v).

133 "Relevant market area" means as follows:

134 1. In metropolitan localities, the relevant market area shall be a circular area around an existing  
 135 franchised dealer with a population of 250,000, not to exceed a radius of ten miles, but in no case less  
 136 than seven miles.

137 2. If the population in an area within a radius of ten miles around an existing franchised dealer is  
 138 less than 250,000, but the population in an area within a radius of fifteen miles around an existing  
 139 franchised dealer is 150,000 or more, the relevant market area shall be that area within the fifteen-mile  
 140 radius.

141 3. In all other cases the relevant market area shall be an area within a radius of twenty miles around  
 142 an existing franchised dealer or the area of responsibility defined in the franchise, whichever is greater.  
 143 In any case where the franchise agreement is silent as to *the* area of responsibility, the relevant market  
 144 area shall be the greater of an area within a radius of twenty miles around an existing franchised dealer  
 145 or that area in which the franchisor otherwise requires the franchisee to make significant retail sales or  
 146 sales efforts.

147 In determining population for this definition, the most recent census by the U.S. Bureau of the  
 148 Census or the most recent population update, either from the National Planning Data Corporation or  
 149 other similar recognized source, shall be accumulated for all census tracts either wholly or partially  
 150 within the relevant market area.

151 "Retail installment sale" means every sale of one or more motor vehicles to a buyer for his use and  
 152 not for resale, in which the price of the vehicle is payable in one or more installments and in which the  
 153 seller has either retained title to the goods or has taken or retained a security interest in the goods under  
 154 form of contract designated either as a security agreement, conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel  
 155 mortgage, or otherwise.

156 "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means the act or attempted act of selling, bartering, exchanging, or  
 157 otherwise disposing of a motor vehicle to a buyer for his personal use and not for resale.

158 "Sale at wholesale" or "wholesale" means a sale to motor vehicle dealers or wholesalers other than to  
 159 consumers; a sale to one who intends to resell.

160 "Used motor vehicle" means any vehicle other than a new motor vehicle as defined in this section.

161 "Wholesale auction" means an auction of motor vehicles restricted to sales at wholesale.

162 § 46.2-1900. Definitions.

163 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms for the purpose of this chapter  
 164 shall have the following meanings:

165 "Certificate of origin" means the document provided by the manufacturer of a new T&M vehicle, or  
 166 its distributor, which is the only valid indication of ownership between the manufacturer, its distributor,  
 167 its franchised T&M vehicle dealers, and the original purchaser not for resale.

168 "Dealer-operator" means the individual who works at the established place of business of a dealer  
 169 and who is responsible for and in charge of day-to-day operations of that place of business.

170 "Distributor" means a person who sells or distributes new T&M vehicles pursuant to a written  
 171 agreement with the manufacturer, to franchised T&M vehicle dealers in the Commonwealth.

172 "Distributor branch" means a branch office maintained by a distributor for the sale of T&M vehicles  
 173 to T&M vehicle dealers or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its representatives in the  
 174 Commonwealth.

175 "Distributor representative" means a person employed by a distributor or by a distributor branch, for  
 176 the purpose of making or promoting the sale of T&M vehicles or for supervising or contacting its  
 177 dealers, prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

178 "Factory branch" means a branch office maintained by a person for the sale of T&M vehicles to  
 179 distributors or for the sale of T&M vehicles to T&M vehicle dealers, or for directing or supervising, in  
 180 whole or in part, its representatives in the Commonwealth.

181 "Factory representative" means a person employed by a person who manufactures or assembles T&M  
 182 vehicles, or by a factory branch for the purpose of making or promoting the sale of its T&M vehicles,

183 or for supervising or contacting its dealers, prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

184 "Factory repurchase T&M vehicle" means a T&M vehicle sold, leased, rented, consigned, or  
185 otherwise transferred to a person under an agreement that the T&M vehicle will be resold or otherwise  
186 retransferred only to the manufacturer or distributor of the T&M vehicle, and which is reacquired by the  
187 manufacturer or distributor, or its agents.

188 "Family member" means a person who either (i) is the spouse, child, grandchild, spouse of a child,  
189 spouse of a grandchild, brother, sister, or parent of the dealer or owner, or (ii) has been employed  
190 continuously by the dealer for at least five years.

191 "Franchise" means a written contract or agreement between two or more persons whereby one  
192 person, the franchisee, is granted the right to engage in the business of offering and selling, servicing, or  
193 offering, selling, and servicing new T&M vehicles of a particular line-make or late model or factory  
194 repurchase T&M vehicles of a particular line-make manufactured or distributed by the grantor of the  
195 right, the franchisor, and where the operation of the franchisee's business is substantially associated with  
196 the franchisor's trademark, trade name, advertising, or other commercial symbol designating the  
197 franchisor, the T&M vehicle or its manufacturer or distributor. The term shall include any severable part  
198 or parts of a franchise agreement which separately provides for selling and servicing different line-makes  
199 of the franchisor.

200 "Franchised late model or factory repurchase T&M vehicle dealer" means a dealer in late model or  
201 factory repurchase T&M vehicles, including a franchised new T&M vehicle dealer, that has a franchise  
202 agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of the line-make of the late model or factory repurchase  
203 T&M vehicles.

204 "Franchised T&M vehicle dealer" or "franchised dealer" means a dealer in new T&M vehicles that  
205 has a franchise agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of new T&M vehicles.

206 "Independent T&M vehicle dealer" means a dealer in used T&M vehicles.

207 "Late model T&M vehicle" means a T&M vehicle of the current model year and the immediately  
208 preceding model year.

209 "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new T&M  
210 vehicles or a person engaged in the business of manufacturing engines, power trains, or rear axles, when  
211 such engines, power trains, or rear axles are not warranted by the final manufacturer or assembler of the  
212 motor home.

213 "Motor home" means a motor vehicle with a normal seating capacity of not more than ten persons,  
214 including the driver, designed primarily for use as living quarters for human beings.

215 "Motor vehicle dealer," "motor vehicle manufacturer," "motor vehicle factory branch," "motor vehicle  
216 distributor," "motor vehicle distributor branch," "motor vehicle factory representative," and "motor  
217 vehicle distributor representative" mean the same as provided in § 46.2-1500.

218 "New T&M vehicle" means any T&M vehicle which (i) has not been previously sold except in good  
219 faith for the purpose of resale, (ii) has not been used as a rental, driver education, or demonstration  
220 T&M vehicle, or for the personal and business transportation of the manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or  
221 any of his employees, (iii) has not been used except for limited use necessary in moving or road testing  
222 the T&M vehicle prior to delivery to a customer, (iv) is transferred by a certificate of origin, and (v) has  
223 the manufacturer's certification that it conforms to all applicable federal T&M vehicle safety and  
224 emission standards. Notwithstanding provisions (i) and (iii), a T&M vehicle that has been previously  
225 sold but not titled shall be deemed a new T&M vehicle if it meets the requirements of provisions (ii),  
226 (iv), and (v) of this definition.

227 "Relevant market area" means as follows:

228 1. In metropolitan localities with a population of 250,000, the relevant market area shall be a circular  
229 area around an existing franchised dealer not to exceed a radius of ten miles, but in no case less than  
230 seven miles.

231 2. If the population in an area within a radius of ten miles around an existing franchised dealer is  
232 less than 250,000, but the population in an area within a radius of fifteen miles around an existing  
233 franchised dealer is 150,000 or more, the relevant market area shall be that area within the fifteen-mile  
234 radius.

235 3. In all other cases the relevant market area shall be an area within a radius of twenty miles around  
236 an existing franchised dealer or the area of responsibility defined in the franchise, whichever is greater.  
237 In any case where the franchise agreement is silent as to *the* area of responsibility, the relevant market  
238 area shall be the greater of an area within a radius of twenty miles around an existing franchised dealer  
239 or that area in which the franchisor otherwise requires the franchisee to make significant retail sales or  
240 sales efforts.

241 In determining population for this definition, the most recent census by the U.S. Bureau of the  
242 Census or the most recent population update, either from the National Planning Data Corporation or  
243 other similar recognized source, shall be accumulated for all census tracts either wholly or partially  
244 within the relevant market area.

245 "Retail installment sale" means every sale of one or more T&M vehicles to a buyer for his use and  
 246 not for resale, in which the price of the T&M vehicle is payable in one or more installments and in  
 247 which the seller has either retained title to the goods or has taken or retained a security interest in the  
 248 goods under form of contract designated either as a security agreement, conditional sale, bailment lease,  
 249 chattel mortgage, or otherwise.

250 "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means the act or attempted act of selling, bartering, exchanging, or  
 251 otherwise disposing of a T&M vehicle to a buyer for his personal use and not for resale.

252 "Sale at wholesale" or "wholesale" means a sale to T&M vehicle dealers or wholesalers other than to  
 253 consumers, or a sale to one who intends to resell.

254 "T&M vehicle" means motor homes and travel trailers as defined in this section.

255 "T&M vehicle dealer" or "dealer" means any person who:

256 1. For commission, money, or other thing of value, buys, sells, exchanges, either outright or on  
 257 conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel mortgage, or otherwise or arranges or offers or attempts to  
 258 solicit or negotiate on behalf of others a sale, purchase, or exchange of an interest in new T&M  
 259 vehicles, new and used T&M vehicles, or used T&M vehicles alone, whether or not the T&M vehicles  
 260 are owned by him;

261 2. Is wholly or partly engaged in the business of selling new T&M vehicles, new and used T&M  
 262 vehicles, or used T&M vehicles only, whether or not the T&M vehicles are owned by him; or

263 3. Offers to sell, sells, displays, or permits the display for sale, of five or more T&M vehicles within  
 264 any twelve consecutive months.

265 The term "T&M vehicle dealer" does not include:

266 1. Receivers, trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, or other persons appointed by or acting  
 267 under judgment or order of any court or their employees when engaged in the specific performance of  
 268 their duties as employees.

269 2. Public officers, their deputies, assistants, or employees, while performing their official duties.

270 3. Persons other than business entities primarily engaged in the leasing or renting of T&M vehicles  
 271 to others when selling or offering such vehicles for sale at retail, disposing of T&M vehicles acquired  
 272 for their own use and actually so used, when the T&M vehicles have been so acquired and used in good  
 273 faith and not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this chapter.

274 4. Persons dealing solely in the sale and distribution of fire-fighting equipment, ambulances, and  
 275 funeral vehicles, including T&M vehicles adapted therefor; however, this exemption shall not exempt  
 276 any person from the provisions of §§ 46.2-1919, 46.2-1920 and 46.2-1949.

277 5. Any financial institution chartered or authorized to do business under the laws of the  
 278 Commonwealth or the United States which may have received title to a T&M vehicle in the normal  
 279 course of its business by reason of a foreclosure, other taking, repossession, or voluntary reconveyance  
 280 to that institution occurring as a result of any loan secured by a lien on the T&M vehicle.

281 6. An employee of an organization arranging for the purchase or lease by the organization of T&M  
 282 vehicles for use in the organization's business.

283 7. Any person licensed to sell real estate who sells a mobile home or similar vehicle in conjunction  
 284 with the sale of the parcel of land on which the mobile home or similar vehicle is located.

285 8. Any person who permits the operation of a T&M vehicle show or permits the display of T&M  
 286 vehicles for sale by any T&M vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter.

287 9. An insurance company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth that sells or disposes of  
 288 T&M vehicles under a contract with its insured in the regular course of business.

289 10. Any publication, broadcast, or other communications media when engaged in the business of  
 290 advertising, but not otherwise arranging for the sale of T&M vehicles owned by others.

291 11. Any person dealing solely in the sale or lease of T&M vehicles designed exclusively for off-road  
 292 use.

293 12. Any credit union authorized to do business in Virginia, provided the credit union does not  
 294 receive a commission, money, or other thing of value directly from a T&M vehicle dealer.

295 13. Any person licensed as a manufactured home dealer, broker, manufacturer, or salesperson under  
 296 Chapter 4.2 (§ 36-85.16 et seq.) of Title 36.

297 "T&M vehicle salesperson" or "salesperson" means any person who is licensed as and employed as a  
 298 salesperson by a T&M vehicle dealer to sell or exchange T&M vehicles.

299 "T&M vehicle show" means a display of T&M vehicles to the general public at a location other than  
 300 a dealer's location licensed under this chapter where the T&M vehicles are not being offered for sale or  
 301 exchange during or as part of the display.

302 "Travel trailer" means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters of such size or weight  
 303 as not to require special highway movement permits when towed by a motor vehicle and having a gross  
 304 trailer area less than 320 square feet.

305 "Used T&M vehicle" means any T&M vehicle other than a new T&M vehicle as defined in this

306 section.

307 "Wholesale auction" means an auction of T&M vehicles restricted to sales at wholesale.

308 § 46.2-1992. Definitions.

309 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms, for the purpose of this chapter,  
310 shall have the following meanings:

311 "Certificate of origin" means the document, provided by the manufacturer or distributor of a new  
312 trailer, that is the only valid indication of ownership between the manufacturer, its distributor, its  
313 franchised trailer dealers, and the original purchaser not for resale.

314 "Dealer-operator" means the individual who works at the established place of business of a dealer  
315 and who is responsible for and in charge of day-to-day operations of that place of business.

316 "Distributor" means a person who sells or distributes new trailers, pursuant to a written agreement  
317 with the manufacturer, to franchised trailer dealers in the Commonwealth.

318 "Distributor branch" means a branch office maintained by a distributor for the sale of trailers to  
319 trailer dealers or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its representatives in the  
320 Commonwealth.

321 "Distributor representative" means a person employed, by a distributor or by a distributor branch, for  
322 the purpose of making or promoting the sale of trailers or for supervising or contacting its dealers,  
323 prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

324 "Factory branch" means a branch office maintained by a person for the sale of trailers to distributors,  
325 for the sale of trailers to trailer dealers, or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its  
326 representatives in the Commonwealth.

327 "Factory representative" means a person employed either by a person who manufactures or assembles  
328 trailers or by a factory branch for the purpose of (i) making or promoting the sale of its trailers or (ii)  
329 for supervising or contacting its dealers, prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

330 "Factory repurchase trailer" means a trailer that is (i) sold, leased, rented, consigned, or otherwise  
331 transferred to a person under an agreement that the trailer will be resold or otherwise retransferred only  
332 to the manufacturer or distributor of the trailer, and (ii) reacquired by the manufacturer or distributor, or  
333 its agents.

334 "Family member" means a person who either (i) is the spouse, child, grandchild, spouse of a child,  
335 spouse of a grandchild, brother, sister, or parent of the dealer or owner, or (ii) has been employed  
336 continuously by the dealer for at least five years.

337 "Franchise" means a written contract or agreement between two or more persons whereby one  
338 person, the franchisee, is granted the right to engage in the business of offering and selling, servicing, or  
339 offering, selling, and servicing new trailers of a particular line-make or late model or factory repurchase  
340 trailers of a particular line-make manufactured or distributed by the grantor of the right, the franchisor,  
341 and where the operation of the franchisee's business is substantially associated with the franchisor's  
342 trademark, trade name, advertising, or other commercial symbol designating the franchisor, the trailer or  
343 its manufacturer or distributor. The term shall include any severable part or parts of a franchise  
344 agreement which separately provides for selling and servicing different line-makes of the franchisor.

345 "Franchised late model or factory repurchase trailer dealer" means a dealer in late model or factory  
346 repurchase trailers, including a franchised new trailer dealer, that has a franchise agreement with a  
347 manufacturer or distributor of the line-make of the late model or factory repurchase trailers.

348 "Franchised trailer dealer" or "franchised dealer" means a dealer in new trailers that has a franchise  
349 agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of new trailers.

350 "Independent trailer dealer" means a dealer in used trailers.

351 "Late model trailer" means a trailer of the current model year and the immediately preceding model  
352 year.

353 "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new trailers.

354 "New trailer" means any trailer which (i) has not been previously sold except in good faith for the  
355 purpose of resale, (ii) has not been used as a rental, driver education, or demonstration trailer, or for the  
356 personal and business transportation of the manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or any of his employees,  
357 (iii) has not been used except for limited use necessary in moving or road testing the trailer prior to  
358 delivery to a customer, (iv) is transferred by a certificate of origin, and (v) has the manufacturer's  
359 certification that it conforms to all applicable federal trailer safety and emission standards.  
360 Notwithstanding provisions (i) and (iii), a trailer that has been previously sold but not titled shall be  
361 deemed a new trailer if it meets the requirements of provisions (ii), (iv), and (v).

362 "Relevant market area" means as follows:

363 1. In metropolitan localities with a population of 250,000, the relevant market area shall be a circular  
364 area around an existing franchised dealer not to exceed a radius of ten miles, but in no case less than  
365 seven miles.

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367 less than 250,000, but the population in an area within a radius of fifteen miles around an existing

368 franchised dealer is 150,000 or more, the relevant market area shall be that area within the fifteen-mile  
369 radius.

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371 an existing franchised dealer or the area of responsibility defined in the franchise, whichever is greater.  
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377 Census or the most recent population update, either from the National Planning Data Corporation or  
378 other similar recognized source, shall be accumulated for all census tracts either wholly or partially  
379 within the relevant market area.

380 "Retail installment sale" means every sale of one or more trailers to a buyer for his use and not for  
381 resale, in which the price of the trailer is payable in one or more installments and in which the seller  
382 has either retained title to the goods or has taken or retained a security interest in the goods under form  
383 of contract designated either as a security agreement, conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel mortgage,  
384 or otherwise.

385 "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means the act or attempted act of selling, bartering, exchanging, or  
386 otherwise disposing of a trailer to a buyer for his personal use and not for resale.

387 "Sale at wholesale" or "wholesale" means a sale to trailer dealers or wholesalers other than to  
388 consumers, or a sale to one who intends to resell.

389 "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers  
390 wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including semitrailers but not  
391 mobile homes, sales of which are regulated under Chapter 4.2 (§ 36-85.16 et seq.) of Title 36, and not  
392 (i) watercraft trailers as defined in this section or (ii) travel trailers as defined in § 46.2-1900.

393 "Trailer dealer" or "dealer" means any person who:

394 1. For commission, money, or other thing of value, buys, sells, exchanges, either outright or on  
395 conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel mortgage, or otherwise, arranges, offers or attempts to solicit or  
396 ~~negotiate~~ on behalf of others a sale, purchase, or exchange of an interest in new trailers, new and used  
397 trailers, or used trailers alone, whether or not the trailers are owned by him;

398 2. Is wholly or partly engaged in the business of selling new trailers, new and used trailers, or used  
399 trailers only, whether or not the trailers are owned by him; or

400 3. Offers to sell, sells, displays, or permits the display for sale, of five or more trailers within any  
401 twelve consecutive months.

402 The term "trailer dealer" does not include:

403 1. Receivers, trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, or other persons appointed by or acting  
404 under judgment or order of any court or their employees when engaged in the specific performance of  
405 their duties as employees.

406 2. Public officers, their deputies, assistants, or employees, while performing their official duties.

407 3. Persons other than business entities primarily engaged in the leasing or renting of trailers to others  
408 when selling or offering such trailers for sale at retail, disposing of trailers acquired for their own use  
409 and actually so used, when the trailers have been so acquired and used in good faith and not for the  
410 purpose of avoiding the provisions of this chapter.

411 4. Persons dealing solely in the sale and distribution of fire-fighting equipment, ambulances, and  
412 funeral trailers, including trailers adapted therefor; however, this exemption shall not exempt any person  
413 from the provisions of §§ 46.2-1992.17, 46.2-1992.18 and 46.2-1992.41.

414 5. Any financial institution chartered or authorized to do business under the laws of the  
415 Commonwealth or the United States which may have received title to a trailer in the normal course of  
416 its business by reason of a foreclosure, other taking, repossession, or voluntary reconveyance to that  
417 institution occurring as a result of any loan secured by a lien on the trailer.

418 6. An employee of an organization arranging for the purchase or lease by the organization of trailers  
419 for use in the organization's business.

420 7. Any person who permits the operation of a trailer show or permits the display of trailers for sale  
421 by any trailer dealer licensed under this chapter.

422 8. An insurance company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth that sells or disposes of  
423 trailers under a contract with its insured in the regular course of business.

424 9. Any publication, broadcast, or other communications media when engaged in the business of  
425 advertising, but not otherwise arranging for the sale of trailers owned by others.

426 10. Any person dealing solely in the sale or lease of trailers designed exclusively for off-road use.

427 11. Any credit union authorized to do business in Virginia, provided the credit union does not  
428 receive a commission, money, or other thing of value directly from a trailer dealer.

429 "Trailer salesperson" or "salesperson" means any person who is licensed as and employed as a  
430 salesperson by a trailer dealer to sell or exchange trailers.

431 "Trailer show" means a display of trailers to the general public at a location other than a dealer's  
432 location licensed under this chapter where the trailers are not being offered for sale or exchange during  
433 or as part of the display.

434 "Used trailer" means any trailer other than a new trailer as defined in this section.

435 "Watercraft trailer" means any new or used trailer specifically designed to carry a watercraft or a  
436 motorboat and purchased, sold, or offered for sale by a watercraft dealer licensed under Chapter 8  
437 (§ 29.1-800 et seq.) of Title 29.1.

438 "Watercraft trailer dealer" means any watercraft dealer licensed under Chapter 8 (§ 29.1-800 et seq.)  
439 of Title 29.1 who obtains a certificate of dealer registration under this chapter.

440 "Wholesale auction" means an auction of trailers restricted to sales at wholesale.  
441 § 46.2-1993. Definitions.

442 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms for the purpose of this chapter  
443 shall have the following meanings:

444 "Certificate of origin" means the document provided by the manufacturer of a new motorcycle, or its  
445 distributor, which is the only valid indication of ownership between the manufacturer, its distributor, its  
446 franchised motorcycle dealers, and the original purchaser not for resale.

447 "Dealer-operator" means the individual who works at the established place of business of a dealer  
448 and who is responsible for and in charge of day-to-day operations of that place of business.

449 "Distributor" means a person who sells or distributes new motorcycles pursuant to a written  
450 agreement with the manufacturer, to franchised motorcycle dealers in the Commonwealth.

451 "Distributor branch" means a branch office maintained by a distributor for the sale of motorcycles to  
452 motorcycle dealers or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its representatives in the  
453 Commonwealth.

454 "Distributor representative" means a person employed by a distributor or by a distributor branch, for  
455 the purpose of making or promoting the sale of motorcycles or for supervising or contacting its dealers,  
456 prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

457 "Factory branch" means a branch office maintained by a person for the sale of motorcycles to  
458 distributors or for the sale of motorcycles to motorcycle dealers, or for directing or supervising, in whole  
459 or in part, its representatives in the Commonwealth.

460 "Factory representative" means a person employed by a person who manufactures or assembles  
461 motorcycles, or by a factory branch for the purpose of making or promoting the sale of its motorcycles,  
462 or for supervising or contacting its dealers, prospective dealers, or representatives in the Commonwealth.

463 "Factory repurchase motorcycle" means a motorcycle sold, leased, rented, consigned, or otherwise  
464 transferred to a person under an agreement that the motorcycle will be resold or otherwise retransferred  
465 only to the manufacturer or distributor of the motorcycle, and which is reacquired by the manufacturer  
466 or distributor, or its agents.

467 "Family member" means a person who either (i) is the spouse, child, grandchild, spouse of a child,  
468 spouse of a grandchild, brother, sister, or parent of the dealer or owner, or (ii) has been employed  
469 continuously by the dealer for at least five years.

470 "Franchise" means a written contract or agreement between two or more persons whereby one  
471 person, the franchisee, is granted the right to engage in the business of offering and selling, servicing, or  
472 offering, selling, and servicing new motorcycles of a particular line-make or late model or factory  
473 repurchase motorcycles of a particular line-make manufactured or distributed by the grantor of the right,  
474 the franchisor, and where the operation of the franchisee's business is substantially associated with the  
475 franchisor's trademark, trade name, advertising, or other commercial symbol designating the franchisor,  
476 the motorcycle or its manufacturer or distributor. The term shall include any severable part or parts of a  
477 franchise agreement which separately provides for selling and servicing different line-makes of the  
478 franchisor.

479 "Franchised late model or factory repurchase motorcycle dealer" means a dealer in late model or  
480 factory repurchase motorcycles, including a franchised new motorcycle dealer, that has a franchise  
481 agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of the line-make of the late model or factory repurchase  
482 motorcycles.

483 "Franchised motorcycle dealer" or "franchised dealer" means a dealer in new motorcycles that has a  
484 franchise agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of new motorcycles.

485 "Independent motorcycle dealer" means a dealer in used motorcycles.

486 "Late model motorcycle" means a motorcycle of the current model year and the immediately  
487 preceding model year.

488 "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of constructing or assembling new  
489 motorcycles.

490 "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact

491 with the ground, except any vehicle included within the term "farm vehicle" or "moped" as defined in  
492 § 46.2-100.

493 "Motorcycle dealer" or "dealer" means any person who:

494 1. For commission, money, or other thing of value, buys, sells, exchanges, either outright or on  
495 conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel mortgage, or otherwise or arranges or offers or attempts to  
496 solicit or negotiate on behalf of others a sale, purchase, or exchange of an interest in new motorcycles,  
497 new and used motorcycles, or used motorcycles alone, whether or not the motorcycles are owned by  
498 him;

499 2. Is wholly or partly engaged in the business of selling new motorcycles, new and used motorcycles,  
500 or used motorcycles only, whether or not the motorcycles are owned by him; or

501 3. Offers to sell, sells, displays, or permits the display for sale, of five or more motorcycles within  
502 any twelve consecutive months.

503 The term "motorcycle dealer" does not include:

504 1. Receivers, trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, or other persons appointed by or acting  
505 under judgment or order of any court or their employees when engaged in the specific performance of  
506 their duties as employees.

507 2. Public officers, their deputies, assistants, or employees, while performing their official duties.

508 3. Persons other than business entities primarily engaged in the leasing or renting of motorcycles to  
509 others when selling or offering such motorcycles for sale at retail, disposing of motorcycles acquired for  
510 their own use and actually so used, when the motorcycles have been so acquired and used in good faith  
511 and not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this chapter.

512 4. Any financial institution chartered or authorized to do business under the laws of the  
513 Commonwealth or the United States which may have received title to a motorcycle in the normal course  
514 of its business by reason of a foreclosure, other taking, repossession, or voluntary reconveyance to that  
515 institution occurring as a result of any loan secured by a lien on the motorcycle.

516 5. An employee of an organization arranging for the purchase or lease by the organization of  
517 motorcycles for use in the organization's business.

518 6. Any person who permits the operation of a motorcycle show or permits the display of motorcycles  
519 for sale by any motorcycle dealer licensed under this chapter.

520 7. An insurance company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth that sells or disposes of  
521 motorcycles under a contract with its insured in the regular course of business.

522 8. Any publication, broadcast, or other communications media when engaged in the business of  
523 advertising, but not otherwise arranging for the sale of motorcycles owned by others.

524 9. Any person dealing solely in the sale or lease of motorcycles designed exclusively for off-road  
525 use.

526 10. Any credit union authorized to do business in Virginia, provided the credit union does not  
527 receive a commission, money, or other thing of value directly from a motorcycle dealer.

528 "Motorcycle salesperson" or "salesperson" means any person who is licensed as and employed as a  
529 salesperson by a motorcycle dealer to sell or exchange motorcycles.

530 "Motorcycle show" means a display of motorcycles to the general public at a location other than a  
531 dealer's location licensed under this chapter where the motorcycles are not being offered for sale or  
532 exchange during or as part of the display.

533 "New motorcycle" means any motorcycle which (i) has not been previously sold except in good faith  
534 for the purpose of resale, (ii) has not been used as a rental, driver education, or demonstration  
535 motorcycle, or for the personal and business transportation of the manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or  
536 any of his employees, (iii) has not been used except for limited use necessary in moving or road testing  
537 the motorcycle prior to delivery to a customer, (iv) is transferred by a certificate of origin, and (v) has  
538 the manufacturer's certification that it conforms to all applicable federal motorcycle safety and emission  
539 standards. Notwithstanding provisions (i) and (iii), a motorcycle that has been previously sold but not  
540 titled shall be deemed a new motorcycle if it meets the requirements of provisions (ii), (iv), and (v).

541 "Relevant market area" means as follows:

542 1. In metropolitan localities with a population of 250,000, the relevant market area shall be a circular  
543 area around an existing franchised dealer not to exceed a radius of ten miles, but in no case less than  
544 seven miles.

545 2. If the population in an area within a radius of ten miles around an existing franchised dealer is  
546 less than 250,000, but the population in an area within a radius of fifteen miles around an existing  
547 franchised dealer is 150,000 or more, the relevant market area shall be that area within the fifteen-mile  
548 radius.

549 3. In all other cases the relevant market area shall be an area within a radius of twenty miles around  
550 an existing franchised dealer or the area of responsibility defined in the franchise, whichever is greater.  
551 In any case where the franchise agreement is silent as to *the* area of responsibility, the relevant market

552 area shall be the greater of an area within a radius of twenty miles around an existing franchised dealer  
553 or that area in which the franchisor otherwise requires the franchisee to make significant retail sales or  
554 sales efforts.

555 In determining population for this definition, the most recent census by the U.S. Bureau of the  
556 Census or the most recent population update, either from the National Planning Data Corporation or  
557 other similar recognized source, shall be accumulated for all census tracts either wholly or partially  
558 within the relevant market area.

559 "Retail installment sale" means every sale of one or more motorcycles to a buyer for his use and not  
560 for resale, in which the price of the motorcycle is payable in one or more installments and in which the  
561 seller has either retained title to the goods or has taken or retained a security interest in the goods under  
562 form of contract designated either as a security agreement, conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel  
563 mortgage, or otherwise.

564 "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means the act or attempted act of selling, bartering, exchanging, or  
565 otherwise disposing of a motorcycle to a buyer for his personal use and not for resale.

566 "Sale at wholesale" or "wholesale" means a sale to motorcycle dealers or wholesalers other than to  
567 consumers, or a sale to one who intends to resell.

568 "Used motorcycle" means any motorcycle other than a new motorcycle as defined in this section.

569 "Wholesale auction" means an auction of motorcycles restricted to sales at wholesale.