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House Bill 545 (Delegate Hartman, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

Vehicle Laws - Annual Vehicle Shows - Motor and Trailer Homes

This bill exempts all motor home or Class G trailer dealers (and any employed salespersons) from restrictions on the number of annual vehicle shows in which the dealers or salespersons may participate. The bill also allows used vehicles to be sold at motor home or Class G trailer shows. Finally, the bill authorizes out-of-state motor home or Class G trailer dealers (and any employed salespersons) to participate in vehicle shows, subject to current application requirements and only if any such individuals are properly licensed by the vehicle dealer licensing authority of another state.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations, although Transportation Trust Fund revenues may increase minimally if more vehicles are sold than otherwise would be.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local government finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: New vehicle dealers and their salespersons are generally allowed to participate in two annual vehicle shows. However, new vehicle dealers and their salespersons may participate in more than two annual vehicle shows if the shows are limited to Class M motor homes or Class G trailers. Additionally, a new vehicle dealer franchised to sell motorcycles and their licensed salespersons may also participate in more than two annual vehicle shows.

Dealers and their salespersons may participate in vehicle shows only if (1) the person holds a valid dealer's license; (2) an application with specified information (including a list of the names and business addresses of participating dealers, to the extent known) is provided to the Motor Vehicle Administration at least 60 days prior to the show; and (3) the show does not exceed 10 consecutive days and (except for motorcycle shows) is restricted to new vehicles.

Small Business Effect: Any motor home or Class G trailer dealers that qualify as small businesses are authorized to participate in more than two vehicle shows under the bill. These dealers benefit to the extent they participate in additional shows under the bill and, as a result, sell additional motor or trailer homes.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 642 (Senator Carozza) - Judicial Proceedings.

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