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Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 1273
Economic Matters

(Delegate Pruski)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Manufacturers and Dealers - Delivery of Vehicles

This bill authorizes a licensed dealer or distributor to *electronically* submit an order (instead of placing a written order) to a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch. Accordingly, a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not refuse to deliver certain new vehicles and truck component parts, as specified, to a licensed dealer or distributor on receipt of an electronic order, subject to other requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not refuse to deliver new motor vehicles, new two-stage vehicles, or truck component parts, as the case may be, to a licensed dealer or distributor, in reasonable quantities and within a reasonable time after receipt of a written order, if specified requirements are met. Also, any system operated by a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch or its affiliate for the allocation of new vehicles to dealers must be reasonable and fair for all dealers.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 1003 (Senator Folden) - Judicial Proceedings.

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