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House Bill 163

(Delegate Hartman)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Motor Home and Recreational Vehicle Shows in Worcester County - Permit for
Out-of-State Dealers

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue an out-of-state motor home and recreational trailer vehicle show permit that allows the permit holder to participate in vehicle shows in Worcester County, as specified. The permit may be issued to a dealer of motor homes or recreational trailers licensed in another state that reciprocally authorizes Maryland dealers of motor homes and recreational trailers to display or exhibit motor homes or recreational trailers at vehicle shows in that state.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MVA can implement the bill with existing budgeted resources.

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

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: A permit holder may display or exhibit motor homes or recreational trailers at a vehicle show for motor homes or recreational trailers in Worcester County but may not execute a buyer's order or accept a deposit.

To obtain a permit, a licensed out-of-state dealer of motor homes or recreational trailers must (1) apply to MVA for a permit and (2) after approval of the permit, file a bond with MVA in a form prescribed and furnished by MVA, payable to the State, and conditioned on compliance with the conditions and limitations of the permit.

MVA must determine the amount of the bond and the duration of the permit. The bond must be executed by the permit holder and by a corporate surety approved by MVA. Liability under the bond must be for the duration of the permit, and a bond may not be fully released until all requirements of the bill, associated regulations, and permit conditions have been met or complied with.

MVA may suspend or revoke a permit if MVA determines that the permit holder is out of compliance with the bill's provisions or any permit conditions.

Current Law: An out-of-state dealer may not display or exhibit motor homes or recreational trailers, including executing a buyer's order or accepting a deposit, at a vehicle show for motor homes and recreational trailers in Maryland. Licensed Maryland dealers and their salespersons who participate in a vehicle show may execute a buyer's order and accept a deposit, except a licensed dealer may not accept a deposit that (1) for an order for any vehicle, except a Class M motor home, exceeds 5% of the cost of the vehicle or (2) for an order of a Class M motor home, exceeds 10% of the cost of the motor home. Also, licensed dealers and their salespersons must conduct activities involved in a vehicle sale, including the completion of the sales contract, the issuance of temporary registration plates and a temporary registration certificate, and delivery of the vehicle, at the dealer's fixed location as shown in the dealer's application for the license.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years; however, legislation with similar provisions has been proposed. For example, see SB 60 and HB 56 of 2024 and SB 642 and HB 545 of 2023.

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