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AN ACT

- Amending the act of December 18, 1987 (P.L.412, No.86), entitled "An act providing for the repurchase by the wholesaler, 2 manufacturer or distributor, from dealers or heirs of 3 dealers, of certain equipment, certain attachments and parts held for sale upon termination of agreement whereby the 5 dealer agrees to maintain a stock of such implements, 6 attachments and parts, and for the repurchase of certain tools," further providing for definitions, for termination of 7 8 dealer agreement and for death or incapacitation of dealer; 9 repealing provisions relating to coercion; and providing for 10 unlawful acts by supplier, for remedies and enforcement and 11 for waiver. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of December 18, 1987 16 (P.L.412, No.86), known as the Pennsylvania Fair Dealership Law, is amended to read: 17 Section 2. Definitions. 18 19 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall 20 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the 21 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 22 <u>"Construction equipment manufacturer." A manufacturer of</u>
- 23 construction, industrial, forestry, paving and mining equipment,

- 1 repair parts or specialized repair tools that does not
- 2 manufacture consumer or farming equipment either by itself or
- 3 <u>through an affiliate.</u>
- 4 "Consumer equipment." Machinery designed and manufactured
- 5 primarily for household use.
- 6 "Current net price." The price, applicable to an individual
- 7 dealer, listed in the printed price list or catalog or invoice
- 8 in use by the supplier on the date the dealer agreement is
- 9 terminated or canceled or has failed to be renewed.
- 10 "Dealer." Any person, firm or corporation engaged primarily
- 11 in the business of retail sale or repair of equipment. The term
- 12 includes the heir or authorized representative of a person or
- 13 majority stockholder of a corporation operating as a dealer in
- 14 the event such person or stockholder dies or becomes
- 15 incapacitated. The term does not include a person, firm or
- 16 corporation that complies with all of the following:
- 17 (1) Has purchased new equipment from a single
- construction equipment manufacturer, constituting no less
- than 75% of the person's, firm's or corporation's new
- 20 equipment, calculated on the basis of net cost.
- 21 (2) Has an annual average sales volume in excess of
- 22 \$100,000,000 over the seven-calendar-year period immediately
- 23 <u>preceding the applicable determination date; provided,</u>
- however, the \$100,000,000 threshold shall be increased each
- 25 year by an amount equal to the then-current threshold
- 26 multiplied by the percentage increase in the index from
- 27 <u>January of the immediately preceding calendar year to January</u>
- of the current year.
- 29 (3) Directly employs over 250 persons.
- 30 (4) Has a written agreement with a construction

- 1 <u>equipment manufacturer that requires the construction</u>
- 2 equipment manufacturer to compensate the person, firm or
- 3 <u>corporation for warranty labor costs either as:</u>
- 4 (i) a discount in the pricing of the equipment to
- 5 <u>the person, firm or corporation; or</u>
- 6 (ii) a lump sum payment to the person, firm or
- 7 <u>corporation that is made within 90 days of the sale of</u>
- 8 <u>the construction equipment manufacturer's new equipment.</u>
- 9 "Dealer agreement." An oral or written contract, franchise
- 10 agreement or security agreement between a dealer and supplier
- 11 whereby the dealer agrees to acquire from the supplier and to
- 12 maintain an inventory of equipment, repair parts or specialized
- 13 repair tools.
- 14 "Dual" or "dualing." A dealership having two or more line-
- 15 makes of equipment located in the same dealership facilities.
- 16 "Equipment." Machines, implements of husbandry, golf, turf
- 17 and grounds maintenance machines, outdoor power equipment,
- 18 utility vehicles and machine attachments, accessories,
- 19 <u>completing packages and bundles</u> designed for or adapted and used
- 20 for agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, construction,
- 21 livestock raising, silviculture, landscaping and grounds
- 22 maintenance, even though incidentally operated or used upon the
- 23 highways, including, but not limited to, tractors, farm
- 24 implements, loaders, backhoes, lawn mowers, rototillers, etc.,
- 25 and any business signs purchased by requirement of the supplier
- 26 which are less than five years old. The term shall not include[:
- 27 (1) equipment manufactured solely for the purpose of
- 28 industrial construction; or
- 29 (2) | all-terrain vehicles as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. §
- 30 7702 (relating to definitions).

- 1 <u>"Farming equipment." Machinery designed and used for</u>
- 2 <u>agricultural operations, including farm tractors, choppers,</u>
- 3 <u>balers, reapers, mowers, pickers, threshers, combines, plows,</u>
- 4 harrows, planters and any other vehicles or machines primarily
- 5 <u>designed for use as implements of husbandry or multipurpose</u>
- 6 <u>agricultural vehicles</u>.
- 7 "Index." The producer price index prepared by the United
- 8 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as it
- 9 relates to construction, mining and forestry equipment.
- 10 "Line-make." Groups of equipment that are offered for sale,
- 11 <u>lease or distribution under a common name, trademark, service</u>
- 12 mark or brand name of the supplier of the same equipment.
- 13 "Mining equipment." Machinery designed and used in the
- 14 production process at a mine site, including off-highway mining
- 15 trucks, large-wheel loaders, large track-type tractors, large-
- 16 wheel dozers, mining motor graders, open bowl scrapers and
- 17 underground mining trucks.
- 18 "Net cost." The amount paid by the dealer to the supplier,
- 19 plus the cost of freight, if any, incurred by the dealer[.], as_
- 20 long as the manufacturer initiates the termination or
- 21 nonrenewal. The term does not include the cost of freight if the
- 22 <u>dealer initiates the termination or nonrenewal.</u>
- 23 "Nonservicing dealer." A dealer that sells equipment but
- 24 does not provide parts and service.
- 25 "Paving equipment." Machinery designed and used for asphalt
- 26 paving, including asphalt pavers, cold planers, asphalt
- 27 compactors, pneumatic compactors and rotary mixers.
- 28 "Repair parts." All parts, component parts and superseded
- 29 parts related to a sale and related to repair of equipment. The
- 30 term includes bundled parts, which means several related parts,

- 1 components or accessories, bound together as one inclusive item
- 2 or priced as an inclusive item.
- 3 "Site-control agreement" or "exclusive use agreement." An
- 4 agreement that, regardless of its name, title, form or the
- 5 parties entering into it, has the effect of:
- 6 (1) controlling the use and development of the premises
- 7 of a dealer's facility;
- 8 (2) requiring a dealer to establish or maintain an
- 9 <u>exclusive dealership facility on the premises of a dealer's</u>
- 10 facility;
- 11 (3) restricting the power or authority of the dealer or
- the lessor if the dealer leases the dealership premises to
- transfer, sell, lease, develop, redevelop or change the use
- of the dealership premises, whether by sublease, lease,
- 15 <u>collateral pledge of lease, right of first refusal to</u>
- 16 <u>purchase or lease, option to purchase or lease or any similar</u>
- 17 arrangement; or
- 18 (4) preventing the dealer from dualing a competitive
- 19 line-make of equipment at the same facility.
- 20 "Specialized repair tools." Tools and equipment, including
- 21 diagnostic equipment, designed to be used or useful only in the
- 22 maintenance and repair of equipment.
- "Supplier." [A manufacturer of equipment or repair parts or
- 24 a wholesaler or distributor of equipment or repair parts who has
- 25 a valid existing contract with a manufacturer of equipment or
- 26 repair parts, including the successors or assigns of such
- 27 manufacturer, wholesaler or distributor.] A distributor,
- 28 manufacturer or wholesaler of equipment, repair parts or
- 29 specialized repair tools who enters into a dealer agreement with
- 30 a dealer.

- 1 Section 2. Section 3(a), (c) and (f) of the act are amended
- 2 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 3 Section 3. Termination of dealer agreement.
- 4 (a) General provisions.--
- 5 (1) A dealer may terminate a dealer agreement with good
- 6 <u>cause. A dealer shall give the supplier at least 30 days'</u>
- 7 <u>prior notice via registered letter mailed to the last known</u>
- 8 <u>address of the supplier.</u>
- 9 <u>(2)</u> It shall be unlawful for a supplier to terminate,
- 10 cancel or fail to renew a dealer agreement or substantially
- change the competitive circumstances of a dealer agreement
- 12 <u>without good cause</u> except as provided in subsection (b) or
- 13 (c).
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- 15 (c) Other exceptions. -- [Subject to the provisions of this
- 16 subsection, a supplier may terminate, cancel or fail to renew a
- 17 dealer agreement under such conditions as may be provided for in
- 18 the dealer agreement. When a dealer agreement is terminated or
- 19 canceled or has failed to be renewed by the supplier under a
- 20 condition provided for in the dealer agreement, other than a
- 21 condition set forth in subsection (b), the] The supplier, upon
- 22 written request of the dealer, shall pay to the dealer, or
- 23 credit to the dealer's account if the dealer has outstanding any
- 24 sums owing the supplier:
- 25 (1) A sum equal to 100% of the net cost of all equipment
- that the dealer purchased from the supplier and not
- 27 previously sold and put into regular use or service preceding
- 28 notification by either party of intent to cancel, terminate
- or fail to renew the dealer agreement.
- 30 (2) A sum equal to 100% of the current net price of

1 repair parts, including superseded repair parts, previously 2 purchased from the supplier and 75% of the current net price 3 of specialized repair tools previously purchased pursuant to the requirements of the supplier and held by the dealer on 4 5 the date of termination, cancellation or failure to renew the 6 dealer agreement. In addition, the supplier shall pay the 7 dealer, or credit to the dealer's account if the dealer has 8 outstanding any sums owing the supplier, a sum equal to 5% of 9 the current net price of all repair parts, excluding incoming freight cost, and specialized repair tools returned to the 10 11 supplier to compensate the dealer for the inventory, packing 12 and loading of the same to the supplier, provided that the 13 supplier may perform such inventory, packing and loading in 14 lieu of paying 5% to the dealer. Upon the payment or 15 allowance of credit to the dealer's account, as applicable, 16 in the sum required by this section, all of the dealer's 17 title and interest in and to the equipment, repair parts and 18 specialized repair tools shall pass to the supplier, and the supplier shall be entitled to the possession of the same. 19 20 Payments or allowance of credit to the dealer, as applicable, 21 required by this section shall be made no later than 90 days 22 after such termination, cancellation or discontinuance or 60 23 days after the supplier's receipt of the equipment, repair 24 parts or specialized repair tools.

(3) In the event a dealer terminates a dealer agreement, the obligation of the supplier to repurchase equipment, repair parts and specialized repair tools shall be governed by the terms and conditions then in effect in the dealer agreement between the supplier and the dealer and not by the provisions of this act.

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- 2 (f) Deficiencies may be cured. -- Except for termination,
- 3 cancellation or discontinuance for reasons set forth in
- 4 subsection (b)(3) through (7), the supplier shall allow the
- 5 dealer no less than [60] 90 days to cure the deficiencies set
- 6 forth in the notice required under subsection (e). Any such time
- 7 provided to the dealer to cure deficiencies shall be calculated
- 8 from the date of receipt of notice.
- 9 (g) Definition. -- As used in this section, the term "good
- 10 cause" means the failure by a dealer to substantially comply
- 11 with the requirements imposed upon the dealer by the dealer
- 12 <u>agreement</u>, as long as the requirements are not different from
- 13 requirements imposed on other dealers of the same size,
- 14 geographic region and market demographics, either by their terms
- 15 or in the manner of their enforcement.
- 16 Section 3. Section 5 of the act is amended to read:
- 17 Section 5. Death or incapacitation of dealer.
- 18 In the event of the death or incapacity of a dealer, the
- 19 supplier shall repurchase, at the option of the heir or
- 20 authorized representative of such person or stockholder, the
- 21 equipment, repair parts and specialized repair tools of the
- 22 dealer as if the supplier had terminated, canceled or failed to
- 23 renew the contract. The heir or authorized representative shall
- 24 have [120 days] one year from the date of the death of such
- 25 dealer or from the date such dealer is determined to be
- 26 incapacitated or becomes totally disabled, as applicable, to
- 27 exercise the option under this section. Nothing in this act
- 28 requires the repurchase of any equipment, repair parts and
- 29 specialized repair tools if the heir and supplier enter into a
- 30 new contract to operate the retail dealership.

- 1 Section 4. Section 9 of the act is repealed:
- 2 [Section 9. No coercion.
- 3 It shall be a violation for any supplier to require, attempt
- 4 to require, coerce or attempt to coerce any dealer in this
- 5 Commonwealth to order or accept delivery of any equipment or
- 6 repair parts not required by law which shall not have been
- 7 voluntarily ordered by the dealer.]
- 8 Section 5. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 9 <u>Section 9.1. Unlawful acts by supplier.</u>
- 10 (a) Unlawful coercive acts. -- It shall be a violation for any
- 11 supplier, or any representative, officer or agent whatsoever of
- 12 <u>such supplier to require, attempt to require, coerce or attempt</u>
- 13 to coerce any dealer in this Commonwealth to:
- 14 (1) Order or accept delivery of any equipment, part or
- 15 <u>accessory thereof, equipment or any other commodity not</u>
- 16 <u>required by law which shall not have been voluntarily ordered</u>
- by the dealer, except that this paragraph is not intended to
- 18 modify or supersede any terms or provisions of the dealer
- 19 <u>agreement requiring dealers to market a representative line</u>
- of equipment which the supplier is publicly advertising.
- 21 (2) Order or accept delivery of any equipment with
- 22 special features, accessories or equipment not included in
- 23 the list price of such equipment as publicly advertised by
- the supplier.
- 25 (3) Participate monetarily in an advertising campaign or
- 26 contest or to purchase unnecessary or unreasonable quantities
- of any promotional materials, training materials, showroom or
- other display decorations or materials at the expense of the
- dealer.
- 30 (4) Enter into any agreement with the supplier or to do

1 any other act prejudicial to the dealer by threatening to

2 <u>terminate or not renew a dealer agreement or any other</u>

3 contractual agreement existing between the dealer and the

4 <u>supplier, except that this paragraph is not intended to</u>

5 <u>preclude the supplier from insisting on compliance with the</u>

reasonable terms or provisions of the dealer agreement or any

other contractual agreement and notice in good faith to any

dealer of the dealer's violation of such terms or provisions

shall not constitute a violation of this act.

- (5) Change the capital structure of the dealer or the means by or through which the dealer finances the operation of the dealership, provided that the dealer at all times meets any reasonable capital standards determined by the supplier in accordance with uniformly applied criteria, and also provided that no change in the capital structure shall cause a change in the principal management or have the effect of a sale of the dealership without the consent of the supplier. The consent shall be granted or denied within 60 days of receipt of a written request from the dealer.
- 20 (6) Refrain from participation in the management of, 21 investment in or the acquisition of any other line-make of 22 equipment or related products. This paragraph does not apply 23 unless the dealer maintains a reasonable line of credit for 24 each line-make of equipment, the dealer remains in compliance 25 with the reasonable terms of the dealer agreement and any 26 reasonable facilities requirements of the supplier, and no 27 change is made in the principal management of the dealer. The reasonable facilities requirements shall not include any 28 29 requirement that a dealer establish or maintain exclusive 30 facilities, personnel or display space when such requirements

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or any of them would be unreasonable in light of economic

2 conditions and would not otherwise be justified by reasonable

3 business considerations. Before the addition of a line-make

4 <u>to the dealership facilities, the dealer shall first request</u>

the consent of supplier if required by the dealer agreement.

Any decision of the supplier with regard to dualing of two or

more line-makes shall be rendered within 60 days of receipt

of a written request from the dealer. Failure on the part of

the supplier to timely respond to a dualing request shall be

deemed an approval of the dealer's request. No supplier shall

11 <u>limit or restrict the addition of a line-make to the</u>

12 <u>dealership facilities where the dealer maintains a reasonable</u>

line of credit for that supplier's like-make of equipment and

the dealer remains in compliance with the reasonable terms of

the dealer agreement and any reasonable facilities

16 <u>requirements of a supplier.</u>

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(7) Prospectively assent to a release, assignment,
novation, waiver or estoppel which would relieve any person
from liability to be imposed by this act or to require any
controversy between a dealer and a supplier to be referred to
any person other than the duly constituted courts of this
Commonwealth or the United States, if such referral would be
binding upon the dealer. A dealer and the supplier, by
themselves or through their respective counsel, are permitted
to agree to execute a written agreement or to arbitrate in a

(8) Expand, construct or significantly modify facilities
without assurances that the supplier will provide a
reasonable supply of equipment within a reasonable time so as
to justify such an expansion in light of the market and

binding or nonbinding manner after a controversy arises.

- 1 economic conditions or require a separate facility for the
- 2 sale or service of a line-make of equipment if the market and
- 3 economic conditions do not clearly justify the separate
- 4 <u>facility.</u>
- 5 (b) Violations.--It shall be a violation for any supplier,
- 6 or any representative, officer or agent whatsoever of such
- 7 <u>supplier under the act to:</u>
- 8 (1) Delay, refuse or fail to deliver equipment or parts
- 9 <u>or accessories in a reasonable time and in reasonable</u>
- 10 quantity relative to the dealer's facilities and sales
- 11 <u>potential after acceptance of an order from a dealer having a</u>
- dealer agreement for the retail sale of any equipment sold or
- distributed of an order from a dealer having a dealer
- 14 <u>agreement for the retail sale of any equipment sold or</u>
- distributed by the supplier as are covered by such dealer
- 16 <u>agreement, if such equipment, parts or accessories are</u>
- 17 publicly advertised as being available for immediate
- delivery. There is no violation if the failure is caused by
- 19 <u>acts or causes beyond the control of the supplier.</u>
- 20 (2) Unfairly discriminate among its dealers with respect
- 21 to warranty, recall, service contract or any other service
- 22 required by the supplier with regard to labor or parts
- 23 reimbursement.
- 24 (3) Unreasonably withhold consent to the sale, transfer
- 25 or exchange of the dealership to a qualified buyer capable of
- being a dealer in this Commonwealth who meets the supplier's
- 27 reasonable requirements for appointment as a dealer.
- 28 (4) Arbitrarily and capriciously withhold consent to the
- 29 relocation of an existing dealership.
- 30 (5) Fail to respond in writing to a request for consent

1 as specified in paragraphs (3) and (4) within 60 days of 2 receipt of a written request on the forms, if any, generally utilized by a supplier for such purposes and containing the 3 4 information required. The failure to respond shall be deemed to be approval of the request. A supplier shall acknowledge 5 in writing to the applicant the receipt of the forms, and, if 6 7 the supplier requires additional information to complete its 8 review, the supplier shall notify the applicant within 15 9 days of the receipt of the forms. If the supplier fails to request additional information from the applicant within 15 10 days after receipt of the initial forms, the 60-day time 11 12 period for approval shall be deemed to run from the initial 13 receipt date, otherwise, the 60-day time period for approval 14 shall run from receipt of the supplemental requested

information. In no event shall the total time period for

approval exceed 75 days from the date of the receipt of the

otherwise any dealer from changing the executive management control of the dealer unless the supplier, having the burden of proof, can show that such change of executive management will result in executive management or control by a person or persons who are not of good moral character or who do not meet reasonable, preexisting, and, with consideration given to the volume of sales and service of the dealership, uniformly applied minimum business experience standards.

Where the supplier rejects a proposed change in executive management control, the supplier shall give written notice of its reasons to the dealer within 60 days of notice to the supplier by the dealer of the proposed change, otherwise, the

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1 <u>change in the executive management of the dealer shall be</u>

2 presumptively deemed approved.

(7) Offer in connection with a sale of equipment to the Federal Government, the Commonwealth or any political

subdivision thereof any discounts, refunds or any other type

of inducement to any dealer without making the same offer or

offers available to all other of its dealers within this

Commonwealth. This paragraph shall not be construed to

prevent the offering of incentive programs or other discounts

if the discounts are equally available to all dealers in this

Commonwealth on a proportionally equal basis.

- (8) Fail to indemnify its dealers, notwithstanding the terms of any dealer agreement, against any judgment for damages or settlement approved in writing by the supplier, including, but not limited to, court costs and reasonable attorney fees of the dealer, arising out of complaints, claims or lawsuits, including, but not limited to, strict liability, negligence, misrepresentation, express or implied warranty or rescission of the sale as defined in 13 Pa.C.S. § 2608 (relating to revocation of acceptance in whole or in part) to the extent that the judgment or settlement relates solely to the alleged defective or negligent functions by the supplier beyond the control of the dealer.
- (9) Sell or exchange with a second or final stage supplier, retail consumer or end user except through a licensed dealer. This paragraph shall not apply to supplier sales of equipment to the Federal Government, charitable organizations and employees of the supplier.
- 29 <u>(10) Modify a dealer agreement during the term of the</u>
 30 <u>dealer agreement or upon its renewal if the modification</u>

Τ	substantially and adversely affects the dealer's rights,
2	obligations, investment or return on investment without
3	giving 60 days' written notice of the proposed modification
4	to the dealer unless the modification is required by law or
5	court order. The supplier shall provide in the written notice
6	the good cause and relevant factors of the proposed dealer
7	agreement modification, including, but not limited to:
8	(i) The reasons for the proposed modification.
9	(ii) Whether the proposed modification is applied to
10	or affects all dealers in a nondiscriminatory manner.
11	(iii) Whether the proposed modification will have a
12	substantial and adverse effect upon the dealer's
13	investment or return on investment.
14	(iv) Whether the proposed modification is in the
15	<pre>public interest.</pre>
16	(v) Whether the proposed modification is necessary
17	to the orderly and profitable distribution of products by
18	the supplier.
19	(vi) Whether the proposed modification is offset by
20	other modifications beneficial to the dealer.
21	(11) Fail or refuse to offer to its dealers all new
22	model equipment manufactured for that line-make or require
23	any of its dealers to pay an unreasonable fee, unreasonably
24	remodel or renovate the dealer's existing facilities,
25	unreasonably purchase or construct a new facility,
26	unreasonably purchase parts, supplies, tools, equipment,
27	operational services, other merchandise or unreasonably
28	participate in training programs in order to receive any
29	equipment, parts or accessories. It shall not be a violation
30	of this paragraph if the supplier fails to supply dealers

1	with equipment, parts or accessories due to circumstances
2	beyond the control of the supplier, including, but not
3	limited to, strike or labor difficulty, shortage of
4	materials, freight embargo or temporary lack of capacity.
5	(12) Operate a system for the allocation of equipment
6	which is not reasonable or fair to a dealer. Upon the written
7	request of any of its dealers, a supplier shall disclose to
8	the dealer the method on which the equipment is allocated
9	among the dealers of the same line-make. The supplier has the
10	burden of establishing the fairness of its allocation.
11	(13) Own, operate or control, either directly or
12	indirectly, any equipment warranty facility. Nothing is this
13	subsection shall prohibit any supplier from owning, operating
14	or controlling any warranty facility for warranty repairs on
15	equipment owned or operated by the supplier.
16	(14) Compel a dealer through a finance subsidiary of the
17	supplier to agree to unreasonable operating requirements or
18	to directly or indirectly terminate a dealer through the
19	actions of a finance subsidiary of the supplier. This
20	paragraph shall not limit the right of a financing entity to
21	engage in business practices in accordance with the trade of
22	retail or wholesale equipment financing.
23	(15) Use any subsidiary corporation, affiliated
24	corporation or any other controlled corporation, partnership,
25	association, entity or person to accomplish what would
26	otherwise be illegal conduct under this act on the part of
27	the supplier.

28 (16) Vary the price charged to any of its dealers, which
29 has the effect of causing a difference in the price of any
30 similarly equipped equipment to its dealers or to the

Τ	ultimate purchaser. This paragraph shall not be construed to
2	prevent the offering of incentive programs or other discounts
3	if the incentive or discounts are available to all competing
4	dealers of the same line-make in this Commonwealth on a
5	proportionately equal basis.
6	(17) (i) Directly or indirectly condition any of the
7	following actions on a dealer, prospective dealer or
8	owner of an interest in a dealership or facility to enter
9	into a site-control agreement or exclusive use agreement:
10	(A) awarding of a dealership to a prospective
11	<pre>dealer;</pre>
12	(B) adding of a line-make or dealership to an
13	<pre>existing dealer's facility;</pre>
14	(C) renewal of an existing dealer's dealer
15	<pre>agreement;</pre>
16	(D) approving of the relocation of an existing
17	dealer's facility; or
18	(E) approving of the sale or transfer of a
19	dealer's ownership of a dealership or facility.
20	(ii) Nothing in this paragraph prohibits a dealer,
21	prospective dealer or owner of an interest in a
22	dealership or facility from voluntarily entering into
23	such an agreement for other consideration. However, a
24	provision contained in an agreement which is not
25	voluntarily entered into by a dealer, prospective dealer
26	or owner of an interest in a dealership or facility on or
27	after the effective date of this paragraph that is
28	inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall be
29	a violation of this act.

30 <u>Section 9.2. Remedies and enforcement.</u>

- 1 The provisions of this act shall be supplemental to any
- 2 <u>dealer agreement between the dealer and the supplier which</u>
- 3 provides the dealer with greater protection. The dealer may
- 4 <u>elect to pursue its contract remedy or the remedy provided by</u>
- 5 State law, or both; and an election by the dealer to pursue such
- 6 remedies shall not bar its right to exercise any other remedies
- 7 that may be granted at law or in equity. If a supplier violates
- 8 this act, a dealer may bring an action against the supplier in a
- 9 court of competent jurisdiction for damages sustained by the
- 10 dealer as a consequence of the supplier's violation, including
- 11 consequential damages and incidental damages, court costs,
- 12 <u>attorney fees and costs of arbitrators. The dealer also may be</u>
- 13 granted injunctive relief against unlawful termination,
- 14 cancellation, nonrenewal or substantial change of competitive
- 15 circumstances. The remedies set forth in this section shall not
- 16 be deemed exclusive and shall be in addition to any other
- 17 remedies permitted by law.
- 18 Section 9.3. Waiver.
- 19 (a) Waiver of act void. -- An attempted waiver of a provision
- 20 of this act shall be void. Any provision in a dealer agreement
- 21 that purports to elect the application of the law of a state
- 22 other than Pennsylvania shall be void. Any provision in a dealer
- 23 agreement that requires a dealer to pay attorney fees incurred
- 24 by a supplier shall be void.
- 25 (b) Waiver of right to trial by jury. -- No supplier may
- 26 require a dealer to waive the right to a trial by jury as a
- 27 remedy to a supplier and dealer contract or agreement dispute.
- 28 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.