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Update Alaska's of Auto Dealer Franchise Act – SB 47

SB 47 updates Alaska's Statutes dealing with franchise agreements between Alaska's auto dealers and outside auto manufacturers. The bill includes provisions dealing with manufacturer policies on warranty service, which will positively impact Alaska consumers and workers.

This legislation brings to Alaska much-needed updates that level the playing field by providing protections to Alaskan businesses and consumers. These protections exist in most other states, however Alaska is behind in updating its laws. Specifically it:

- 1. Addresses what constitutes good cause for termination or nonrenewal of franchise agreements by adopting good faith standards for the manufacturers, including reasonable performance goals and supplying inventory.
- 2. Updates notice requirements in cases of termination or nonrenewal of franchise agreements and sets procedures for returning inventory to the manufacturer, including vehicles, parts, and signage previously required by the manufacturer.
- 3. Establishes procedures determining fair compensation to dealers for warranty work, governing manufacturer audits, and allowing dealers to provide warranty work for consumers over 100 miles from the dealer or not accessible by road.
- 4. Establishes procedures governing succession planning for dealerships.
- 5. Provides terms appropriate for rural states rather than large urban centers governing the establishment of new and relocated dealerships.
- 6. Addresses the sale, transfer or exchange of franchises.



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