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LLS NO. 10-1118.01 Jery Payne

SENATE BILL 10-201

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE**
102 **LAWS AGAINST CERTAIN TYPES OF LICENSEES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

House Bill 10-1049 created a right of first refusal when a motor vehicle manufacturer terminates a motor vehicle dealer's franchise and within 5 years offers the same franchise within 5 miles of the original franchise. **Section 2** of the bill imposes a civil fine of \$10,000 to \$25,000 on a motor vehicle manufacturer or distributor for failing to offer the right

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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of first refusal or make a compensation payment required under the right of first refusal. **Section 3** expands the remedies for such failure to include costs of the action that a person licensed under the motor vehicle dealer statutes may recover from a manufacturer or distributor.

Section 1 clarifies that a license may be denied, suspended, or revoked for willfully failing to offer the right of first refusal or make a compensation payment required under the right of first refusal.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 12-6-118 (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **12-6-118. Licenses - grounds for denial, suspension, or**
5 **revocation.** (1) A manufacturer's or distributor's license may be denied,
6 suspended, or revoked on the following grounds:

7 (c) Willful failure to comply with ~~any provisions of~~ this part 1,
8 INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL CREATED IN SECTION 12-6-120.3
9 (5), or any rule or regulation promulgated by the executive director;

10 **SECTION 2.** 12-6-105, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
11 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

12 **12-6-105. Powers and duties of executive director.** (3) THE
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN
14 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND
15 DOLLARS ON A MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR
16 MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES SECTION
17 12-6-120.3 (5). EACH DAY THAT A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR
18 MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE VIOLATES SECTION 12-6-120.3 (5) BY
19 FAILING TO OFFER THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OR FAILING TO MAKE A
20 PAYMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-6-120.3 (5) IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

21 **SECTION 3.** 12-6-122 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read:

1 **12-6-122. Right of action for loss.** (3) If any licensee suffers
2 any loss or damage ~~by reason of any unlawful act as provided in~~ BECAUSE
3 OF A VIOLATION OF section 12-6-120 (1) ~~such~~ OR 12-6-120.3 (5), THE
4 licensee shall have a right of action against ~~such~~ THE manufacturer,
5 distributor, or manufacturer representative. In any court action wherein
6 a manufacturer, distributor, or manufacturer representative has been
7 found liable in damages to any licensee under this part 1, any licensee so
8 damaged shall also be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees AND
9 COSTS as part of his or her damages.

10 **SECTION 4. Applicability.** This act applies to offenses
11 committed on or after the effective date of this act.

12 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.