

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1856

H. P. 1418

House of Representatives, April 9, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to License for Manufacturers Selling Motor Vehicles in
Maine.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 29, c. 4, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 4 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4

MANUFACTURERS' LICENSE

§ 71. Manufacturers' license

No manufacturers' vehicles shall be sold in this State unless the manufacturer on direct dealerships of vehicles, is licensed. The obtaining of a license shall conclusively establish that such manufacturer is doing business in this State and shall subject the licensee to all provisions of the Maine Statutes regulating manufacturers. The license shall be granted by the Secretary of State on payment of a fee of \$500.

§ 72. Denial, suspension or revocation

A license may be denied, suspended or revoked on the following grounds:

1. Being a manufacturer of motor vehicles, factory branch, distributor, field representative, officer, agent or any representative whatsoever of such motor vehicle manufacturer or factory branch, who has induced or coerced or attempted to induce or coerce any automobile dealer to accept delivery of any motor vehicle or vehicles, parts or accessories therefor, or any other commodities which shall not have been ordered by said dealer;

2. Being a manufacturer of motor vehicles, factory branch, distributor, field representative, officer, agent or any representative whatsoever of such motor vehicle manufacturer or factory branch, who has attempted to induce or coerce, or has induced or coerced, any automobile dealer to enter into any agreement with such manufacturer, factory branch or representative thereof, or to do any other act unfair to said dealer, by threatening to cancel any franchise existing between such manufacturer, factory branch or representative thereof and said dealer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.