

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle dealers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 190.030 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) A motor vehicle dealer, new, used, or auction motor vehicle dealer, nonprofit motor  
5 vehicle dealer, motor vehicle leasing dealer, restricted motor vehicle dealer,  
6 motorcycle dealer, broker, wholesaler, automotive recycling dealer, new  
7 recreational vehicle dealer, a salesperson of motor vehicles, or a salesperson of new  
8 recreational vehicles shall not engage in business in this state at any location  
9 without a license issued for that location as provided in KRS 190.010 to 190.080. If  
10 a person acts as a motor vehicle salesperson or a new recreational vehicle  
11 salesperson, he shall secure a motor vehicle salesperson's license or a new  
12 recreational vehicle salesperson's license in addition to a license for a motor vehicle  
13 dealer or for a new recreational vehicle dealer. The motor vehicle commission may  
14 provide by administrative regulation for other licensee activities and an appropriate  
15 fee.
- 16 (2) A manufacturer of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, factory branch, distributor,  
17 distributor branch, or wholesaler shall not engage in business in this state without a  
18 license as provided in KRS 190.010 to 190.080.
- 19 (3) A factory representative or distributor representative shall not engage in business in  
20 this state without a license as provided in KRS 190.010 to 190.080.
- 21 (4) Application for license shall be made to the licensor, at a time, in a form, and  
22 containing information the licensor shall require and shall be accompanied by the  
23 required fee. The licensor may require in the application, or otherwise, information  
24 relating to the applicant's solvency, his financial standing, or other pertinent matter  
25 commensurate with the safeguarding of the public interest in the locality in which  
26 the applicant proposes to engage in business. The information may be considered by  
27 the licensor in determining the fitness of the applicant to engage in business as set

1       forth in this section.

2       (5) All licenses shall be granted or refused within thirty (30) days after submission of a  
3       complete application and shall expire, unless revoked or suspended, on December  
4       31 of the calendar year for which they are granted. If a complaint of unfair  
5       cancellation of dealer franchise is in the process of being heard, a replacement  
6       application for the franchise shall not be considered until a decision is rendered by  
7       the commission.

8       (6) The license fee for a calendar year, or part thereof, shall be as follows:

9       (a) For new motor vehicle dealers, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one hundred~~  
10       dollars ~~(\$100)~~ for each office or branch or agent thereof, plus one hundred  
11       fifty dollars (\$150)~~one hundred dollars (\$100)~~ for a supplemental license for  
12       each used car lot not immediately adjacent to the office or to a branch;

13       (b) For used motor vehicle dealers, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one hundred~~  
14       dollars ~~(\$100)~~ for each office or branch or agent thereof;

15       (c) For motor vehicle leasing dealers, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one~~  
16       hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~ for each office or branch or agent thereof;

17       (d) For restricted motor vehicle dealers, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one~~  
18       hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~ for each office or branch or agent thereof;

19       (e) For motorcycle dealers, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one hundred dollars~~  
20       ~~(\$100)~~ for each office, branch, or agent thereof;

21       (f) For motor vehicle manufacturers, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one~~  
22       hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~; and for each factory branch in this state, one  
23       hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~one hundred dollars (\$100)~~;

24       (g) For distributors, motor vehicle auction dealers or wholesalers, the same as for  
25       dealers;

26       (h) For motor vehicle or recreational vehicle salespersons, twenty dollars (\$20), to  
27       be paid by the licensed dealer for every salesperson the dealer employs;

- 1 (i) For factory representatives, or distributor branch representatives, *one hundred*  
2 *fifty dollars (\$150)*~~one hundred dollars (\$100)~~;
- 3 (j) For automotive mobility dealers, *one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)*~~one~~  
4 ~~hundred dollars (\$100)~~;
- 5 (k) For nonprofit motor vehicle dealers, *one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)*~~one~~  
6 ~~hundred dollars (\$100)~~;
- 7 (l) For nonprofit motor vehicle dealer salespersons, a license fee shall not be  
8 imposed;
- 9 (m) For recreational vehicle manufacturers or distributors, *one hundred fifty*  
10 *dollars (\$150)*~~one hundred dollars (\$100)~~; and
- 11 (n) For new recreational vehicle dealers, *one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)*~~one~~  
12 ~~hundred dollars (\$100)~~.
- 13 (7) (a) The licenses of dealers, manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, and  
14 distributor branches shall specify the location of the office or branch and shall  
15 be conspicuously displayed there. If the location is changed, the licensor shall  
16 endorse the change of location on the license. A licensee shall not be charged  
17 a fee for changing locations. A change of location shall require a new  
18 application.
- 19 (b) 1. A motor vehicle dealer who is not a new motor vehicle dealer may  
20 conduct a temporary sale or display in the county where the dealer is  
21 licensed to conduct business.
- 22 2. A new motor vehicle dealer may conduct a temporary sale or display in  
23 the dealer's market as defined in KRS 190.047(6).
- 24 3. A recreational vehicle dealer may conduct a temporary sale or display in  
25 the county where the dealer is licensed to conduct business or in any  
26 other county where there is no licensed recreational vehicle dealer.
- 27 (c) A temporary sale or display may be conducted under this subsection if the

1 temporary sale or display is permitted under an enabling ordinance enacted by  
2 the city, county, urban-county, or consolidated local government within whose  
3 boundaries the temporary sale or display is to be conducted. A temporary sale  
4 or display shall be advertised as temporary in nature and shall consist of a  
5 representative sampling of the inventory of each participating licensee.

6 (d) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a nonprofit motor vehicle  
7 dealer.

8 (8) Every salesperson, factory representative, or distributor representative shall carry  
9 his license when engaged in business, and display it upon request. The license shall  
10 name his employer; and in case of a change of employer, the salesperson shall  
11 immediately mail his license to the licensor who shall endorse the change on the  
12 license without charge.

13 (9) If the licensor has reasonable cause to doubt the financial responsibility or the  
14 compliance by the applicant or licensee with the provisions of this statute, the  
15 licensor may require the applicant or licensee to furnish and maintain a bond in a  
16 form, amount and with sureties up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000),  
17 conditioned upon the applicant or licensee complying with the provisions of the  
18 statutes applicable to the licensee. The bonds shall be executed in the name of the  
19 State of Kentucky for the benefit of any aggrieved parties, but the penalty of the  
20 bond shall not be invoked except after a court adjudication. The commission may  
21 promulgate administrative regulations to permit the applicant to submit evidence, in  
22 lieu of posting bond, that reliable financial arrangements, deposits, or commitments  
23 exist providing assurance, substantially equivalent to that afforded by a bond  
24 complying with this subsection, for payment on conditions and indemnity set forth  
25 in this subsection. The bonding requirements of this subsection shall not apply to  
26 manufacturers, factory branches, and their agents.

27 (10) Application for dealer's license shall be submitted to the commission and contain

1 information the commission may require. A motor vehicle dealer, unless licensed  
2 under KRS 190.010 to 190.080, shall not be permitted to register, receive, or use  
3 any motor vehicle registration plates.

4 (11) Every motor vehicle dealer or new recreational vehicle dealer licensed in  
5 accordance with the provisions of this section shall make reports to the licensor at  
6 intervals and show information the licensor may require.