26-1528A-07 See HB

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to recreational vehicle dealers
3	and manufacturers; creating s. 320.3201, F.S.;
4	providing legislative intent; creating s.
5	320.3202, F.S.; providing definitions; creating
6	s. 320.3203, F.S.; providing requirements for a
7	manufacturer/dealer agreement; requiring
8	designation of the area of sales
9	responsibility; providing conditions for sales
10	outside the dealer's area of sales
11	responsibility; creating s. 320.3204, F.S.;
12	providing requirements for sale by
13	manufacturers and distributors; creating s.
14	320.3205, F.S.; providing requirements and
15	procedures for termination, cancellation, or
16	nonrenewal of an agreement by a manufacturer or
17	a dealer; providing for the repurchase by the
18	manufacturer of vehicles, accessories, and
19	parts and equipment, tools, signage, and
20	machinery; creating s. 320.3206, F.S.;
21	providing for change in ownership by a dealer;
22	requiring notice to the manufacturer; providing
23	requirements for rejection by the manufacturer;
24	providing for a dealer to name a family member
25	as a successor in case of retirement,
26	incapacitation, or death of the dealer;
27	providing requirements for rejection of the
28	successor by the manufacturer; creating s.
29	320.3207, F.S.; providing requirements for
30	warrantors, manufacturers, and dealers with
31	respect to warranties; providing

responsibilities; providing requirements for
compensation of the dealer; authorizing
warranty audits by the warrantor; requiring
cause for denial of compensation; providing for
disposition of warranty claims; prohibiting
certain acts by the warrantor and the dealer;
requiring notice of certain pending suits;
creating s. 320.3208, F.S.; providing for
inspection and rejection of a recreational
vehicle upon delivery to a dealer; creating s.
320.3209, F.S.; prohibiting a manufacturer or
distributor from coercing a dealer to perform
certain acts; creating s. 320.3210, F.S.;
providing for resolution when a dealer,
manufacturer, distributor, or warrantor is
injured by another party's violation;
authorizing civil action; providing for
mediation; providing for remedies; creating s.
320.3211, F.S.; providing administrative and
criminal penalties for violations; providing
for an administrative hearing to contest a
penalty imposed by the department; providing
for severability; providing an effective date.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Section 320.3201, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:
320.3201 Legislative intentIt is the intent of the
Legislature to protect the public health, safety, and welfare

31 of the citizens of the state by regulating the relationship

1	between recreational vehicle dealers and manufacturers,
2	maintaining competition, and providing consumer protection and
3	fair trade.
4	Section 2. Section 320.3202, Florida Statutes, is
5	created to read:
6	320.3202 DefinitionsAs used in ss.
7	320.3201-320.3211, the term:
8	(1) "Area of sales responsibility" means the
9	geographical area agreed to by the dealer and the manufacturer
10	in the manufacturer/dealer agreement in which the dealer has
11	the exclusive right to display or sell the manufacturer's new
12	recreational vehicles of a particular line-make.
13	(2) "Dealer" means any person, firm, corporation, or
14	business entity licensed or required to be licensed pursuant
15	to s. 320.771.
16	(3) "Distributor" means any person, firm, corporation,
17	or business entity that purchases new recreational vehicles
18	for resale to dealers.
19	(4) "Factory campaign" means an effort on the part of
20	a warrantor to contact recreational vehicle owners or dealers
21	in order to address a part or equipment issue.
22	(5) "Family member" means a spouse or a child,
23	grandchild, parent, sibling, niece, or nephew or the spouse
24	thereof.
25	(6) "Line-make" means a specific series of
26	recreational vehicle products that:
27	(a) Are identified by a common series trade name or
28	trademark;
29	(b) Are targeted to a particular market segment, as
30	determined by their decor, features, equipment, size, weight,
31	and price range;

1	(c) Have lengths and interior floor plans that
2	distinguish the recreational vehicles from recreational
3	vehicles with substantially the same decor, equipment,
4	features, price, and weight; and
5	(d) Belong to a single, distinct classification of
6	recreational vehicle product type having a substantial degree
7	of commonality in the construction of the chassis, frame, and
8	body.
9	(7) "Manufacturer" means any person, firm,
10	corporation, or business entity that engages in the
11	manufacturing of recreational vehicles.
12	(8) "Manufacturer/dealer agreement" means a written
13	agreement or contract entered into between a manufacturer and
14	a dealer which fixes the rights and responsibilities of the
15	parties and pursuant to which the dealer sells new
16	recreational vehicles.
17	(9) "Proprietary part" means any part manufactured by
18	or for and sold exclusively by the manufacturer.
19	(10) "Recreational vehicle" means the types of motor
20	vehicle or motor vehicles defined by s. 320.01(1)(b).
21	(11) "Transient customer" means a customer who is
22	temporarily traveling through a dealer's area of sales
23	responsibility.
24	(12) "Warrantor" means any person, firm, corporation,
25	or business entity that gives a warranty in connection with a
26	new recreational vehicle or parts, accessories, or components
27	thereof. Such term does not include service contracts,
28	mechanical or other insurance, or extended warranties sold for
29	separate consideration by a dealer or other person not
30	controlled by a manufacturer.
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Section 3. Section 320.3203, Florida Statutes, is 2 created to read: 3 320.3203 Requirement for a written manufacturer/dealer 4 agreement; area of sales responsibility .--5 (1) A manufacturer or distributor may not sell a 6 recreational vehicle in the state to or through a dealer 7 without having entered into a manufacturer/dealer agreement 8 which is signed by both parties. 9 (2) The manufacturer shall designate in the 10 manufacturer/dealer agreement the area of sales responsibility exclusively assigned to a dealer and shall not change such 11 12 area or establish another dealer for the same line-make in 13 such area during the duration of the agreement. (3) The area of sales responsibility may not be 14 subject to review or change before 1 year after the execution 15 of the manufacturer/dealer agreement. 16 17 (4) A motor vehicle dealer may not sell a new 18 recreational vehicle in this state without having entered into a manufacturer/dealer agreement and may not sell outside of 19 its designated area of sales responsibility. 2.0 21 (5)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (4), a dealer may 2.2 sell outside of its designated area of responsibility if the 23 dealer obtains a supplemental license pursuant to s. 320.771(7) and meets one of the following conditions: 2.4 For sales within another dealer's designated area 2.5 of sales responsibility, the dealer must obtain in advance of 26 27 the off-premise sale a written agreement signed by the dealer, 2.8 the manufacturer of the recreational vehicles to be sold at the off-premise sale, and the dealer in whose designated area 29 of sales responsibility the off-premise sale will occur. The 30 written agreement must: 31

1	a. Designate the recreational vehicles to be sold;
2	b. Set forth the time period for the off-premise sale;
3	and
4	c. Affirmatively authorize the sale of the
5	recreational vehicles.
6	2. The off-premise sale is not located within any
7	dealer's designated area of sales responsibility and is in
8	conjunction with a public vehicle show.
9	3. The off-premise sale is in conjunction with a
10	public vehicle show in which more than 35 dealers are
11	participating and is predominantly funded by manufacturers.
12	(b) For the purposes of this subsection, "public
13	vehicle show" means an event sponsored by an organization
14	approved under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code
15	which has the purpose of promoting the welfare of the
16	recreational vehicle industry and is located at a site:
17	1. That will be used to display and sell recreational
18	vehicles;
19	2. That is not used for off-premise sales for more
20	than 10 days in a calendar year; and
21	3. That is not the location set forth on any dealer's
22	license as its place of business.
23	Section 4. Section 320.3204, Florida Statutes, is
24	created to read:
25	320.3204 Sales of recreational vehicles by
26	manufacturer or distributor Sales of recreational vehicles
27	by manufacturers or distributors shall be in accordance with
28	published prices, charges, and terms of sale in effect at any
29	given time. The manufacturer must sell products on the same
30	basis, with respect to all rebates, discounts, and programs,
31	to all competing dealers similarly situated.

Section 5. Section 320.3205, Florida Statutes, is 2 created to read: 3 320.3205 Termination, cancellation, and nonrenewal of 4 a manufacturer/dealer agreement. --5 (1)(a) A manufacturer, directly or through any 6 officer, agent, or employee, may not terminate, cancel, or 7 fail to renew a manufacturer/dealer agreement without good 8 cause, and, upon renewal, may not require additional inventory stocking requirements or increased retail sales targets in 9 10 excess of the market growth in the dealer's area of responsibility. 11 12 (b) The manufacturer has the burden of showing good cause. For purposes of determining whether there is good cause 13 for a proposed action by a manufacturer, all of the following 14 15 factors must be considered: The extent of the affected dealer's penetration in 16 17 the relevant market area. 18 2. The nature and extent of the dealer's investment in its business. 19 3. The adequacy of the dealer's service facilities, 2.0 21 equipment, parts, supplies, and personnel. 22 The effect of the proposed action on the community. 23 The extent and quality of the dealer's service under recreational vehicle warranties. 2.4 6. The failure to follow agreed-upon procedures or 2.5 standards related to the overall operation of the dealership. 26 27 7. The dealer's performance under the terms of its 2.8 manufacturer/dealer agreement. (c) Except as provided in this section, a manufacturer 29 30 shall provide a dealer at least 120 days' prior written notice 31

of termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the 2 manufacturer/dealer agreement. 3 1. The notice shall state all reasons for termination, 4 cancellation, or nonrenewal and shall further state that if, 5 within 30 days following receipt of the manufacturer's notice, 6 the dealer provides to the manufacturer a written notice of intent to cure all claimed deficiencies, the dealer will then 8 have 120 days after the date of the manufacturer's notice to rectify the deficiencies. If the deficiencies are rectified 9 10 within 120 days, the manufacturer's notice shall be void. If the dealer fails to provide the notice of intent to cure 11 12 deficiencies in the prescribed time period, the termination, 13 cancellation, or nonrenewal shall take effect 30 days after the dealer's receipt of the manufacturer's notice unless the 14 dealer has new and untitled inventory on hand. 15 The notice period may be reduced to 30 days if the 16 17 grounds for termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal are due 18 to: a. Conviction of or plea of nolo contendere to a 19 felony of a dealer or one of its owners; 2.0 21 b. The abandonment or closing of the business operations of the dealer for 10 consecutive business days 2.2 23 unless the closing is due to an act of God, strike, labor difficulty, or other cause over which the dealer has no 2.4 2.5 control; c. A significant misrepresentation by the dealer; or 26 27 d. A suspension or revocation of the dealer's license, 2.8 or refusal to renew the dealer's license, by the department. The notice provisions of this paragraph shall not 29 30 apply if the reason for termination, cancellation, or 31

nonrenewal is insolvency, the occurrence of an assignment for 2 the benefit of creditors, or bankruptcy. 3 (2) A dealer may terminate its manufacturer/dealer 4 agreement with or without cause at any time by giving 30 days' 5 written notice to the manufacturer. The dealer has the burden 6 of showing good cause. Any of the following items shall be 7 deemed good cause for a proposed action by a dealer: 8 (a) Conviction of or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of a manufacturer or one of its subsidiary companies. 9 10 (b) The business operations of the manufacturer have been abandoned or closed for 10 consecutive business days, 11 12 unless the closing is due to an act of God, strike, labor 13 difficulty, or other cause over which the manufacturer has no control. 14 (c) A significant misrepresentation by the 15 16 manufacturer. 17 (d) A violation of ss. 320.3201-320.3211. 18 (e) A declaration by the manufacturer of bankruptcy, insolvency, or the occurrence of an assignment for the benefit 19 2.0 of creditors or bankruptcy. 21 (3) If the manufacturer/dealer agreement is 2.2 terminated, canceled, or not renewed by the manufacturer or by 23 the dealer for cause, the manufacturer shall, at the election of the dealer and within 30 days of termination, cancellation, 2.4 2.5 or nonrenewal, repurchase: (a) All new motor vehicles, as defined by s. 26 2.7 319.001(8), acquired from the manufacturer which have not been 2.8 used except for demonstration purposes, altered, or damaged at 100 percent of the net invoice cost, including transportation, 29 less applicable rebates and discounts to the dealer. In the 30

due to the dealer shall be reduced by the cost to repair the 2 vehicle. Damage prior to delivery to the dealer will not disqualify repurchase under this subsection; 3 4 (b) All current and undamaged manufacturer's accessories and proprietary parts sold to the dealer for 5 6 resale, if accompanied by the original invoice, at 105 percent of the original net price paid to the manufacturer to 8 compensate the dealer for handling, packing, and shipping the 9 parts; and 10 (c) Any functioning diagnostic equipment, special tools, current signage, and other equipment and machinery at 11 12 100 percent of the dealer's net cost plus freight, 13 destination, delivery, and distribution charges and sales taxes, if any, provided it was purchased by the dealer within 14 5 years before termination and upon the manufacturer's request 15 and can no longer be used in the normal course of the dealer's 16 ongoing business. The manufacturer shall pay the dealer within 18 30 days after receipt of the returned items. Section 6. Section 320.3206, Florida Statutes, is 19 created to read: 2.0 21 320.3206 Transfer of ownership; family succession.--2.2 (1) If a dealer desires to make a change in its 23 ownership by the sale of the business assets, stock transfer, or otherwise, the dealer must give the manufacturer 30 days' 2.4 written notice before the closing, including all supporting 2.5 documentation as may be reasonably required by the 26 2.7 manufacturer. The manufacturer shall not refuse consent to the 2.8 proposed change or sale and may not disapprove or withhold approval of the change or sale unless the manufacturer can 29 show that its decision is based on the manufacturer's 30 reasonable criteria, which may include the prospective 31

qualifications, and any criminal record. 2 (2) If the manufacturer rejects a proposed change or 3 4 sale, the manufacturer shall give written notice of its 5 reasons to the dealer within 30 days after receipt of the 6 dealer's notification and complete documentation. If the 7 manufacturer does not give notice of rejection, the change or 8 sale shall be deemed approved. 9 (3) The manufacturer has the burden of showing that 10 its rejection of the transfer or sale is reasonable. (4) It is unlawful for any manufacturer to fail to 11 12 provide a dealer an opportunity to designate, in writing, a 13 family member as a successor to the dealership in the event of the death, incapacity, or retirement of the dealer. It shall 14 be unlawful to prevent or refuse to honor the succession to a 15 dealership by a family member of the deceased, incapacitated, 16 or retired dealer unless the manufacturer has provided to the 18 dealer written notice of its objections. Grounds for objection shall be lack of creditworthiness, conviction of a felony, 19 lack of required licenses or business experience, or other 2.0 21 condition that makes the succession unreasonable under the 2.2 circumstances. The manufacturer has the burden of showing the 23 unreasonableness of the succession. However, no family member may succeed to a dealership if the succession involves, 2.4 without the manufacturer's consent, a relocation of the 2.5 business or an alteration of the terms and conditions of the 26 manufacture<u>r/dealer\_agreement.</u> 2.7 2.8 Section 7. Section 320.3207, Florida Statutes, is 29 created to read: 30 320.3207 Warranty obligations. --31

transferee's business experience, moral character, financial

(1) Each warrantor shall specify in writing to each of 2 its dealers obligations, if any, for preparation, delivery, and warranty service on its products; compensate the dealer 3 4 for warranty service required of the dealer by the warrantor; and provide the dealer the schedule of compensation to be paid 5 6 and the time allowances for the performance of such work and service. In no event shall the schedule of compensation fail 8 to include reasonable compensation for diagnostic work as well 9 as warranty labor. 10 (2) Time allowances for the diagnosis and performance of warranty labor shall be reasonable for the work to be 11 12 performed. The manufacturer shall authorize the dealer to 13 undertake warranty repairs without prior approval if the repairs require less than 3 hours of labor. In no event shall 14 the compensation of a dealer for warranty labor be less than 15 the lowest retail labor rates actually charged by the dealer 16 for like nonwarranty labor as long as such rates are 18 reasonable. 19 (3) The warrantor shall reimburse the dealer for warranty parts at actual wholesale cost plus a minimum 2.0 21 30-percent handling charge and the cost, if any, of freight to 2.2 return warranty parts to the warrantor. 23 (4) Warranty audits of dealer records may be conducted by the warrantor on a reasonable basis, and dealer claims for 2.4 warranty compensation shall not be denied except for cause, 2.5 such as performance of nonwarranty repairs, material 26 2.7 noncompliance with warrantor's published policies and 2.8 procedures, lack of material documentation, fraud, or 29 misrepresentation. 30 (5) The dealer must submit warranty claims within 45

days after completing work.

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(6) The dealer must notify the warrantor verbally or 2 in writing if the dealer is unable to perform material or repetitive warranty repairs as soon as is reasonably possible. 3 4 (7) The warrantor must disapprove warranty claims in writing within 30 days after the date of submission by the 5 6 dealer in the manner and form prescribed by the warrantor. 7 Claims not specifically disapproved in writing within 30 days 8 shall be construed to be approved and must be paid within 45 9 days. 10 (8) It is a violation of ss. 320.3201-320.3211 for any 11 warrantor to: 12 (a) Fail to perform any of its warranty obligations 13 with respect to a recreational vehicle and its components; (b) Fail to include, in written notices of factory 14 campaigns to recreational vehicle owners and dealers, the 15 expected date by which necessary parts and equipment, 16 including tires and chassis or chassis parts, will be 18 available to dealers to perform the campaign work. The manufacturer may ship parts to the dealer to effect the 19 campaign work, and, if such parts are in excess of the 2.0 21 dealer's requirements, the dealer may return unused parts to the manufacturer for credit after completion of the campaign; 2.2 23 (c) Fail to compensate any of its dealers for authorized repairs effected by the dealer of merchandise 2.4 damaged in manufacture or transit to the dealer, if the 2.5 carrier is designated by the manufacturer, factory branch, 26 2.7 distributor, or distributor branch; 2.8 (d) Fail to compensate any of its dealers for authorized warranty service in accordance with the schedule of 29 compensation provided to the dealer pursuant to this section 30 if performed in a timely and competent manner;

1	(e) Intentionally misrepresent in any way to
2	purchasers of recreational vehicles that warranties with
3	respect to the manufacture, performance, or design of the
4	vehicle are made by the dealer either as warrantor or
5	cowarrantor; or
6	(f) Require the dealer to make warranties to customers
7	in any manner related to the manufacture of the recreational
8	vehicle.
9	(9) It is a violation of ss. 320.3201-320.3211 for any
10	dealer to:
11	(a) Fail to perform predelivery inspection functions,
12	if required, in a competent and timely manner;
13	(b) Fail to perform warranty service work authorized
14	by the warrantor in a reasonably competent and timely manner
15	on any transient customer's vehicle of the same line-make
16	without good cause; or
17	(c) Misrepresent the terms of any warranty.
18	(10)(a) Notwithstanding the terms of any
19	manufacturer/dealer agreement, it is a violation of ss.
20	320.3201-320.3211 for any warrantor to fail to indemnify and
21	hold harmless its dealer against any losses or damages to the
22	extent such losses or damages are caused by the negligence or
23	willful misconduct of the warrantor. The dealer shall not be
24	denied indemnification for failing to discover, disclose, or
25	remedy a defect in the design or manufacturing of the
26	recreational vehicle. The dealer shall provide to the
27	warrantor a copy of any suit in which allegations are made
28	that come within this subsection within 10 days after
29	receiving such suit.
30	(b) Notwithstanding the terms of any
31	manufacturer/dealer agreement, it is a violation of ss.

1	320.3201-320.3211 for any dealer to fail to indemnify and hold
2	harmless its warrantor against any losses or damages to the
3	extent such losses or damages are caused by the negligence or
4	willful misconduct of the dealer. The warrantor shall provide
5	to the dealer a copy of pending suits in which allegations are
6	made that come within this subsection within 10 days after
7	receiving such suit.
8	Section 8. Section 320.3208, Florida Statutes, is
9	created to read:
10	320.3208 Inspection and rejection by the dealer
11	(1) Whenever a new recreational vehicle is damaged
12	prior to transit to the dealer or is damaged in transit to the
13	dealer when the carrier or means of transportation has been
14	selected by the manufacturer or distributor, the dealer shall:
15	(a) Notify the manufacturer or distributor of the
16	damage by the next business day after the date of delivery of
17	the new recreational vehicle to the dealer or within such
18	additional time as specified in the manufacturer/dealer
19	agreement; and
20	(b) Either:
21	1. Request from the manufacturer or distributor
22	authorization to replace the components, parts, and
23	accessories damaged or otherwise correct the damage; or
24	2. Reject the vehicle within the timeframe set forth
25	in subsection (3).
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27	If the manufacturer or distributor refuses or fails to
28	authorize repair of such damage within 10 days after receipt
29	of notification or if the dealer rejects the recreational
30	vehicle because of damage, ownership of the new recreational
31	vehicle shall revert to the manufacturer or distributor.

1	(2) The dealer will exercise due care in custody of
2	the damaged recreational vehicle, but the dealer shall have no
3	other obligations, financial or otherwise, with respect to
4	that recreational vehicle.
5	(3) The timeframe for inspection and rejection by the
6	dealer shall be part of the manufacturer/dealer agreement and
7	shall not be less than 3 business days after the physical
8	delivery of the recreational vehicle.
9	(4) Any recreational vehicle that has, at the time of
10	delivery to the dealer, an unreasonable amount of miles on its
11	odometer, as determined by the dealer, may be subject to
12	rejection by the dealer and reversion of the vehicle to the
13	manufacturer or distributor.
14	Section 9. Section 320.3209, Florida Statutes, is
15	created to read:
16	320.3209 Coercion of dealer prohibited
17	(1) A manufacturer or distributor may not coerce or
18	attempt to coerce a dealer to:
19	(a) Purchase a product that the dealer did not order;
20	(b) Enter into an agreement with the manufacturer or
21	distributor;
22	(c) Take any action which is unfair or unreasonable to
23	the dealer; or
24	(d) Require a dealer to enter into an agreement that
25	requires the dealer to submit its disputes to binding
26	arbitration or otherwise waive rights or responsibilities
27	under ss. 320.3201-320.3211.
28	(2) As used in this section, the term "coerce"
29	includes, but is not limited to, threatening to terminate,
30	cancel, or not renew a manufacturer/dealer agreement without
31	good cause or threatening to withhold product lines or delay

product delivery as an inducement to amending the 2 manufacturer/dealer agreement. Section 10. Section 320.3210, Florida Statutes, is 3 4 created to read: 5 320.3210 Civil dispute resolution; mediation; 6 relief.--7 (1) A dealer, manufacturer, distributor, or warrantor 8 injured by another party's violation of ss. 320.3201-320.3211 may bring a civil action in circuit court to recover actual 9 10 damages. The court shall award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party in such an action. Venue for any civil 11 12 action authorized by this section shall exclusively be in the 13 county in which the dealership is located. In an action involving more than one dealer, venue may be in any county in 14 which a dealer that is party to the action is located. 15 (2)(a) Prior to bringing suit under this section, the 16 party bringing suit for an alleged violation shall serve a 18 written demand for mediation upon the offending party. (b) The demand for mediation shall be served upon the 19 offending party via certified mail at the address stated 2.0 21 within the agreement between the parties. In the event of a 2.2 civil action between two dealers, the demand shall be mailed 23 to the address on the dealer's license filed with the 2.4 department. (c) The demand for mediation shall contain a brief 2.5 statement of the dispute and the relief sought by the party 26 27 filing the demand. 2.8 (d) Within 20 days after the date a demand for mediation is served, the parties shall mutually select an 29 independent certified mediator and meet with that mediator for 30 the purpose of attempting to resolve the dispute. The meeting 31

place shall be in this state in a location selected by the mediator. The mediator may extend the date of the meeting for 2 3 good cause shown by either party or upon stipulation of both 4 parties. 5 (e) The service of a demand for mediation under this 6 subsection shall stay the time for the filing of any 7 complaint, petition, protest, or action under ss. 8 320.3201-320.3211 until representatives of both parties have met with a mutually selected mediator for the purpose of 9 10 attempting to resolve the dispute. If a complaint, petition, protest, or action is filed before that meeting, the court 11 12 shall enter an order suspending the proceeding or action until 13 the meeting has occurred and may, upon written stipulation of all parties to the proceeding or action that they wish to 14 continue to mediate under this subsection, enter an order 15 suspending the proceeding or action for as long a period as 16 the court considers appropriate. A suspension order issued 18 under this paragraph may be revoked upon motion of any party or upon motion of the court. 19 (f) The parties to the mediation shall bear their own 2.0 21 costs for attorney's fees and divide equally the cost of the 2.2 mediator. 23 (3) In addition to the remedies provided in this section and notwithstanding the existence of any additional 2.4 remedy at law, a dealer is authorized to make application to a 2.5 circuit court for the grant, upon a hearing and for cause 26 2.7 shown, of a temporary or permanent injunction, or both, 2.8 restraining any person from acting as a dealer without being properly licensed pursuant s. 320.771, from violating or 29

continuing to violate any of the provisions of ss.

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the requirements of ss. 320.3201-320.3211. Such injunction shall be issued without bond. A single act in violation of the 2 provisions of ss. 320.3201-320.3211 shall be sufficient to 3 authorize the issuance of an injunction. 4 5 Section 11. Section 320.3211, Florida Statutes, is 6 created to read: 7 320.3211 Penalties.--(1) The department shall, as it deems necessary, 8 either suspend or revoke any license issued under s. 320.771 9 10 upon a finding that the dealer violated any provision of ss. 320.3201-320.3211. The department is authorized to assess, 11 12 impose, levy, and collect by legal process fines, in an amount 13 not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation, against any individual if it finds that he or she has violated any 14 provision of ss. 320.3201-320.3211. Such individual is 15 entitled to an administrative hearing pursuant to chapter 120 16 to contest the action or fine levied, or about to be levied, 18 upon him or her. (2) In addition to the civil and administrative 19 remedies, a person who violates any provision of ss. 2.0 21 320.3201-320.3211 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, 2.2 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 23 Section 12. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held 2.4 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or 2.5 applications of the act which can be given effect without the 26 2.7 invalid provision or application and, to this end, the 2.8 provisions of this act are declared severable. Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 29 30