

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 616, 1st Eng.

INTRODUCER: Rules; Commerce and Tourism; Transportation; and Senator Passidomo and others

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Dealers

DATE: March 8, 2018

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 141955 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 removes changes made in the bill to motor vehicle dealer training and continuing education requirements.

Specifically, the amendment removes from the bill that the DHSMV must issue to motor vehicle dealer licensees, at least 60 days before the license expiration date, a statement that the licensee is required to complete applicable continuing education or industry certification requirements. The amendment retains current law that requires a licensed motor vehicle dealer to file his or her renewal application with the DHSMV at least 30 days prior to the license expiration date, instead of removing the 30-day requirement. The amendment removes that a franchised motor vehicle dealer's renewal application must include certification that the dealer has completed specified industry certification provided by a Florida-based, nonprofit, dealer-owned, statewide industry association of franchised motor vehicle dealers with DHSMV-approved state and federal compliance credentials, and removes provisions from the bill providing the maximum fee that may be charged for such certification. The amendment also removes that such certification may be satisfied by a single designated owner, officer, director, or manager of a dealership group.