

By Representative Johnson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicle dealerships;  
3           creating the "Florida Motor Vehicle Dealership  
4           Act of 2000"; amending s. 320.645, F.S.;  
5           providing that restrictions on the ownership of  
6           a motor vehicle dealership by a licensee shall  
7           not apply to certain licensees; providing an  
8           effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Short title.--This act may be cited as the  
13 "Florida Motor Vehicle Dealership Act of 2000."

14           Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 320.645,  
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16           320.645   Restriction upon ownership of dealership by  
17 licensee.--

18           (3) This section shall not apply to a licensee that  
19 owns or operates motor vehicle dealerships of the same  
20 line-make franchised by the licensee, provided that each of  
21 the following conditions are met:

22           (a) All of the licensed locations for the sale of such  
23 licensee's new motor vehicles in this state trade exclusively  
24 in the licensee's line-make.

25           (b) During any period in which the licensee has an  
26 ownership interest, said licensee has no more than 18 motor  
27 vehicle franchises within this state.

28           (c) All of the licensee's franchise agreements confer  
29 rights on the franchisee of the line-make to develop and  
30 operate, within a defined geographic territory or area, as  
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1 many dealership facilities as the franchisee and licensee  
2 shall agree are appropriate.

3 (d) At the time the licensee first acquires an  
4 ownership interest, not fewer than one-half of the franchises  
5 of the line-make within this state own and operate two or more  
6 dealership facilities in the geographic territory or area  
7 covered by the franchise agreement with the licensee.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
9 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the "Florida Motor Vehicle Dealership Act of 2000," which revises language with respect to restrictions upon the ownership of a motor vehicle dealership by a licensee to permit described licensees to own dealerships under described circumstances. See bill for details.