

~~(F) A franchise agreement or other contract offered to a dealer by a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not contain any provision requiring a dealer to pay the attorney's fees of the manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch related to disputes involving the franchise.~~

15-206.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GOOD FAITH" MEANS HONESTY IN FACT AND THE OBSERVANCE OF REASONABLE COMMERCIAL STANDARDS OF FAIR DEALING IN THE TRADE.

(B) A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AN AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE, MAY NOT FAIL TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH:

(1) IN ACTING OR PURPORTING TO ACT UNDER THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, OR CONDITIONS OF ANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT; OR

(2) IN ANY TRANSACTION OR CONDUCT GOVERNED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be applicable to any franchise agreement in existence on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 668

(House Bill 572)

AN ACT concerning

Port of Cambridge - Operation and Maintenance by Maryland Port Administration - Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to authorize rather than require the Maryland Port Administration to operate and maintain the port facility located at Cambridge, Maryland; authorizing the Administration to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Cambridge port facility; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the Maryland Port Administration over the port facility located at Cambridge, Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 6-204(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)