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H.B. No. 3505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a motor vehicle dealership by certain manufacturers or distributors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2301.476, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(p) A person who on January 1, 2017, held a manufacturer's license issued under this chapter may:

(1) hold:

(A) a manufacturer's license;

(B) a general distinguishing number issued under Chapter 503, Transportation Code; and

(C) not more than nine dealer's licenses; and

(2) operate as both a manufacturer and dealer of new motor vehicles to the extent the person:

(A) manufactures or distributes only engines for installation in motor vehicles that have:

(i) the transport of persons or property on a public highway as the primary purpose of the vehicle; and

(ii) a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds; and

(B) provides substantially equal access to any dealer to all support for repairing an engine or motor vehicle described by Paragraph (A), including access to:

- 1                    (i) parts and assemblies;
- 2                    (ii) training and technical service
- 3 bulletins; and
- 4                    (iii) other repair information.

5            SECTION 2.    This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.