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An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Licensing of Motor Vehicle Dealerships

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §903, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 433, §12 and affected by §28, is further amended to read:

3. Plate reduction. Upon renewal of a dealer license, ~~the number of plates allowed a motor vehicle dealer who fails to sell a minimum of one vehicle per month or 12 vehicles within a 12-month period must be reduced to one dealer plate, and the motor vehicle dealer may not be issued a dealer plate under section 1002, subsection 1, paragraph B~~ except that a motor vehicle dealer who has sold more than 6 but fewer than 12 vehicles within a 12-month period may be issued at least 2 dealer plates under section 1002. Upon a 2nd application for renewal of a dealer license, a motor vehicle dealer must be denied renewal if the Secretary of State determines that the dealer sold fewer than ~~4~~6 vehicles in the previous license year, at which time all dealer credentials issued previously must be returned to the Secretary of State.

A motor vehicle dealer who is denied a license renewal under this subsection may not reapply until the license has been expired at least one year.

A motor vehicle dealer who holds a vehicle auction business license under section 1051 is exempt from this subsection.

A motor vehicle dealer who engages primarily in the sale of vehicles more than 15 years old, emergency vehicles or industrial or farm equipment is exempt from this subsection.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §951, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

B. Sells more than ~~5~~6 vehicles in any 12-month period; or

SUMMARY

This bill increases the number of vehicles that a motor vehicle dealer must sell to become a licensed motor vehicle dealer. It also provides that motor vehicle dealers that sell more than 6 motor vehicles, but fewer than 12, within a 12-month period may be issued at least 2 dealer plates.