#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1543

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING LAW.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 437-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by amending subsections (a) to (c) to read as follows:
"(a) The same procedures, protections, rights, and
remedies provided to a dealer under section 437-28(a)(21) [and],
section 437-3.6, and part II shall apply to a distributor that
is not a manufacturer.

7 Notwithstanding the terms, provisions, or conditions (b) 8 of any dealer or distributor agreement or franchise or the terms 9 or provisions of any waiver and notwithstanding any other legal 10 or administrative remedies available, any person who is licensed 11 under this chapter and whose business or property is injured by 12 a violation of section  $437-28(a)(21)[_{T}]$  or part II may bring a 13 civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State 14 to enjoin further violations and to recover any damages together 15 with the costs of the suit. Laws of the State of Hawaii shall 16 apply to any action initiated under this section.

17 (c) Any person that brings or defends against a civil
18 action under subsection (b) may be entitled to recover
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1	reasonable attorneys' fees as a part of any damages or
2	injunction; provided that the person substantially prevails in
3	establishing or defending against a violation of section 437-
4	28(a)(21)[-] <u>or part II.</u> "
5	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
7	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title: Motor Vehicle Industry

#### Description:

Makes clarifying amendments to the motor vehicle industry licensing act.

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