



ARKANSAS AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

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As we announced a couple of weeks ago, two bills have been filed that are critical to all Arkansas dealers. The first, and clearly most important is a bill that will allow manufacturers to sell directly to consumers.

SB 395 - ALLOWS EV MANUFACTURERS TO OWN DEALERSHIPS

[SB 395](#) by Senator Mark Johnson is a direct attack on the state's franchise laws and independent dealer network. This bill will allow EV and zero-emission manufacturers to sell directly to consumers rather than utilizing a dealer network.

AADA is vehemently opposed to this bill and we **NEED YOUR HELP** to make sure this bill is defeated. We met with Sen. Johnson last week, and raised a number of issues to him, but at this time we are expecting the bill will still run. Unfortunately we do not have a specific date yet, but will let each of you know as soon as the hearing is set.

In the meantime, we are actively working the Senate Transportation committee members, but will need every dealer contacting their Senator.

Talking points that clearly state why the dealer/manufacturer system is right for Arkansas can be found [HERE](#).

Contact Your State Senator TODAY!

Contact your State Senator at (501) 682-2902 and at [Arkansas Senate](#).

Also for information on the members of the Senate Transportation Committee [CLICK HERE.](#)

DEALER FRANCHISE BILL

AADA's franchise bill, [HB 1579](#), has successfully passed out of the House and will be in the Senate Transportation Committee this week. This bill amends the Motor Vehicle Commission Act and includes some critical legislative updates for Arkansas dealers.

We have worked at length with the manufacturers and believe we've been able to reach an agreement while maintaining the goals of the bill.

HB 1579 adds much needed protections for dealers related to allocation and over-the-air updates.

If you have any questions on either bill or any other legislation, please do not hesitate to call, 501-372-2596, or email Greg Kirkpatrick greg@arkautodealers.com.