DEALER LICENSING FIVE YEAR RULE REVIEW

In 2017, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will be reviewing all thirty-two (32) current administrative rules along with five (5) new administrative rules in Chapter 4501:1-3 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 4517.32 grants authority to the Motor Vehicle Dealers Board to make such reasonable rules necessary to carry out its duties, which include conducting hearings in regard to the issuance, suspension, or revocation of licenses and protest filings.

Motor Vehicle Dealerships are classified as small businesses in the state of Ohio; therefore, all rules must go through the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO), regulated by the Lieutenant Governor. The Common Sense Initiative (CSI) is based on the following four principles:

1. Regulations should facilitate, not hinder, economic growth.
2. Regulations should be transparent and responsive.
3. Compliance should be as easy and inexpensive as possible.
4. Regulations should be enforced fairly and consistently.

Once all rules have been vetted through the CSIO, rules are then filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The primary responsibility of JCARR is to review all proposed new, amended, and rescinded rules to ensure the agency has not exceeded their rule-making authority. JCARR may recommend invalidation if it finds any of the following with respect to a proposed rule:

1. The rule exceeds the agency's statutory authority.
2. The rule conflicts with an existing rule of that agency or another agency.
3. The rule conflicts with legislative intent.
4. The rule-making agency failed to prepare a complete and accurate rule summary and fiscal analysis of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission (ORC 127.18).
5. The rule-making agency failed to meet the incorporation by reference standards for a text or other material as stated in ORC sections 121.72, 121.75, or 121.76.
6. The rule-making agency failed to demonstrate that the rule's regulatory intent justifies any adverse impact on a business.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

The CSI process allows small businesses/constituents to have a voice in the regulation of the industry, engage in the development of economic growth, and establish a positive relationship with the regulating agency.

All constituent feedback is primarily addressed during the CSI process; however, constituents are still allowed to testify before JCARR if they feel the agency has not addressed their concerns.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas at an open meeting with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. As a regulating agency, we value the input of the members in the motor vehicle industry and encourage your feedback.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2017, in Conference Room 1106, at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Charles Shipley Building at 1970 West Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43223.

To review the administrative rules, you may visit http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4501%3A1-3 (also known as LAWriter).

Thank you for your participation.

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