

The House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 297:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 22B of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to recreational vehicle dealers, so as to provide for certain exemptions for rallies or
3 conventions involving more than 2,500 recreational vehicles; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 22B of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 recreational vehicle dealers, is amended by revising Code Section 10-1-649.14, relating to
9 franchise agreements required to sell or distribute recreational vehicles, as follows:

10 "10-1-679.14.

11 (a) It shall be unlawful for any dealer to sell or distribute any new recreational vehicle in
12 Georgia unless the dealer has a franchise dealership agreement with a grantor with the
13 express right to sell or distribute recreational vehicles in Georgia and meets the
14 requirements and definitions provided in this article. Any dealer who does not meet the
15 requirements of this article may participate in events where recreational vehicles are
16 exhibited or demonstrated and seminars are provided but shall be prohibited from
17 contracting to sell or distribute recreational vehicles to the public. Notwithstanding the
18 foregoing, this Code section shall not apply to the sale of recreational vehicles at events
19 sponsored by a Georgia based recreational vehicle grantor with manufacturing facilities
20 located in the state, where recreational vehicles are sold or contracted for by its franchised
21 out-of-state recreational vehicle dealers.

22 (b) This Code section shall not apply to any convention or rally involving more than 2,500
23 recreational vehicles which are registered with the sponsor of said event; provided,
24 however, that no dealers from outside of this state shall be invited to said event by a
25 participating manufacturer unless all franchised Georgia dealers for such participating
26 manufacturer shall be invited to said event, and there shall be no discrimination in terms

1 of sales by a manufacturer to any franchised Georgia dealer for recreational vehicles to be
2 sold at the convention or rally; nor shall any franchised Georgia dealer be required by a
3 manufacturer to purchase inventory in addition to that required under a current franchise
4 agreement between the manufacturer and such dealer in order for the dealer to participate
5 in such convention or rally. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair an
6 obligation of a contract existing on the effective date of this subsection."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.