* * * Service Facility Center * * *

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4086(i) is amended to read:

(i) It is unlawful for a franchisor, manufacturer, factory branch, distributor branch, or subsidiary to own, operate, or control, either directly or indirectly, a motor vehicle warranty or service facility located in the State except:

(A) on an emergency or interim basis; ~~or~~

(B) if no qualified applicant has applied for appointment as a dealer in a market previously served by a new motor vehicle dealer of that manufacturer's line-make; or

(C) if the manufacturer:

(i) does not currently have or had not previously had a valid sales and service agreement, franchise, or contract with a new motor vehicle dealer, as defined under 9 V.S.A. § 4085(13), operating in the State; and

(ii) exclusively manufactures or assembles zero emissions vehicles.