

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB477**

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**Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 14, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

As a consequence of dramatically unequal bargaining power between motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers, all 50 states regulate the franchises. LB 477 continues the State of Nebraska's updating of laws in response to industry changes.

The bill clarifies the effective date of revisions in the law and provides for hearings in the event of attempts by the manufacturers to make unilateral changes in the franchise agreements. The bill restricts the manufacturers' ability to force unordered products on the dealers and limits the manufacturers' ability to control the dealers' property after any termination.

The bill also establishes a more uniform method to determine the proper payment for warranty parts and labor.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Deb Fischer**