

6039-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Gaspard, Prince, Vognild, Nelson and Erwin)

Brief Description: Establishing procedures for changing a vehicle dealer's relevant market area.

**SB 6039-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes notice procedures for the establishment of a new motor vehicle dealer or relocation of an existing dealer into a relevant market area of an existing dealer with the same line of vehicles.

Authorizes hearing procedures upon request of the existing dealer.

Specifies elements to be considered in a hearing and places the burden of proof on the manufacturer to establish good cause for the new or relocated dealership.

Prohibits the coercion of a waiver of the right of an existing dealer to protest a new or relocated dealership.

Exempts dealerships which exclusively market vehicles 19,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and above.