

"Nebraska - Transfer of Ownership Law -LB118"

Following is a brief look at legislation affecting members in Nebraska.

The amended version of **LB 118** passed in the Nebraska Legislature on March 3, 2005 by a vote of 40 to zero and was signed by the governor. It will become a law on September 4, 2005. The amended version reads, "If a supplier has contractual authority to approve or deny a request for a sale or transfer of a dealership or an equity ownership interest in a dealership, the supplier shall not unreasonably deny such request. The dealer's request shall be sent by certified mail and shall include reasonable financial information, personal background information, character references, and work histories for each acquiring person. The approval or denial of a request made pursuant to this subsection shall be made in writing and sent by certified mail within sixty days after receipt of the request. If the supplier has not approved or denied the request within the sixty-day period, the request is deemed approved. If a supplier denies a request made pursuant to this subsection, the supplier shall provide the dealer with a written notice of such denial that states the reasons for denial."