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The following are the highlights of bills that have passed and may have a direct impact on dealer and/or titles services. Licensees and vendors who contract with us will be advised if any of this legislation will affect your business related to the processing of your customers transactions. The legislation from the 2022 session is as follows:

**HB 1391 Clean Cars Act of 2022**
For the purpose of establishing the Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Zero–Emission Vehicle Grant Program for certain vehicles and equipment to be administered by the Maryland Energy Administration; extending and altering, for certain fiscal years, the vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles; decreasing, for purposes of the electric vehicle excise tax credit, the limitation on the maximum total base purchase price of certain electric vehicles; reducing the vehicle excise tax credit for certain electric drive vehicles; requiring, for certain fiscal years, a certain amount to be transferred from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund to offset certain revenue reductions; and generally relating to the electric vehicle excise tax credit. [2022 Regular Session - House Bill 1391 Enrolled (maryland.gov)] Effective July 1, 2022

**Important Note:** That § 13–815(b)(1)(iii) and (2)(iii) and (d) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be construed to apply to vehicles purchased on or after July 1, 2023, and may not be implied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any vehicles purchased before July 1, 2023. Any Excise Tax Credits are subject to available funding.

**HB0679 Vehicle Laws – Licensing of Businesses and Occupations – Definition of Vehicle Salesman**
This bill expands the definition of “vehicle salesman” to include any individual who, for a commission or other compensation, negotiates with (or induces) any other person to enter into a financial security or warranty agreement on behalf of a dealer in connection with the sale of a vehicle. A person is prohibited from acting as a vehicle salesman unless the person is licensed by MVA. [2022 Regular Session - House Bill 679 Enrolled (maryland.gov)] Effective October 1, 2022

If you have questions or concerns, please contact MDOT MVA Business Licensing and Driver Instructional Services at 410-787-2950 or mvablisd@MVA.maryland.gov