



# HOUSE BILL 802: Exempt Motorcoach Manufacturer & Distributor.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 802 would exempt manufacturers and distributors of motorcoaches from the prohibition on owning, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle dealership in this State.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The unfair methods of competition statute in the Motor Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Law (G.S. 20-305.2) provides that it is unlawful for any motor vehicle manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, distributor branch, or subsidiary thereof, to directly or indirectly through any subsidiary or affiliated entity, own any ownership interest in, operate, or control any motor vehicle dealership in this State. Under current law, there is an exemption to this prohibition for manufacturers or distributors of trailers or semitrailers that are not recreational vehicles.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 802 would exempt manufacturers and distributors of motorcoaches from the prohibition on owning, operating, or controlling any motor vehicle dealership in North Carolina.

The bill would define "motorcoach" as a commercial bus designed or used to transport passengers for compensation with (i) a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 26,000 pounds; (ii) a seating capacity of 16 or more designated positions, including the driver; and (iii) no fewer than two rows of passenger seats rearward of the driver's seating position that are forward facing or can be converted to forward facing without the use of tools.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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