

HB 630 -- Motor Vehicle Administrative Fees

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This bill allows a motor vehicle dealer to charge an administrative fee in connection with the sale or lease of a new or used motor vehicle for the storage of documents or any other administrative or clerical services. The fee may result in a profit for the dealer, and the amount of the fee must be disclosed on any preliminary worksheet or contract which is required to include a written notice conspicuously set out from the surrounding written material regarding the fee.

Any actions by a court or jury in this state to award or impose damages upon a motor vehicle dealer based on the charging of an administrative fee when the dealer is in compliance with the bill will be null and void. If the courts rule that administrative fees charged in compliance with this section are the unauthorized practice or business of law, no person who paid an administrative fee may recover the fee or damages and no person who charged the fee will be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in Section 484.020, RSMo.