

322F.8 Supplier liability.

1. *a.* (1) A dealer may bring a legal action against a supplier for damages sustained by the dealer as a consequence of the supplier's violation of any provision of this chapter, including but not limited to a violation described in section 322F.7. A supplier violating this chapter shall compensate the dealer for damages sustained by the dealer as a consequence of the supplier's violation, together with the actual costs of the action, including reasonable attorney fees.

(2) For a dealership agreement governing equipment other than outdoor power equipment, a dealer may be granted injunctive relief against unlawful termination, cancellation, or the nonrenewal of the dealership agreement, or a substantial change of competitive circumstances as provided in section 322F.2.

(3) For a dealership agreement governing outdoor power equipment, a dealer may be granted injunctive relief against unlawful termination, cancellation, or the nonrenewal of the dealership agreement as provided in section 322F.2.

b. The remedies in this section are in addition to any other remedies permitted by law.

2. *a.* If the payment or allowance of equipment repurchased pursuant to section 322F.3 is not made as required, or the supplier is found liable for damages pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), the amount due to the dealer shall bear interest at the rate of one and one-half percent per month calculated from the date that the dealership agreement was terminated.

b. Upon termination of a dealership agreement by nonrenewal or cancellation, by a dealer or supplier, if the supplier fails to make payment or credit the account of the dealer as provided in any provision of this chapter, the supplier is liable in a civil action brought by the dealer for the repurchase amount set forth in section 322F.3, plus interest as calculated pursuant to paragraph "a". The supplier's civil liability as provided in this paragraph shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any remedy provided by subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1).

3. The requirements of this chapter supplement any agreement between a dealer and a supplier. The dealer may elect either to pursue contractual remedies under the dealership agreement or remedies provided under this chapter. An election by the dealer to pursue a remedy provided under this chapter does not bar the dealer from pursuing any other remedy under law or equity, including contractual remedies. This chapter does not affect rights of the supplier to charge back to the dealer's accounts amounts previously paid or credited as a discount to the dealer's purchase of goods, including equipment.

90 Acts, ch 1077, §9; 2003 Acts, ch 55, §8, 9; 2011 Acts, ch 44, §2, 3