

**322A.9 Burden of proof.**

1. Upon hearing, the franchiser shall have the burden of proof to establish that under the provisions of [this chapter](#) the franchiser should be granted permission to terminate or not continue the franchise, or to enter into a franchise establishing an additional motor vehicle dealership, or to alter a franchisee's community.

2. Nothing contained in [this chapter](#) shall be construed to require or authorize any investigation by the department of any matter before the department under [this chapter](#). Upon hearing, the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing shall hear the evidence introduced by the parties and shall make its decision solely upon the record so made.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §322A.9; [81 Acts, ch 22, §22](#)]

[2013 Acts, ch 63, §3](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §1975](#)

Subsection 2 amended