

**§1183. Statute of limitation**

Except for an action arising out of section 1174-D, actions arising out of any provision of this chapter must be commenced within 4 years after the cause of action accrues; if a person liable under this chapter conceals the cause of action from the knowledge of the person entitled to bring it, the period prior to the discovery of the cause of action by the person so entitled is excluded in determining the time limited for commencement of the action. If a cause of action accrues during the pendency of any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding against a person brought by the United States, or any of its agencies under the antitrust laws, the Federal Trade Commission Act, or any other Federal Act, or the laws of the State related to antitrust laws or to franchising, such actions may be commenced within one year after the final disposition of such civil, criminal or administrative proceeding. [PL 2017, c. 217, §9 (AMD).]

Notwithstanding any provision in a franchise agreement, if a dispute covered by this chapter or any other law is submitted to mediation or arbitration, the time for the dealer to file a complaint, action, petition or protest is tolled until the mediation or arbitration proceeding is completed. [PL 1997, c. 521, §29 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1975, c. 573 (NEW). PL 1997, c. 521, §29 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 217, §9 (AMD).

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