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Independent Auto Dealers Encouraged to Attend Course at SCC

Most people are unaware of legislation that is enacted on a regular basis by the North Carolina General Assembly. For business owners, this knowledge can prevent unnecessary legal and/or regulatory difficulties.

In an effort to protect businesses and their customers, North Carolina now requires pre-licensing and continuing education courses for independent auto dealers. In addition to a variety of regulations and laws, other issues, such as privacy, lending and disclosure, make it difficult for dealers to keep abreast of new developments that can impact their business.

After the initial licensure, dealers must also complete six hours of continuing education annually before the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can renew their licenses. These classes will cover a variety of topics, including title administration, notary law and the basics of paperwork transactions that the average dealer will perform daily in operating the dealership.

Auto dealers must complete this continuing education course in order to renew their dealer licenses and remain in business. "I hope that all auto dealers are aware of this requirement and will be able to attend this class before the state-imposed deadline," said Beverlee Nance, vice president of Continuing Education and Economic Development at Southeastern.

In order to provide convenient options for North Carolina dealers, the Small Business Center at Southeastern Community College is offering the six-hour "Independent Auto Dealer Continuing Education Course". Attendees can choose to attend any of the following dates: May 28 or June 9 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in T-122 at the college. The course's fee is \$50 and a \$10 fee includes class materials and lunch.

Each dealer must provide photo identification and a dealer license number. To pre-register for this class, call 642-7141, ext. 397 or ext. 425. Participants must pre-register at least one week before class meets. Due to limited enrollment, registration will be on a first come, first served basis.