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DIVISION 8. SPECIAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS [18400 - 22949.92.2] (Division 8 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 44.)

CHAPTER 5.5. Franchise Relations [20000 - 20044] (Chapter 5.5 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1355, Sec. 1.)

ARTICLE 9. Miscellaneous Provisions [20041 - 20044] (Article 9 heading added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1277, Sec. 2.)

20041. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the provisions of this chapter shall apply only to franchises granted or renewed on or after January 1, 1981, or to franchises of an indefinite duration that may be terminated by the franchisee or franchisor without cause.

(b) The amendments to this chapter made by the act adding this subdivision shall apply only to franchise agreements entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2016, or to franchises of an indefinite duration that may be terminated by the franchisee or franchisor without cause.

(c) The amendments to this chapter made by the act adding this subdivision shall apply only to franchise agreements entered into, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2023, or to franchises of an indefinite duration that may be terminated by the franchisee or franchisor without cause, except that a franchise agreement amended after January 1, 2023, shall not be subject to the amendments to this chapter made by the act adding this subdivision if the amendment to the franchise agreement was initiated by the franchisee and did not substantially and adversely impact the franchisee's rights, benefits, privileges, duties, obligations, or responsibilities under the franchise agreement.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 728, Sec. 3. (AB 676) Effective January 1, 2023.)

20042. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to franchises governed by the provisions of Article 4 (commencing with Section 3060) of Chapter 6 of Division 2 of the Vehicle Code which contain the sole remedies for the matters contained therein.

(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1355, Sec. 1. Effective October 1, 1980. Operative January 1, 1981, by Sec. 6 of Ch. 1355.)

20043. If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the chapter are severable.

(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1355, Sec. 1. Effective October 1, 1980. Operative January 1, 1981, by Sec. 6 of Ch. 1355.)

20044. A franchisor is prohibited from modifying a franchise agreement, or requiring a general release, in exchange for any assistance related to a declared state or federal emergency.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 728, Sec. 4. (AB 676) Effective January 1, 2023.)