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Committee Bill No. 739

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING REPAIRS TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) No automobile physical damage appraiser shall require or
4 request that appraisals or repairs should or should not be made in a
5 specified facility or repair shop or shops.

6 (b) No insurance company doing business in this state, or agent or
7 adjuster for such company shall require or request any insured to use a
8 specific person for the provision of automobile physical damage
9 repairs, automobile glass replacement, glass repair service or glass
10 products unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the insured.

11 (c) For the purposes of this section, the term "require or request"
12 includes any act to influence a consumer's decision including, but not
13 limited to, (1) reducing the amount of deductible or premium or
14 offering additional warranties if the consumer chooses a preferred
15 repair facility, or (2) suggesting that choosing a facility other than a

16 preferred repair facility will result in delays in repairing the motor
17 vehicle, a lack of guaranty for repair work or additional costs to the
18 insured.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	38a-354

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit automobile physical damage appraisers from recommending to insureds that appraisals or repairs be performed by specified facilities or repair shops.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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