

ABARI BILLS

House Bill No. [7403](#)

BY Corvese, Palumbo, Silva

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

(would make it an unfair claims practice to fail to require an independent appraisal of vehicles which sustain damages in excess of \$1,500. It would also require an independent appraisal from an appraiser not affiliated with the repair shop)

02/09/2010 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. [2508](#)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

02/11/2010 Introduced, referred to Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

[\(23\) Failure to have an appraisal performed by a licensed appraiser where the motor vehicle has sustained damage estimated to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars \(\\$1,500\). Said licensed appraiser referred to herein must be unaffiliated with the repair facility repairing the subject motor vehicle.](#)

[\(24\) Failure to perform a supplemental appraisal inspection of a vehicle within forty-eight\(48\) hours after a request is received from an auto body repair shop.](#)

Senate Bill No. [2510](#)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS

02/11/2010 Introduced, referred to Senate Corporations

[5-38-32. Designation of representative in writing. – The owner of a motor vehicle may designate a family member or legal guardian to authorize repairs to the vehicle. For the purpose of this section, a designee shall not be the auto body shop performing the repairs, an employee of the shop performing the repairs, an insurance company involved in the claim, or an agent or employee of the insurance company involved in the claim.](#)

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INSURANCE INDUSTRY BILLS

House Bill No. [7499](#)

BY Marcello, Carnevale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS

02/23/2010 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

...5-38-10. Grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses. -- The department of business regulation may deny an application for license or suspend or revoke a license after it has been granted, for the following reasons:

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(12) For paying or offering to pay any valuable consideration to any person for referring or directing automobile repair business to a particular automobile body repair shop.

House Bill No.[7501](#)

BY Marcello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES

02/23/2010 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

27-29-4. Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices defined. -- The following are defined as unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance:

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(15) Requiring that repairs be made to an automobile at a specified auto body repair shop or interfering with the insured's or claimant's free choice of repair facility. - The insured or claimant shall be promptly informed by the insurer of his or her free choice in the selection of an auto body repair shop and of the repair options available to them. ~~Once~~ Thereafter, if the insured or claimant ~~has~~ advised advises the insurer that an auto body repair shop has been selected, the insurer may not recommend that a different auto body repair shop be selected to repair the automobile unless requested to do so by the insured or claimant.

OTHER BILLS

House Bill No.[7543](#)

BY Fox

ENTITLED, AN ACT MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES (would require that a "Limited Towing" vehicle satisfy certain security and insurance requirements)

02/24/2010 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/26/2010

State House, Providence, Rhode Island

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