

By: Senator(s) White (29th)

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2925

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-11-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN INSURER'S PAYMENT FOR AUTO
3 REPAIR SHALL BE THE LOWEST FAIR AMOUNT IN THE GEOGRAPHIC OR TRADE
4 AREA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE
5 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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7 SECTION 1. Section 83-11-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 83-11-501. (1) No insurer may require as a condition of
10 payment of a claim that repairs to a damaged vehicle, including
11 glass repairs or replacements, must be made by a particular
12 contractor or motor vehicle repair shop * * *.

13 (2) The most an insurer shall be required to pay for the
14 repair of a damaged vehicle * * * is the lowest amount that such
15 vehicle * * * could be properly and fairly repaired or replaced by
16 a contractor or repair shop within a reasonable geographical or
17 trade area of the insured. This subsection (2) shall not apply
18 when glass repair or replacement is the only repair needed to the
19 damaged vehicle.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after its passage.