

By: Robinson (84th)

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 327

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-11-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY OFFER AN ALTERNATE POLICY, AT
3 ADDITIONAL COST TO THE INSURED, THAT ALLOWS THE USE OF ORIGINAL
4 PARTS AND GENUINE NAME BRAND AFTER MARKET CRASH PARTS IN THE
5 REPAIR OF DAMAGED VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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; provided, however, the
13 most an insurer shall be required to pay for the repair of the
14 vehicle or repair or replacement of the glass is the lowest amount
15 that such vehicle or glass could be properly and fairly repaired
16 or replaced by a contractor or repair shop within a reasonable
17 geographical or trade area of the insured.

18 (2) Insurers may offer an alternate policy, at additional
19 cost to the insured, that allows the use of original parts or
20 genuine name brand after market crash parts, or both, in the
21 repair of damaged vehicles.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

23 and after July 1, 2000.