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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 573

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-11-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT NO INSURER MAY RECOMMEND A PARTICULAR CONTRACTOR
3 FOR AUTOMOBILE GLASS REPAIR; TO PROVIDE THAT NO INSURER SHALL
4 ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROCESSING OF CLAIMS OR BILLS WITH
5 A GLASS BROKER; 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 recommend a particular
10 contractor or may require as a condition of payment of a claim
11 that repairs to a damaged vehicle, including glass repairs or
12 replacements, must be made by a particular contractor or motor
13 vehicle repair shop; provided, however, the most an insurer shall
14 be required to pay for the repair of the vehicle or repair or
15 replacement of the glass is the lowest amount that such vehicle or
16 glass could be properly and fairly repaired or replaced by a
17 contractor or repair shop within a reasonable geographical or
18 trade area of the insured.

19 (2) No insurer shall establish an agreement for the
20 processing of claims or bills with a glass broker or with an
21 entity that has a financial interest in an entity in this state
22 that installs or provides glass for installation. For purposes of

23 this subsection, the term "glass broker" means an automobile glass
24 company that acts as a third-party agent for the insurer whenever
25 the glass broker enters into agreements with other automobile
26 glass dealers to perform glass replacement or glass repair work or
27 that installs or manufactures glass or provides glass for
28 installation.

29 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2000.