HOUSE BILL NO. 876

AN ACT CREATING A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED WITHIN CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT AN INSURER FROM USING NONORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER AFTERMARKET CRASH PARTS ON ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF REPAIR AUTHORIZATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. An insurer may not authorize or require the use of a nonoriginal equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash part on any motor vehicle without first obtaining the written consent of the owner of the motor vehicle at the time of repair authorization, verifiable by the owner's signature on a separate consent form prepared by the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall be codified within Chapter 27 of Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.