

By: Representative Chism

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 834

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-11-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS FROM CHARGING LABOR RATES  
3 IN EXCESS OF A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR  
4 LIKE KIND WORK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 83-11-501. No insurer may require as a condition of payment  
9 of a claim that repairs to a damaged vehicle, including glass  
10 repairs or replacements, must be made by a particular contractor  
11 or motor vehicle repair shop; provided, however, the most an  
12 insurer shall be required to pay for the repair of the vehicle or  
13 repair or replacement of the glass is the lowest amount that such  
14 vehicle or glass could be properly and fairly repaired or replaced  
15 by a contractor or repair shop within a reasonable geographical or  
16 trade area of the insured. In no event shall a motor vehicle  
17 repair shop charge labor rates above the average national rate  
18 charged for like kind work, without the express approval of the  
19 Commissioner of Insurance.



20           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2016.

