GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

S SENATE DRS35198-LK-124 (3/26)

Short Title: Insurers Reveal Financial Int in Repairers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Thomas.

Referred to:

2

4

5

6 7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURER TO DISCLOSE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A RECOMMENDED REPAIR FACILITY OR SERVICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-3-180(b1) reads as rewritten:

"(b1) No insurer or insurer representative shall recommend the use of a particular motor vehicle repair service without clearly informing the claimant that (i) the claimant is under no obligation to use the recommended repair service, (ii) the claimant may use the repair service of the claimant's choice, and (iii) the amount determined by the insurer to be payable under the policy will be paid regardless of whether or not the claimant uses the recommended repair service.service, and (iv) that the insurer or insurer representative has, at the time the recommendations are made, a financial interest in the recommended motor vehicle repair service."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.