PCS for HB 541 2023

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to motor vehicle glass; amending s. 3 559.903, F.S.; defining the term "advanced driver 4 assistance system"; revising the definition of the 5 term "motor vehicle repair"; amending s. 559.920, 6 F.S.; prohibiting motor vehicle repair shops or their 7 employees from offering anything of value to a 8 customer in exchange for making an insurance claim for 9 motor vehicle glass replacement or repair, including offers made through certain persons; specifying that 10 11 the failure to provide certain electronic or written 12 notice relating to calibrating or recalibrating an 13 advanced driver assistance system is unlawful; amending s. 627.7288, F.S.; allowing an optional 14 deductible for windshield glass; specifying deductible 15 16 amount; limiting deductible application; creating s. 17 627.7289, F.S.; prohibiting persons from entering into 18 assignment agreements of post-loss benefits for motor 19 vehicle glass replacement or repair after a specified date; providing that such assignment agreements are 20 21 void and unenforceable; defining the term "assignment 22 agreement"; providing an effective date. 23 24

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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Section 1. Present subsections (1) through (5), (6), and (7) of section 559.903, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2) through (6), (8), and (9), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to that section, and present subsection (8) of that section is amended, to read:

559.903 Definitions.—As used in this act:

- (1) "Advanced driver assistance system" means any motor vehicle electronic safety system that is associated with motor vehicle glass and is designed to support the driver and motor vehicle in a manner intended to increase motor vehicle safety and reduce losses associated with motor vehicle crashes.
- (7)(8) "Motor vehicle repair" means all maintenance of and modifications and repairs to motor vehicles, and diagnostic work incident thereto, including, but not limited to, the rebuilding or restoring of rebuilt vehicles, body work, painting, warranty work, calibration or recalibration of advanced driver assistance systems, and other work customarily undertaken by motor vehicle repair shops.

Section 2. Section 2. Section 559.920, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 559.920 Unlawful acts and practices.—It <u>is</u> shall be a violation of this act for any motor vehicle repair shop or employee thereof to <u>do any of the following</u>:
- (1) Engage or attempt to engage in repair work for compensation of any type without first being registered with or

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having submitted an affidavit of exemption to the department $\underline{\cdot} \dot{\tau}$

- (2) Make or charge for repairs $\underline{\text{that}}$ which have not been expressly or impliedly authorized by the customer. \div (3) Misrepresent that repairs have been made to a motor vehicle. \div
- (4) Misrepresent that certain parts and repairs are necessary to repair a vehicle. \div

- (5) Misrepresent that the vehicle being inspected or diagnosed is in a dangerous condition or that the customer's continued use of the vehicle may be harmful or cause great damage to the vehicle. \div
- (6) Fraudulently alter any customer contract, estimate, invoice, or other document.;
 - (7) Fraudulently misuse any customer's credit card. +
- (8) Make or authorize in any manner or by any means whatever any written or oral statement that which is untrue, deceptive, or misleading, and that which is known, or that which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue, deceptive, or misleading.;
- (9) Make false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce a customer to authorize the repair, service, or maintenance of a motor vehicle. \div
- (10) Substitute used, rebuilt, salvaged, or straightened parts for new replacement parts without notice to the motor vehicle owner and to her or his insurer if the cost of repair is to be paid pursuant to an insurance policy and the identity of

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the insurer or its claims adjuster is disclosed to the motor vehicle repair shop. \div

- (11) Cause or allow a customer to sign any work order that does not state the repairs requested by the customer or the automobile's odometer reading at the time of repair. \div
- (12) Fail or refuse to give to a customer a copy of any document requiring the customer's signature upon completion or cancellation of the repair work. \div
- (13) Willfully depart from or disregard accepted practices and professional standards. \div
- (14) Have repair work subcontracted without the knowledge or consent of the customer unless the motor vehicle repair shop or employee thereof demonstrates that the customer could not reasonably have been notified. \div
- (15) Conduct the business of motor vehicle repair in a location other than that stated on the registration certificate \div
- (16) Rebuild or restore a rebuilt vehicle without the knowledge of the owner in such a manner that it does not conform to the original vehicle manufacturer's established repair procedures or specifications and allowable tolerances for the particular model and year. ; or
- (17) Offer to a customer a rebate, gift, gift card, cash, coupon, or any other thing of value in exchange for making an insurance claim for motor vehicle glass replacement or repair,

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including, but not limited to, calibration or recalibration of an advanced driver assistance system. A nonemployee who is compensated for the solicitation of insurance claims is also prohibited from making such offer.

- in at least 12-point type to the customer whether the calibration or recalibration of the advanced driver assistance system is required as part of the replacement or repair of motor vehicle glass to make such system operable and to ensure such service is performed in a manner that meets or exceeds the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
- (20) Perform any other act that is a violation of this part or that constitutes fraud or misrepresentation.
 - (19) (18) Violate any provision of s. 713.585.
- Section 3. Section 627.7288, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 627.7288 Comprehensive coverage; deductible not to apply to motor vehicle <u>windshield</u> <u>glass; exceptions</u>.—
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the deductible provisions of any policy of motor vehicle insurance, delivered or issued in this state by an authorized insurer, providing comprehensive coverage or combined additional coverage shall not be applicable to damage to the windshield of any motor vehicle covered under such policy.
 - (2) An insurer may offer to an insured or applicant, upon

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the issuance or renewal of a policy providing comprehensive
coverage or combined additional coverage, a deductible of \$250
for claims of damage to the windshield of any motor vehicle
covered under such policy. The insured or applicant may decline
the offer of a deductible.
(3) If a deductible for comprehensive coverage or combined
additional coverage is applied to a loss that includes damage in
addition to windshield damage, no deductible under section this
may apply.
Section 4. Section 627.7289, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:
627.7289 Assignment of post-loss motor vehicle glass
benefits prohibited.—
(1) A policyholder or any other person may not enter into
an assignment agreement of post-loss benefits for motor vehicle
glass replacement or repair, including, but not limited to, for
glass replacement or repair, including, but not limited to, for calibration or recalibration of advanced driver assistance
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calibration or recalibration of advanced driver assistance systems as defined in s. 559.903, under a policy of motor
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calibration or recalibration of advanced driver assistance systems as defined in s. 559.903, under a policy of motor vehicle insurance issued or renewed in this state by an authorized insurer on or after July 1, 2023. Any such assignment
calibration or recalibration of advanced driver assistance systems as defined in s. 559.903, under a policy of motor vehicle insurance issued or renewed in this state by an authorized insurer on or after July 1, 2023. Any such assignment agreement entered into in violation of this subsection is void

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agreement is named or styled, by which post-loss benefits,

including, but not limited to, claim payments, under a motor
vehicle insurance policy are, in whole or in part, assigned or
transferred to, or acquired in any manner by, a person providing
services for motor vehicle glass replacement or repair,
including, but not limited to, inspecting, protecting,
repairing, restoring, or replacing the motor vehicle glass or
calibrating or recalibrating advanced driver assistance systems.
Soction 5 This act shall take offect July 1 2023

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