

HOUSE No. 1049

By Mr. Nyman of Hanover, petition of Robert J. Nyman relative to automobile insurers and appraisers. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE INSURERS AND APPRAISERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 8G of Chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:—
- 3 No insurer shall place into effect any plan, program or practice
- 4 which has the purpose of effect of:—
- 5 (1) sponsoring, endorsing or otherwise recommending any
- 6 appraiser of damage to automobile vehicles, as defined in M.G.L. 26
- 7 sec 8G
- 8 (2) directing, advising or otherwise suggesting that any person or
- 9 firm do business or refuse to do business with:—
- 10 (a) any appraiser or damage to automobile vehicles with respect
- 11 to the appraisal of such damage, or
- 12 (b) any repair facility registered under M.G.L. 100A;
- 13 (3) exercising any control over the activities of any appraiser of
- 14 damage to automotive vehicles;
- 15 (4) fixing, establishing, maintaining or otherwise controlling the
- 16 prices to be paid for appraisal of damage to automotive vehicles, or
- 17 to be charged by any repair facility registered under M.G.L. 100A
- 18 for the repair of damage to automotive vehicles or for replacement
- 19 parts or labor in connection therewith, whether by coercion, boycott
- 20 or intimidation or by the use of flat rate or parts manuals or other-
- 21 wise.