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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: WD 03/20/2023

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 113 and 114

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Section 3. Section 627.7288, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.7288 Comprehensive coverage; deductible not to apply to motor vehicle glass; reimbursement rates.-

(1) The deductible provisions of any policy of motor vehicle insurance, delivered or issued in this state by an

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11 authorized insurer, providing comprehensive coverage or combined 12 additional coverage shall not be applicable to damage to the 13 windshield of any motor vehicle covered under such policy.

14 (2) Unless an authorized insurer has directly contracted 15 for different amounts with a motor vehicle repair shop, as 16 defined in s. 559.903, performing windshield replacement or 17 repair, or has established alternative reimbursement rates in a 18 motor vehicle insurance policy, every windshield replacement and 19 repair performed in this state under any policy of motor vehicle 20 insurance delivered or issued in this state by an authorized 21 insurer must be reimbursed as follows:

(a) Reimbursement for the replacement of a windshield at 85 percent of the rate published in the National Auto Glass Specifications on the date the windshield replacement service was performed. If the rate for a windshield is not published in the National Auto Glass Specifications, the reimbursement rate is the dealer retail price for the windshield.

(b) Reimbursement of labor costs related to replacement of the windshield at a labor rate of \$85 per hour. Beginning July 1, 2024, the Department of Financial Services shall adjust the labor rate established under this paragraph on July 1 of each calendar year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index or similar inflation indicator.

(c) Reimbursement for the number of labor hours required for the replacement of the windshield at the rate published in the National Auto Glass Specifications on the date the windshield replacement service was performed.

38 (d) Reimbursement of the required kit or multiple kits for 39 windshield replacement paid at the rate of \$30 per kit, \$35 per Florida Senate - 2023 Bill No. SB 1002

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40	1.5 kits, or \$40 per 2 kits, with the total number of kits
41	required for the windshield replacement based on the
42	requirements published in the National Auto Glass Specifications
43	on the date the windshield replacement was performed.
44	Reimbursement for all other urethanes is \$15 per kit.
45	(e) Reimbursement for molding required for the replacement
46	of a windshield paid at the rate published in the National Auto
47	Glass Specifications on the date the windshield replacement
48	service was performed.
49	(f) Reimbursement for the repair of an existing windshield
50	at a rate of \$60 for the first area repaired and \$15 for the
51	second area repaired. There is no right to reimbursement for any
52	charges that exceed \$75 for any windshield repair.
53	(g) Reimbursement for windshield calibration in connection
54	with a windshield replacement at a rate of \$550 for static
55	calibration, \$450 for dynamic calibration, and \$700 for dual
56	calibration.
57	(3) An authorized insurer has an affirmative defense in any
58	action brought by a motor vehicle repair shop relating to
59	windshield repair or replacement reimbursements if the
60	authorized insurer reimbursed the motor vehicle repair shop
61	pursuant to subsection (2).
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63	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ================
64	And the title is amended as follows:
65	Between lines 13 and 14
66	insert:
67	amending s. 627.7288, F.S.; requiring authorized
68	insurers to reimburse motor vehicle repair shops in a
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69 specified manner for performing windshield 70 replacements or repairs; providing exceptions; 71 requiring the Department of Financial Services to 72 annually adjust a certain labor rate, beginning on a specified date; specifying that an authorized insurer 73 74 has an affirmative defense in proceedings relating to windshield replacements and repairs under certain 75 76 circumstances;