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IGA Scheduled To Testify in Support of New Michigan Legislation ASSOCIATION CALLS BILL A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

IGA president Dave Zoldowski of Auto One Inc. in Brighton, Mich., is scheduled to testify tomorrow before the Michigan House Commerce Committee in support of House Bill 4778.

The legislation is intended to prohibit insurance companies from having ownership interests in certain motor vehicle repair facilities. The bill also instructs motor vehicle repair facilities that already have such ownership interests in repair facilities to post a notice in the repair facility stating:

“THIS REPAIR FACILITY IS OWNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY (INSERT NAME OF INSURER). YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SEEK REPAIRS AT A REPAIR FACILITY OF YOUR CHOICE.”

The bill also would require repair facilities to notify the vehicle owner of these rights verbally and in writing.

“This is a bill we as glass shops need to get behind. Though it was put in place as a DRP [direct repair program] body shop bill, it will affect our anti-steering law,” commented Zoldowski. “It will be an uphill fight but worth the effort.”

IGA has requested its Michigan members contact their representatives in support of the legislation and to attend the hearing which will be held Tuesday, October 23, at 9 AM in the House Office Building in Lansing.

The IGA is the only association dedicated to the needs of the independent glass companies in North America. Its members are also dedicated to the professional and ethical installation of glass in a safe and proper manner. IGA members are located in all 50 states and ten countries.

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