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**SENATE . . . . . No. 438**

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By Mr. Doris, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 438) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to prohibit independent appraisers of motor vehicle insurers from engaging in the automotive repair business. Government Regulations.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROHIBITING INDEPENDENT APPRAISERS OR MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS FROM ENGAGING IN THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR BUSINESS.

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

1 Chapter 175, Section 113 M of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding after paragraph 4 the following para-  
3 graph: —

4 No staff or independent appraiser shall require, request, or  
5 suggest that appraisals or repairs be performed by a specific  
6 repair facility, nor shall the appraiser furnish a list of such  
7 repair facilities to a claimant.

8 Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
9 adding after Section 113 T the following section: —

10 No company engaged in the issuance of execution of motor  
11 vehicle liability policies within the Commonwealth shall en-  
12 gage in the business of automotive repairing or towing, nor  
13 shall such company require, request or suggest that repairs or  
14 towing be performed by a specific facility, nor furnish a list  
15 of such facilities, nor furnish a list of such facilities to a  
16 claimant. The word "company", as used in this section shall  
17 mean corporations or other entities, their subsidiaries, divi-  
18 sions, agents and employees.

