

HOUSE No. 1008

By Mr. Nyman of Hanover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1008) of Robert J. Nyman that consumers be granted the right of choice for collision repairs under the motor vehicle insurance laws. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert J. Nyman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to unfair claim settlement practices in a consumer's right of choice in collision automobile repairs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert J. Nyman	5th Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE HOUSE, NO. 1045 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNFAIR CLAIM SETTLEMENT PRACTICES IN A CONSUMER'S
RIGHT OF CHOICE IN COLLISION AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS.**

*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 176D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended in Section 3, by
2 adding a new paragraph (o) to subsection (9) as follows:
3 (o) requiring, suggesting, requesting, or recommending that any claimant or insured should or should not
4 have repairs made in a specified registered repair facility or facilities authorized under section 34O of
5 chapter 90 or otherwise, nor shall an appraiser or employees of an independent appraisal company,
6 insurance company or any of its employees or representatives use coercion or intimidation to cause
7 appraisals or repairs to be made or not made, in any specified repair facility or facilities.