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SENATE No. 632

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 632) of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation relative to the penalty for making insurance payments to unregistered repair shops. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

**AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR A PENALTY FOR MAKING INSURANCE PAYMENTS TO
A REPAIR SHOP NOT REGISTERED UNDER CHAPTER 100A.**

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 34O of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding to the end
3 of the last paragraph thereof the following sentence:—

4 After hearing, any insurer that knowingly makes payment to, or
5 negotiates cost of repairs with, a motor vehicle damage repair
6 shop that is not registered under chapter one hundred A, shall be
7 assessed a civil penalty by the commissioner of at least \$500.00,
8 but not more than \$5,000.00 for each incident.

