

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 770

Short Title: Insurers Reveal Financial Int in Repairers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Thomas.

Referred to: Commerce.

April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURER TO DISCLOSE ANY
2 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A RECOMMENDED REPAIR FACILITY OR
3 SERVICE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-3-180(b1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b1) No insurer or insurer representative shall recommend the use of a particular
8 motor vehicle repair service without clearly informing the claimant that (i) the claimant
9 is under no obligation to use the recommended repair service, (ii) the claimant may use
10 the repair service of the claimant's choice, ~~and~~ (iii) the amount determined by the
11 insurer to be payable under the policy will be paid regardless of whether or not the
12 claimant uses the recommended repair ~~service~~ service, and (iv) that the insurer or
13 insurer representative has, at the time the recommendations are made, a financial
14 interest in the recommended motor vehicle repair service."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.