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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the insurance law, in relation to requiring types of replacement crash parts used in automobile collision repairs be disclosed to vehicle owners and written authorization to use specified parts be obtained prior to installation

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 398-d of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:
3 2-A. (A) NO MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP SHALL USE OR INSTALL ANY TYPE OR
4 TYPES OF REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS FOR THE REPAIR OF A COLLISION DAMAGED
5 VEHICLE WITHOUT DISCLOSING THE TYPE OR TYPES OF REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS
6 TO THE VEHICLE OWNER OR THE VEHICLE OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
7 AND OBTAINING WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION THEREFROM. THE FOLLOWING "REPLACE-
8 MENT CRASH PARTS NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM", REPRODUCED IN 12 POINT
9 TYPE OR LARGER, SHALL BE ATTACHED TO A COPY OF THE COLLISION REPAIR
10 ESTIMATE AND SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE VEHICLE OWNER OR THE VEHICLE OWNER'S
11 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO THE USE OR INSTALLATION OF ANY SUCH
12 PARTS:

13 REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

14 NOTICE TO CONSUMER:

15 1. "REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS" ARE THE PARTS WHICH ARE TYPICALLY
16 REPLACED DURING THE REPAIR OF A DAMAGED VEHICLE. THESE
17 PARTS ARE MADE OF SHEET METAL, PLASTIC, FIBERGLASS OR SIMI-
18 LAR MATERIAL, INCLUDING A DOOR, FENDER, PANEL, BUMPER,
19 HOOD, FLOOR OR TRUNK LID, BUT NOT INCLUDING WINDOWS OR
20 HUBCAPS, AND CONSTITUTE OR PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE MOTOR
21 VEHICLE'S EXTERIOR.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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- I UNDERSTAND THAT MY VEHICLE WILL BE REPAIRED USING THE PARTS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND I AUTHORIZE THE REPAIR SHOP TO INSTALL THOSE PARTS.

DATE _____

S 2. Subsection (n) of section 3411 of the insurance law is relettered subsection (o) and a new subsection (n) is added to read as follows:

(N) NO INSURER SHALL DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY REQUIRE THE USE OR INSTALLATION OF ANY TYPE OR TYPES OF REPLACEMENT CRASH PART FOR THE REPAIR OF A COLLISION DAMAGED VEHICLE, WITHOUT DISCLOSING THE TYPE OR TYPES OF REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS TO THE VEHICLE OWNER OR THE VEHICLE OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION TWO-A OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW. IN ADDITION, ONLY NEW ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS MAY BE USED ON ANY VEHICLE DURING THE YEAR OF MANUFACTURE AND FOR TWO SUCCEEDING YEARS THEREAFTER, OR FOR THE DURATION OF THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S NEW VEHICLE AND/OR SHEET-METAL OR BODY PARTS WARRANTY, WHICHEVER IS LONGER. IN THE EVENT REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS ARE USED OR INSTALLED WHICH ARE OTHER THAN NEW ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) REPLACEMENT CRASH PARTS, AND SUCH PARTS ARE ILL-FITTING AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MATERIALS IN THEIR INSTALLATION OR USE, THE INSURER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF SUCH ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MATERIALS.

1 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
2 ing the date on which it shall have become a law, provided, however,
3 that effective immediately, the commissioner of motor vehicles and the
4 superintendent of insurance shall promulgate such rules and regulations
5 as are necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before
6 such date.