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Introduced by M. of A. HOOPER, WEPRIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. J. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring motor vehicle shops to give fair and legal estimates for car repairs

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-j to read as follows:

S 399-J. MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS; FAIR AND LEGAL ESTIMATE. 1. ALL MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS SHALL GIVE A FAIR AND LEGAL ESTIMATE FOR ANY REPAIRS NECESSARY ON A MOTOR VEHICLE. SUCH ESTIMATE SHALL BE PROJECTED TO THE BEST OF SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP'S EMPLOYEE'S ABILITY AND SHALL DELINEATE AND OUTLINE THE PRICES OF NECESSARY PARTS AND LABOR.

2. A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS RECOVERABLE IN AN ACTION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OR BY THE CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR ANY CITY OR BY THE APPROPRIATE ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AS SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF SUCH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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