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Introduced by Sen. DeFRANCISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the insurance law, in  
relation to requiring types of replacement crash parts used in automob-  
ile 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 ASSEM-  
BLY, 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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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 financial services shall promulgate such rules and  
5   regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this act on  
6   or before such date.