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AN ACT Relating to the use of original equipment manufacturer crash parts for repair of motor vehicles; and adding a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 48.30 RCW 6 to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

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8 (a) "Nonoriginal equipment manufacturer crash part" means a 9 replacement for any of the nonmechanical sheet metal or plastic parts 10 that generally constitute the exterior of a motor vehicle, including 11 inner and outer panels, that was not made for or by the manufacturer of 12 that motor vehicle.

(b) "Original equipment manufacturer crash part" means a replacement part for any of the nonmechanical sheet metal or plastic parts that generally constitute the exterior of a motor vehicle, including inner and outer panels, that was manufactured by or for the original manufacturer of that motor vehicle.

18 (2) An insurer may not require the use of nonoriginal equipment19 manufacturer crash parts in the repair of a motor vehicle for a period

of five years running from the production month and year the motor 1 2 vehicle was manufactured or while the vehicle is under manufacturer's warranty unless the customer or customer's designee consents in writing 3 at the time of the repair. If the customer or customer's designee 4 5 consents to the use of nonoriginal equipment manufacturer crash parts, the insurer must specify on the repair estimate which parts are 6 7 original equipment manufacturer crash parts and which parts are nonoriginal equipment manufacturer crash parts and must include with 8 9 the estimate a disclosure document containing the following information in no smaller than twelve-point type: 10

11 THIS ESTIMATE IS BASED UPON THE USE OF NONORIGINAL 12 EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER CRASH PARTS THAT WERE MANUFACTURED 13 NEITHER BY THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER OR THE MOTOR VEHICLE NOR 14 BY A MANUFACTURER AUTHORIZED BY THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER OF 15 THE VEHICLE TO USE ITS NAME OR TRADEMARK.

16 I UNDERSTAND THAT MY VEHICLE WILL BE REPAIRED USING 17 NONORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER CRASH PARTS AS SPECIFIED IN 18 THE REPAIR ESTIMATE, AND I AUTHORIZE THE REPAIR FACILITY TO 19 INSTALL THOSE SPECIFIED PARTS.

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CUSTOMER SIGNATURE DATE

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