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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6494**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance & Housing  
(originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Prentice, Kohl and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to consumer choices in automotive repair; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.30 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In recognition of a claimant's right to choose a specific  
7 automotive repair shop, the insurer may not engage in any act causing  
8 or intended to cause a claimant to believe the claimant does not have  
9 the right to choose a specific automotive repair shop.

10 (2) Nothing in this section is intended to prevent an insurer from  
11 recommending an automotive repair shop to the claimant, if:

12 (a) The insurer does not violate the restrictions described in  
13 subsection (1) of this section; and

14 (b) The insurer verbally makes the following disclosure during a  
15 conversation with the claimant:

1 YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE YOUR VEHICLE REPAIRED BY A PERSON  
2 OR BUSINESS WE SELECT OR RECOMMEND.

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