Assembly Bill No. 367–Assemblywoman Chowning (by request)

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; expanding the definition of "rebuilt vehicle" for the purposes of licensing and registration of motor vehicles; authorizing an insured to select a body shop for repairs to a motor vehicle; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. NRS 482.098 is hereby amended to read as follows: 482.098 "Rebuilt vehicle" means a vehicle, one or more major components of which have been replaced as set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, the requisite major components of a vehicle which must be replaced for a vehicle to be considered rebuilt are the:

- 1. Cowl assembly;
- 2. Rear clip assembly;
- 3. Roof [;] assembly;
- 4. Floor pan assembly; [or]
- 5. Conventional frame coupled with one additional major component [...]; or
 - 6. Complete front inner structure for a unibody.

Sec. 2. NRS 690B.016 is hereby amended to read as follows:

690B.016 1. An insured or a claimant under a policy of insurance may have repairs to a motor vehicle made at the licensed body shop of his choice. An insurer of motor vehicles shall notify the insured or the claimant of this right when the insurer is first contacted concerning a claim for damage to a motor vehicle.

- 2. An insurer of motor vehicles or a representative of the insurer shall not:
- (a) Knowingly recommend to an insured [,] *or a claimant*, or direct an insured *or a claimant* to, a body shop in this state which is not licensed pursuant to NRS 487.630; [or]
- (b) Require an insured *or a claimant* to patronize any licensed body shop in this state in preference to another such business, except in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 7 of NRS 487.002.
- [2.] 3. The provisions of this section do not require an insurer to pay more than the reasonable rate required pursuant to a policy of insurance for repairs to a motor vehicle.

4. For the purposes of this section, an insurer is entitled to rely upon the validity of the license number included by the body shop on its estimates and invoices for repairs.

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