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CIVIL JUSTICE

SB 1002 - Relating to Motor Vehicle Glass

On Tuesday, April 11, <u>SB 1002</u> by Senator Linda Stewart (D-Orlando) was heard and amended by the Senate Rules Committee and was reported favorably with 19 yeas and 0 nays. AIF stood in support of this legislation.

SB 1002 provides that a motor vehicle repair shop may not offer a customer a rebate, gift, gift card, cash, coupon, or other item of value in exchange for making an insurance claim for motor vehicle glass replacement or repair. The bill also prohibits the assignment of benefits for auto glass repairs.

The amendment that was passed provided clarity over a consumer's ability to select a repair shop.

SB 1002 will now go to the Senate Floor for consideration.

The House companion, HB 541 by Representative Griff Griffitts (R-Panama City) passed the House Commerce Committee on Monday, April 10, and will now go to the House Floor for consideration.

AIF supports efforts by the legislature to bring more transparency and fairness in the auto repair market between insurance providers and policy holders. Litigation should not be auctioned off frivolously when the alternative is better for the policy holder in the long run.

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