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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PARTS

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: May 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-10.2-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-10.2 entitled "Motor
2 Vehicle Replacement Parts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **27-10.2-1. Definitions.**

4 As used in this chapter:

5 (1) "Aftermarket part" means a motor vehicle replacement part that is not an original
6 equipment manufacturer part; and

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8 (2) "Original equipment manufacturer part" or "OEM part" means a motor vehicle
9 replacement part manufactured by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle being repaired; ~~and~~ [and](#)

10 (3) ["Used part" means a motor vehicle replacement part that is a used original equipment](#)
11 [manufacturer part.](#)

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-10.2 of the General Laws entitled "Motor Vehicle Replacement
13 Parts" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

14 **27-10.2-4. Standards for use of used parts.**

15 [Whenever used parts are used for repairs to physically damaged motor vehicles, the](#)
16 [following standards shall apply:](#)

17 (1) [The used parts shall be at least equal in kind and quality to the OEM parts in terms of](#)
18 [fit, quality, performance and warranty, and be from a vehicle of the same year or newer and have](#)
19 [the same or less mileage than the vehicle receiving the used part;](#)

1 (2) To the extent practical, an insurance company shall not require the use of multiple parts
2 distributors to provide parts for a single repair and shall limit the distance of the sourced parts to
3 fifty (50) miles, and provide delivery unless agreed to by the vehicle owner;

4 (3) Insurers specifying the use of used parts shall make allowances for the reasonable cost
5 of any modifications to the parts which may become necessary when making the repair, and for the
6 cost of fitting, removing, and/or handling of used parts which do not result in the vehicle being
7 repaired to its condition prior to the loss;

8 (4) If the used part specified by the insurer does not result in the vehicle being repaired to
9 its condition prior to the loss, the insurer shall then specify the use of an OEM part;

10 (5) The automobile body shop shall promptly notify the appraiser if the used part specified
11 by the insurer does not result in the vehicle being repaired to its condition prior to the the loss and
12 permit the appraiser to reinspect the vehicle and make appropriate supplemental authorizations, if
13 necessary; and

14 (6) The automobile body shop shall provide documentation of used parts, which do not
15 meet the requirements of this section, as reasonably requested by the insurer. The insurer shall be
16 permitted to exercise any available rights of recovery against the used parts distributor.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would define a used part and create standards for use of used parts in physically
- 2 damaged motor vehicles upon the insurance company and the automobile body shop.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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