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SENATE . . . . . No. 702

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act appointing temporary qualified appraisers for damage covered by auto insurance policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John J. Cronin	*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 702) of John J. Cronin relative to appointing temporary qualified appraisers for damage covered by auto insurance policies. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1079* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act appointing temporary qualified appraisers for damage covered by auto insurance policies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8G of chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

Upon a declaration of an emergency in any area of the commonwealth by the governor or upon the declaration by the commissioner of insurance that severe weather conditions or other circumstances have resulted in a claims emergency, and notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an insurer may appoint temporary qualified appraisers to facilitate the prompt resolution of claims arising out of the emergency by notifying the Board either in writing, electronically or by facsimile. An appraiser already licensed in another state or an appraiser who works for an insurer that does business in Massachusetts and who regularly appraises motor

vehicles in a state where an appraiser license is not required shall be considered a qualified appraiser. A qualified appraiser so appointed shall be considered licensed for all purposes of this section, that that status shall terminate upon a determination by the commissioner of insurance that temporary appraisers are no longer required to facilitate the resolution of claims.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on enactment.