

HOUSE No. 2769

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 relative to auto insurance reinspection requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James M. Murphy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Norfolk

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2769) of James M. Murphy relative to auto insurance reinspection requirements after repairs of damaged motor vehicles. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1040 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to auto insurance reinspection requirements.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8G of chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out the nineteenth paragraph.

3 SECTION 2. Section 34O of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
4 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 191 to 198, the words: “provided,
5 however, that for at least seventy-five per cent of those claims where the appraisal indicates that
6 the cost of repairs will exceed four thousand dollars and at least twenty-five per cent of those
7 claims where the appraisalsal indicates that the cost of repairs will be four thousand dollars or
8 less, a licensed auto damage appraiser shall re-inspect the vehicle following completion of
9 repairs and shall certify on the claim form that the work has been completed in accordance with
10 an appraisal made pursuant to said regulations” and inserting in place thereof the following: -

11 provided, however, that the commissioner may establish requirements for re-inspection by
12 licensed damage appraisers during or following the completion of repairs. In cases where a
13 completed work claim form is required, a licensed auto damage appraiser, shall certify that the
14 work has been completed in accordance with an appraisal or repair order.

15 SECTION 3. Section 113O of chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
16 striking out in the third paragraph the words: “provided, however, that for at least seventy-five
17 per cent of those claims where the appraisal indicates that the cost of repairs will exceed four
18 thousand dollars and at least twenty-five per cent of those claims where the appraisal indicates
19 that the cost of repairs will be four thousand dollars or less, a licensed auto damage appraiser
20 shall re-inspect the vehicle following completion of repairs and shall certify on the claim form
21 that the work has been completed in accordance with an appraisal made pursuant to said
22 regulations” and inserting in place thereof the following:- provided, however, that the
23 commissioner may establish requirements for re-inspection by licensed damage appraisers during
24 or following the completion of repairs. In cases where a completed work claim form is required,
25 a licensed auto damage appraiser, which may include a repair shop appraiser, shall certify that
26 the work has been completed in accordance with an appraisal or repair order.