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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOPS

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Winfield, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-38-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-38 entitled "Automobile  
2 Body Repair Shops" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **5-38-1. "Automobile body shop" defined.** -- Automobile body shop, referred to as  
4 "auto body shop", includes any establishment, garage, or work area enclosed within a building  
5 where repairs are made or caused to be made to motor vehicle bodies, including fenders,  
6 bumpers, chassis and similar components of motor vehicle bodies as distinguished from the seats,  
7 motor, transmission, and other accessories for propulsion and general running gear of motor  
8 vehicles, except as provided in section 5-38-20. No repairs performed by licensees under this  
9 chapter may be performed using mobile units, but may only be performed at a fixed, licensed  
10 location. ~~This section shall not apply to glass repair and installations or paintless dent repairs.~~  
11 However, the department of business regulation may adopt rules and regulations that exempt  
12 certain glass repair and installations or paintless dent repairs from this section based on criteria  
13 established in such rules and regulations.

14           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would remove the statutory exemption for glass repairs and paintless dent  
2 repairs, but allows the department of business regulation to make regulations to exempt glass  
3 installation and paintless dent based on certain criteria.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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