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STRONG SHOPS
STRONGER CONSUMERS
A SAFER TOMORROW



STATUS: Passed the Ohio Senate, reported out of the House Insurance Committee, and could be considered by the full Ohio House at any time.

ACT NOW: WHY THE COLLISION REPAIR INDUSTRY OPPOSES OHIO SB 306



Ohio Senate Bill 306 could move quickly in the Ohio House. If enacted, it would impose new restrictions on independent collision repair facilities while exempting dealer-owned or dealer-operated repair facilities.

WHY SHOPS ARE CONCERNED



Dealer Exemption

SB 306 imposes new requirements on repair facilities, but expressly excludes entities owned or operated by a motor vehicle dealer, as defined under Ohio law. This includes new, used, leasing, and adaptive-mobility dealers.



Restricts Assignments & Powers of Attorney

The bill prohibits a repair facility, or a third party acting on its behalf, from representing, negotiating, obtaining, or attempting to obtain assignments of claims, rights, benefits, powers of attorney, or insurance proceeds from consumers.



Limits the Consumer's Repair Advocate

Modern vehicles require specialized knowledge of OEM repair procedures, advanced materials, electronics, safety systems, scanning, and calibrations. Most vehicle owners do not have this technical expertise. Restricting how a shop may represent or negotiate for its customer could reduce access to a knowledgeable advocate for a safe and proper repair.



Limits Total-Loss Storage Charges

Once a vehicle is deemed a total loss, the bill requires the facility to stop assessing or accruing any fee reasonably related to storage. If an insurer files a civil action under R.C. 4513.70, storage-related charges assessed after filing must be rescinded or refunded once notice is received.



Creates New Legal Exposure

Violations would be treated as unfair or deceptive acts under Ohio consumer law, exposing shops to additional legal risk and potential penalties.



Ohio Autobody Association's Position

Independent collision repairers believe they were not meaningfully included as stakeholders in drafting provisions that directly regulate their businesses.



WHY THIS MATTERS

- **Creates one set of rules for independent shops**
while exempting dealer-affiliated repair facilities.
- **Could limit a consumer's access to a knowledgeable repair advocate**
who understands the complex procedures needed to safely and properly repair today's vehicles.
- **Limits Total-Loss Storage Charges**
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URGENT: TAKE ACTION NOW

Ohio collision repair shop owners, employees, and vendor partners should contact their State Representative immediately and urge a **NO** vote on SB 306 before it advances.

Every employee's voice matters — this bill affects jobs, operations, and the future of independent collision repair in Ohio.



Find your State Representative:
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contact your
Ohio State
Representative
today.