

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1299  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/9/05**

Short Title: Motor Vehicle Repairs/Clarify Cost of Repair.

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April 20, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY WHAT THE COST OF REPAIR WORK CONSISTS OF  
2 WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER THE COST OF REPAIR WORK IS  
3 SUFFICIENT TO REQUIRE A MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP TO PREPARE  
4 A WRITTEN REPAIR ESTIMATE.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-354.3(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) When any customer requests a motor vehicle repair shop to perform repair  
9 work on a motor vehicle, the cost of which repair work will exceed three hundred fifty  
10 dollars (\$350.00) to the customer, the shop shall prepare a written repair estimate, which  
11 is a form setting forth the estimated cost of repair work, including diagnostic work,  
12 before effecting any diagnostic work or repair. In determining under this section  
13 whether the cost of the repair work exceeds three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), the  
14 cost of the repair work shall consist of the cost of parts and labor necessary for the  
15 repair work and any charges for necessary diagnostic work and teardown, if any, and  
16 shall not include any taxes, any other repair shop supplies or overhead, or any other  
17 extra services that are incidental to the repair work. The written repair estimate shall  
18 also include a statement allowing the customer to indicate whether replaced parts should  
19 be saved for inspection or return and a statement indicating the daily charge for storing  
20 the customer's motor vehicle after the customer has been notified that the repair work  
21 has been completed."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to  
23 repair estimates that are made on or after that date.