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

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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 include any taxes, any other repair shop supplies or overhead, and any other extra
17 services that are incidental to the repair work. The written repair estimate shall also
18 include a statement allowing the customer to indicate whether replaced parts should be
19 saved for inspection or return and a statement indicating the daily charge for storing the
20 customer's motor vehicle after the customer has been notified that the repair work has
21 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.