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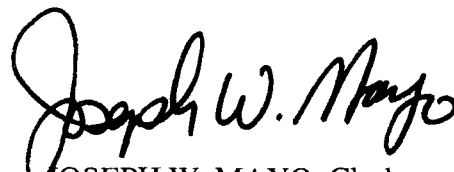
No. 1677

H.P. 1166

House of Representatives, March 4, 1999

An Act to Enhance the Integrity of Processing Insurance Claims Relating to Motor Vehicle Glass.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2164-C**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 203,
§1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§2164-C. Free competition**

8 An insurer, domestic or foreign, may not use a 3rd-party
10 claims administrator or agent to process or perform, directly or
12 indirectly, appraisals, repairs or replacement of motor vehicle
14 glass if the 3rd-party claims administrator or agent has a
business affiliation with a retailer, wholesaler or manufacturer
of motor vehicle glass.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows insurers to use independent 3rd-party
20 claims administrators or agents for auto glass claims, but
prohibits the use of a 3rd-party administrator or agent that is
affiliated with the glass industry.