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H.P. 590

House of Representatives, February 16, 2005

An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Repair Posters

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, COLLINS of Wells, DUGAY of Cherryfield.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1801, sub-§5 is enacted to read:
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-	5. Shop supplies. "Shop supplies" means materials used and
6	consumed in the process of repair, including, but not limited to,
8	nuts and bolts, electrical wire, rags, tape, brake cleaners and other items maintained as inventory.
10	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1802, sub-§3 is enacted to read:
12	3. Shop supplies. A repair facility may bill shop
14	supplies, calculated as a percentage of labor or by other calculation, as a single line item if disclosed to the customer.
16	Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1805, sub-§4 is enacted to read:
18	4. Shop supplies. If the repair facility charges a
	separate line item for shop supplies, the notice must also
20	contain the following:
22	"We also charge a fee for shop supplies. This fee is
	charged on every repair and is calculated as a percentage of
24	labor or other charge. Our service manager will explain shop
2.6	supplies and how much they may cost you."
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28	SUMMARY
30	This bill clarifies that motor vehicle repair facilities may
	charge a fee for shop supplies. This bill requires that the
32	repair facility provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is
	being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item
34	for shop supplies, permits a repair facility to bill shop
36	supplies as a percentage of labor or by other calculation as a single line item and requires the repair facility to explain shop

supplies upon request.