

HOUSE BILL 1057

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By: **Delegate King**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Law – Automotive Repair Facilities – Invoices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an invoice from an automotive repair facility to state
4 that while a customer's motor vehicle is on the premises of the automotive
5 repair facility, the automotive repair facility ~~is not responsible for any damage~~
6 ~~to the customer's motor vehicle that is caused by an individual not employed by~~
7 ~~the automotive repair facility~~ may not be responsible for damage to the
8 customer's motor vehicle under certain circumstances, and that the customer
9 should ask a representative of the automotive repair facility about the extent of
10 its responsibility; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to
11 automotive repair facilities and invoices.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Commercial Law
14 Section 14–1003
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Commercial Law**

20 14–1003.

21 (a) An automotive repair facility shall prepare an invoice which describes:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) All work done by it, including all warranty work; and

2 (2) All parts supplied by it.

3 (b) The invoice shall state clearly [if]:

4 (1) IF any used, rebuilt, or reconditioned parts have been supplied or
5 if a part of a component system supplied is composed of used, rebuilt, or reconditioned
6 parts; AND

7 (2) **THAT WHILE A CUSTOMER'S MOTOR VEHICLE IS ON THE**
8 **PREMISES OF THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY, THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**
9 **FACILITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE CUSTOMER'S MOTOR**
10 **VEHICLE THAT IS CAUSED BY AN INDIVIDUAL NOT EMPLOYED BY THE**
11 **AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY MAY NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO THE**
12 **CUSTOMER'S MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT**
13 **THE CUSTOMER SHOULD ASK A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**
14 **FACILITY ABOUT THE EXTENT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY.**

15 (c) The invoice shall include the following notice:

16 "Manufacturer Special Policy Adjustment Programs

17 Federal law requires manufacturers to furnish the National Highway Traffic
18 Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) with bulletins describing any defects in their
19 vehicles. You may obtain copies of these bulletins from either the manufacturer or
20 N.H.T.S.A. In addition, certain consumer publications or organizations publish this
21 information, which may be available for a fee or for free."

22 (d) After the customer signs the invoice, the automotive repair facility shall
23 give [him] **THE CUSTOMER** a copy of it and retain a copy.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2008.