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HB-920 Consumer Protection - Motor Vehicle Glass Replacement

SPONSOR: Delegate Courtney Watson

POSITION: Favorable

HB-920 deals with technological changes in the automotive industry in windshields. Windshields in nearly all current model cars today are filled with cameras and other sensors, all of which are precisely calibrated. These features are known as Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS).

After an accident, or any kind of windshield damage, it is necessary to **recalibrate** the ADAS on the vehicle, so that the vehicle may perform properly. The repair facility must be equipped to recalibrate the cameras and sensors that are in the windshield. Without such precise recalibration, the systems that notify the driver of potential operating hazards may malfunction.

The consequences of non-performance of ADAS from an improper repair are serious and potentially life threatening. If a recalibration is off by just a millimeter, the early warning systems may not operate properly.

HB 920 imposes a set of consumer notifications about the need for proper recalibration in the replacement of automobile safety glass. The bill also requires a glass shop, before it begins repairs, to inform the consumer of ADAS recalibration and provide the consumer with a statement that the work performed will meet manufacturer specifications. The bill also prohibits charges for services that are not successfully completed.

To summarize, the bill imposes necessary, common sense consumer notification requirements for windshield replacement recognizing today's advanced technology. I respectfully request a favorable report on HB920. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

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