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TO: All MIADA/DIADA Members

FROM: George N. Manis, Executive Director

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RE: New Law Affecting Auto Repair Facilities

House Bill 1057 (Commercial Law – Automotive Repair Facilities – Invoices, Written Estimates, and Forms for Authorization of Repairs), which was passed during the 2008 legislation session, **requires** automotive repair facilities to state that “while a customer’s motor vehicle is on the premises of the automotive repair facility, the automotive repair facility may not be responsible for any damage to the customer’s motor vehicle under specified circumstances, and that the customer should ask a representative of the automotive repair facility about the extent of its responsibility, including the extent of insurance coverage; etc.”

This disclosure, which is **effective October 1, 2008**, should be shown on invoices, written estimates and repair orders. The law does not specify any specific location or type size for the disclosure. However, we recommend that this language appear somewhere above the signature line, be no smaller than 10-point typeface and be located near consumer rights sections.

Suggested Example:

WHILE YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE IS ON THE PREMISES OF OUR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY, THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY MAY NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. YOU SHOULD ASK A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY ABOUT THE EXTENT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUDING THE EXTENT OF THE INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY.

Many forms vendors, such as Reynolds & Reynolds, have revised their forms to comply with the new law. **Please check your forms for compliance.** If you have any questions concerning HB 1057, please contact me at 410-263-7882.

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