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Brief Title: Providing for consumer choices in automotive repairs.

**HB 2065 - DIGEST**

Declares that an insurer may not require, direct, or otherwise induce a third-party claimant to utilize a specific automotive repair facility or one from a list of automotive repair facilities maintained or prepared by the insurer in effecting automotive repairs under the claimant's third-party claim.

Provides that the insurer may not engage in anticompetitive activities, including, but not limited to: (1) The use of unilateral negotiating tactics to force or coerce automotive repair facilities to artificially reduce or restrict their cost for automotive repairs;

(2) engaging, with automotive repair services, in the use of multiple labor price or parts lists; and

(3) sharing or directing the use of information on cost of repair with other insurance companies or intermediary services with the intent of reducing or restricting the cost of automotive repairs.