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S.B. No. 944

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an advisory committee to make recommendations to the commissioner of insurance regarding certain automobile insurance claims.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 1952, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1952.308 to read as follows:

Sec. 1952.308. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) An advisory committee shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding:

(1) the enforcement of this subchapter;

(2) preventing and penalizing the processing of third-party claims for damage to a motor vehicle in violation of Chapters 541 and 542;

(3) procedures, parts, or products used to repair a motor vehicle;

(4) rules and procedures related to automobile insurance claims for the costs of towing and storing motor vehicles; and

(5) any other matter relating to automobile insurance and the repair of motor vehicles.

(b) The advisory committee is composed of nine members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

(1) three members who represent motor vehicle repair

1 facilities;

2 (2) three members who represent the public; and

3 (3) three members who represent the automobile
4 insurance industry.

5 (c) A member of the advisory committee serves without
6 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable
7 expenses incurred in attending meetings of the advisory committee.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.