A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of an advisory committee to make

3 recommendations to the commissioner of insurance regarding certain

4 automobile insurance claims.

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

6   SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 1952, Insurance Code, is

7 amended by adding Section 1952.308 to read as follows:

8   Sec. 1952.308. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.   (a)   An advisory

9 committee   shall   make   recommendations   to   the   commissioner

10 regarding:

11   (1)   the enforcement of this subchapter;

12   (2) preventing and penalizing the processing of

13 third-party claims for damage to a motor vehicle in violation of

14 Chapters 541 and 542;

15   (3) procedures, parts, or products used to repair a

16 motor vehicle;

17   (4)   rules   and   procedures   related   to   automobile

18 insurance claims for the costs of towing and storing motor

19 vehicles; and

20   (5) any other matter relating to automobile insurance

21 and the repair of motor vehicles.

22   (b)   The advisory committee is composed of nine members

23 appointed by the commissioner as follows:

24   (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.