SENATE BILL No. 332

March 15, 2001, Introduced by Senator DINGELL and referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956,"

(MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3133.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 3133. (1) AN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY AND AN AUTO-
- 2 MOBILE INSURER AND ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND ADJUSTERS SHALL NOT
- 3 DO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 4 (A) INTIMIDATE, INDUCE, RECOMMEND, SUGGEST, OR REQUIRE AN
- 5 INSURED TO USE A PARTICULAR PERSON, PLACE, SHOP, OR ENTITY FOR
- 6 THE PROVIDING OF ANY AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SERVICE OR PRODUCT COVERED
- 7 BY THE POLICY.
- 8 (B) INTIMIDATE, INDUCE, RECOMMEND, SUGGEST, OR REQUIRE AN
- 9 INSURED TO USE A PARTICULAR BRAND, TYPE, KIND, AGE, OR CONDITION
- 10 OF PARTS FOR A PART COVERED BY THE POLICY.

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- 1 (2) AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER SHALL FULLY AND PROMPTLY PAY FOR
- 2 THE COST OF ANY COVERED AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SERVICE OR PRODUCT LESS
- 3 ANY APPLICABLE DEDUCTIBLE AT NOT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING OR GEN-
- 4 ERALLY FOUND MARKET PRICE IN THE AREA FOR SIMILARLY SITUATED
- 5 AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SERVICES OR PRODUCTS. THE PREVAILING OR GENER-
- 6 ALLY FOUND MARKET PRICE IN THE AREA SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE
- 7 LOWEST PRICE AND SHALL NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY SPECIAL
- 8 PRICE OR SERVICE ARRANGEMENT OFFERED BY THE PARTICULAR PERSON,
- 9 PLACE, SHOP, OR ENTITY. AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER SHALL NOT FAIL TO
- 10 FULLY AND PROMPTLY PAY FOR THE COST OF ANY COVERED AUTOMOBILE
- 11 REPAIR SERVICE OR PRODUCT BECAUSE OF AN INSURED'S SELECTION OF A
- 12 PARTICULAR PERSON, PLACE, SHOP, OR ENTITY TO PROVIDE THE COVERED
- 13 AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SERVICE OR PRODUCT.