



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4467 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Frank D. Foster

House Committee: Insurance Senate Committee: Insurance

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to provide that a service contract would not be insurance or the business of insurance and would not be subject to the Code. The bill would define "service contract" as a written contract that is sold for stated consideration for a specific duration that provides any of the following:

- -- Reimbursement for the repair, replacement, or maintenance of a consumer product because of the failure of the product due to a defect in material or workmanship; accidental damage from handling, power surge, or interruption; or normal wear and tear, with or without additional provisions for incidental payment of indemnity under limited circumstances, including towing, rental, and emergency road services.
- -- Repair, replacement, or indemnification for repair or replacement of a motor vehicle for the failure of one or more parts or systems of the vehicle brought about by the failure of an additive product to perform as represented.
- -- Repair or replacement of tires or wheels on a motor vehicle damaged as a result of coming into contact with road hazards, including potholes, rocks, curbs, or other items.
- -- Removal of dents, dings, or creases on a motor vehicle that can be repaired using the process of paintless dent removal without affecting the existing paint finish and without replacing vehicle body panels, sanding, bonding, or painting.
- -- Repair or replacement of a motor vehicle windshield because of cracks or chips.
- -- Replacement of an inoperable, lost, or stolen motor vehicle key or key fob.

The bill would define "consumer product" as "any tangible personal property that is distributed in commerce and is normally used for personal, family, or household purposes, including any tangible personal property intended to be attached to or installed in any real property without regard to whether it is so attached or installed".

Proposed MCL 500.125 Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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