**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-49-15 SO AS TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLE PHYSICAL DAMAGE APPRAISERS TO LOCATE THEIR PLACES OF BUSINESS ON THE PREMISES OF, OR ADJACENT TO, A MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR OR BODY SHOP.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 49, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38-49-15. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a motor vehicle physical damage appraiser, who conducts appraisals of damages to motor vehicles for or on behalf of an insurer or firm or corporation engaged in the adjustment of claims for an insurer, may not locate his or her place of business on the premises of, or on property adjacent to, a motor vehicle repair or motor vehicle body shop, or both.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2010.

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