

By Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle repair estimates;
3 amending s. 559.903, F.S.; defining the term "tire
4 services"; amending s. 559.905, F.S.; exempting a
5 motor vehicle repair shop engaging in tire services
6 from providing specified required information under
7 certain circumstances; amending s. 559.909, F.S.;
8 conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Present subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section
14 559.903, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7),
15 (8), and (6), respectively, and subsection (9) is added to that
16 section, to read:

17 559.903 Definitions.—As used in this act:

18 (9) "Tire services" means the retail sale of tires and
19 wheels and the parts, accessories, and services related to the
20 installation and repair of tires and wheels.

21 Section 2. Present subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section
22 559.905, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5),
23 (6), and (7), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to
24 that section, and present subsection (4) is amended, to read:

25 559.905 Written motor vehicle repair estimate and
26 disclosure statement required.—

27 (4) A motor vehicle repair shop that engages in tire
28 services does not need to provide the information required by
29 paragraphs (1)(h) and (i) and subsection (2) to a customer if

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30 the customer is provided with a detailed sales invoice setting
31 forth the cost of all tire-related and wheel-related goods and
32 services and the customer pays the invoice before work is begun.

33 (5)-(4) Except as provided in subsection (6) ~~(5)~~, a copy of
34 the written repair estimate required by subsection (1) and the
35 disclosure statement required by subsection (2) shall be given
36 to the customer before repair work is begun. The disclosure
37 statement may be provided on the same form as the written repair
38 estimate.

39 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
40 559.909, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

41 559.909 Notification of charges in excess of repair
42 estimate; unlawful charges; refusal to return vehicle
43 prohibited; inspection of parts.-

44 (1) In the event that:

45 (c) An implied partial waiver exists for diagnostic work,
46 as described in s. 559.905(6) ~~s. 559.905(5)~~, and such diagnostic
47 work has been completed,

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49 the customer shall be promptly notified by telephone, telegraph,
50 mail, or other means of the additional repair work and estimated
51 cost thereof. A customer so notified shall, orally or in
52 writing, authorize, modify, or cancel the order for repair.

53 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.