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## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)**

### **Resolution Regarding Motor Vehicle Crash Parts**

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*Adopted by the NCOIL Property-Casualty Insurance Committee on November 17, 2005, and Executive Committee on November 19, 2005.*

*Sponsored by members of the NCOIL Aftermarket Crash Parts Subcommittee (Sen. Pam Redfield, NE, chair; Sen. Joe Crisco, CT; Rep. Ron Crimm, KY; Sen. Alan Sanborn, MI; Assem. Ivan Lafayette, NY; Rep. Geoff Smith, OH; Rep. Mark Young, VT; and Rep. George Keiser, ND, P-C Committee chair)*

WHEREAS, NCOIL recognizes that car company, certified, aftermarket, and other motor vehicle crash parts are essential to the crash repair industry; and

WHEREAS, use of these parts fosters a competitive environment that leads to lower repair costs and fewer totaled vehicles—to the benefit of consumers, collision repair facilities, and insurers; and

WHEREAS, the quality of repair parts in terms of fit and finish is essential to the benefit of consumers, collision repair facilities, and insurers; and

WHEREAS, thirty-one states have enacted legislation that, in general, requires consumer notification as to the kind of crash parts to be used by an auto body professional; and

WHEREAS, NCOIL has debated issues related to motor vehicle crash parts for more than ten years, and has heard substantial commentary from interested parties and considered, in-depth, two model laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NCOIL, in the pursuit of open competition, endorses the use of all kinds of crash parts when appropriate for motor vehicle repair; and

BE IT RESOLVED that NCOIL supports consumer awareness of the differences between types of crash parts, as well as notification regarding the kind of crash part for which an insurer will reimburse; and

BE IT RESOLVED that NCOIL believes that if an insurer requires, as a condition of reimbursement, the use of a certain type of crash part, then that insurer should stand behind the part(s) it requires; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that NCOIL will distribute this resolution to state legislative and other leaders throughout the country, in order to help promote competition in the collision repair industry.