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H 1285. MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP REGULATION. Filed 4/8/09. *TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS, COLLISION REPAIR ESTIMATORS, AND COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIANS.*

Enacts new Article 18 of GS Chapter 20 as title indicates. Makes it unlawful for a person to own or operate a motor vehicle repair shop or engage in business as a collision repair estimator or collision repair technician after July 1, 2006, unless the person is licensed under the act. Specifies qualification for licensure as a collision repair estimator or collision repair technician, including completion of an approved course and examination. Specifies requirements for licensure of motor vehicle repair shops. Establishes fees for licensure. Establishes grounds for disciplinary action. Require licensed motor vehicle repair shops to maintain records of written repair estimates and repair invoices for customer inspection and copying for a period of 12 months.

Licensure requirement does not apply to practice by persons employed by any federal, state, or municipal agency, practice by a person who is a student in an approved educational or certification program, employees of industrial firms that provide motor vehicle or collision repairs for their customers on their own or leased premises, or any person who repairs or maintains a motor vehicle owned or leased by that person. Violation of licensure requirement is a class 3 misdemeanor.

Establishes a seven-member NC Board of Examiners for Motor Vehicle Repair Shops and Collision Repairs and provides for the qualifications and appointment of board members by the Governor (one member) and the General Assembly (three members upon recommendation of the Senate President Pro Tempore and three members upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House). Specifies the board's powers and duties.

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