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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



A bi-monthly update of ASA's legislative activities.

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Recent activities of ASA's Washington, D.C. office ...

ASA Board Approves Legislative Objectives

- The Automotive Service Association's **board of directors** approved the 2014 federal and state legislative objectives.
- These objectives are guidelines for ASA's federal and state legislative and regulatory policy.
- These general policy guidelines are used in developing positions for proposed legislation and regulations in Washington, D.C., and all 50 states.

ASA Testifies on Vehicle Communications Technologies

- California Senate Bill 944, the Consumer Car Information Choice and Control Act, was introduced in the California State Senate. S.B. 944 requires a new motor vehicle manufacturer of vehicles sold or leased in the state – that records, generates, stores or collects vehicle information – to make certain disclosure to the registered owner regarding the generation and collection of that information, and to provide the owner with access to such information. The bill requires the manufacturer to offer the registered owner the ability to opt out. The bill prohibits restricting owner access to information.
- The Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing held a hearing on S.B. 944.
- Donny Seyfer, ASA chairman-elect, testified at the hearing: *“ASA believes that legislative action on the vehicle information issues this bill proposes to cure is premature and we ask that the committee not pass this legislation. Automotive repairers are in the early stages of determining what the issues are relative to telematics and other issues addressed by this legislation. Prior to legislation, we need the stakeholders to determine what the issues are and whether they can be addressed by the automotive industry prior to the initiation of legislation. I encourage the committee to table this legislation, and allow the automotive industry – all stakeholders including consumers and repairers – to dialogue about these most complicated new vehicle technologies and report back to you with suggestions for industry agreements and/or legislation. As an industry, we need more time to determine what, if any, legislation is necessary.”*
- Similar legislation has been introduced in Rhode Island. No hearing has been scheduled to date in the Rhode Island legislature. At ASA's **CARS show** in Detroit, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers will sponsor the CARS Auto Alliance Innovation, Technology & Telematics Expo Aug. 1, 2014. Independent repairers will have an opportunity to dialogue with the key players involved with telematics and other important issues.

ASA Submits Comments on Shop Registration

- ASA submitted comments on Ohio Senate Bill 232, which extends the jurisdiction of the Motor Vehicle Repair Board to include mechanical repairs.
- Ohio has a collision shop registration law on the books.

ASA has used the Ohio collision shop registration law as an example for other states interested in establishing new registration or licensing programs, or improving upon their current program.

- ASA-Ohio has worked very hard to expand the current law to include mechanical shops. In comments to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, ASA noted: *“Senate Bill 232 will ensure shops meet at least the minimum requirements to conduct business within the state of Ohio, provide consumers confidence that they are dealing with legitimate and professional automotive repair businesses, protect consumers, shop employees and the environment by ensuring that these repair businesses and their employees are properly trained with regard to hazardous waste disposal and other environmental regulations. Your collision shop registration law has served Ohio's consumers and small businesses well. We ask that the committee support Senate Bill 232 in its effort to include mechanical repair facilities within the jurisdiction of the Motor Vehicle Repair Board.”*

ASA Continues to Encourage the Federal Regulation of Insurance

- The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services' Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing on “The Federal Insurance Office's Report on Modernizing Insurance Regulation.” The report was released in December 2013. The U.S. Department of Treasury's Federal Insurance Office (FIO) was established as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
- ASA worked with members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to ensure that the FIO was included in the reform of the financial services industry. ASA supports the federal regulation of the insurance industry. There are areas of insurance where the federal government already performs a regulatory role, such as deposit insurance, flood insurance, crop insurance, etc.
- U.S. Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., indicated in a meeting that he intended to introduce legislation that allows for the portability of auto insurance for the military and their families. ASA has worked with Royce on insurance reform, FIO, etc.

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