



Federal News

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released [a final ruling](#) that will require – starting in 2029 – all new vehicles in the United States to come equipped with automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems that can detect and respond to pedestrians in the dark. The AEB must also be able to avoid colliding with a vehicle while traveling up to 62 mph and a pedestrian while traveling up to 45 mph. Auto repairers will be responsible for returning repaired vehicles with the AEB system capable of functioning at least as well as it was able to perform when it was received by the repairer. This rulemaking was mandated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- [President Biden announced](#) that the United States will levy a 100% tariff on EVs produced in China. Currently, all vehicles produced in China are subject to a 25% tariff. The new tariff is meant to address the Chinese government’s behaviors that the United States government deems “unfair trade practices,” such as providing government subsidies that enable manufacturers to sell their EVs for as low as \$10,000. According to the China Passenger Car Association, only 2,217 EVs were imported into the United States from China in Q1 of 2024.

State News

- ASA supports [Senate Bill \(SB\) 867](#), which was introduced recently in the Michigan Legislature. It would allow auto repairers that own an “additional facility” to register that additional facility under the same registration as the primary facility, thereby avoiding duplicative registration fees and other regulatory requirements. It defines an “additional facility” as one that is located within a reasonable proximity of the main facility, serves as an extension of the main facility, and doesn’t operate independently of the main facility. The bill would also allow repair businesses to renew its registration for up to four years at a time. Additionally, SB 867 would reduce reporting requirements on sales of shares of the business. Currently, repair businesses owned by a corporation must report to the state if 10% or more of the business is sold. This bill would raise that threshold to 25%.
- [Connecticut SB 183](#) passed the state house and senate. It now awaits the governor’s signature. SB 183 would require that salvage vehicles be inspected at DMV-authorized repairers. Current law requires they be inspected at a DMV facility. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that applicants for new or renewed vehicle repairer licenses submit a background check less than 30 days before submitting the application.
- Rhode Island bill [H8252](#) would make it an unfair claims settlement practice to include refusing to obey the wish of an insured or claimant that the insurer directly pay the consumer’s repairer. Refusing to compensate a repairer for procedures identified by the OEM as “required or recommended” would also be an unfair practice.

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