

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Members present:

David Reynolds, New Century Auto Inc
Jeanne McCarthy, DBR
Dennis Gamba, Cranston Collision
Dan Coleman, F&C Auto Glass
Richard Berstein, DBR

Others Present:

Rep. Bruce Long
Stephen Zubiago, Nixon Peabody/PCI
Larry Alan, Nationwide
Fred Santaniello, New England Tech
Jocelyn Rezendes, DBR intern
John Wisniewski, Payless
Peter Olsen, Payless
Matthew Dignan, Mygrant
Jack Condon, Progressive
Ben Lee, U-Save Glass

10:35 AM

Review January minutes - motion to accept seconded Jmc - unanimous

DR: discussed meeting held with Director and Brian Riggs at DBR concerning the 2009 budget article 33 submitted by the Department. Also discussed the Finance Committee testimony concerning the expertise of the board concerning auto body issues and how the Board worked in submitting rules and regulations

Board discussed the certification of technician regulations

FS: Questioned the definition of trade school

DR: Recommend the Board use this definition as a starting point

DR: motion to pass starting point certification of technician requirements seconded GG passed
Unanimous

DR: Noted these requirements will be on the honor system with random enforcement by the Department

DR: Stated that a glass package containing information presented to the Board was sent out after last meeting

DC discussed glass issue

JW: Wanted the standards of ANSI/AGRSS to be included

JMC: Stated that the Department does not normally use independent association standards of how work is performed. These are business licenses

Rbot: Added that the Board should not accept standards set up by the people selling products and whose business is increased if we buy more products to adhere to regulations.

JMC: The new glass regulations should include leaving a sheet with the consumer that indicates the batch number and lot along with adverse weather and drive away times.

LA: Stated the Board needs to strike a balance between regulations and business climate

DC: Stated that some insurers are not complying with the regulations by using out of state unlicensed glass installers

RB: Storage regulation public hearing will be held on March 26, 2008 at 10am

DR: Read correspondence from Michael Baptiste concerning whether or not his business required a license.

DG: Suggested the letter was not detailed enough and suggested he come to next meeting.

Adjourn: 12:05 pm