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Commercial Licensing Regulation 16 – Motor Vehicle Body Repair Technician Certification

Attention Licensee:

Please be advised that after January 1, 2012, any new or renewal auto body shop must meet requirements set forth in Commercial Licensing Regulation 16- Motor Vehicle Body Repair Technician Certification. The purpose of this Regulation is to establish minimum requirements for the certification of motor vehicle body repair technicians. **This regulation applies to all licensees regardless of how long they have been in the industry and all license types.**

Upon submission of a new or renewal Motor Vehicle Body Repair License as of January 1, 2012, each applicant must certify under the penalty of perjury to the Department that it has in its employ one (1) technician, certified in the following areas, for every five (5) shop employees: i) Identification and Analysis of Damage to Vehicles; ii) Frame Measuring and Straightening Systems and Techniques; iii) Welding in Collision Repair; iv) Structural Steel Repairs; v) Suspension, Steering, and Alignment Systems; and vi) Safety Restraint Systems.

“Certification Organizations” means an organization that certifies individuals in motor vehicle body repair work. Such organization shall include, but are not limited to:

Automotive Service Excellence “ASE”

Website: <http://www.ase.com/>

Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair “I-CAR”

Website: http://www.i-car.com/index_us.shtml

Coming Soon:

New England Technical Institute

Website: <http://www.neit.edu/>

Please contact the agencies above Or any other certified or accredited public or private education institution for more information on the classes they offer.

All applicable licensees must maintain a record of certification for each technician in its employ. Such documentation must include the technician’s transcript and related certifications, and must be readily available upon request by the Department.

Please take the time to become familiar with this new regulation. To download a copy of this regulation, please follow the link below:

http://www.dbr.ri.gov/documents/rules/comm_licensing/Commercial_Licensing_Regulation_16.pdf

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