

MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: April 24, 2013

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Department of Business Regulation

Conference Room –2nd Floor Atrium

1511 Pontiac Avenue

Cranston RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Reynolds – Chairman, Gerald Galleshaw, John Mancone - Chief Public Protection Inspector, Dennis Gamba, Lt. David Doucet.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Louis DeQuattro, Jr. - Deputy Director, Steve Altieri, Al Olney, Chris Hurd.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Precious, Evelyn B. Ferrara, Randy Bottella, Fred Selvais

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM.

MINUTES:

Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Galleshaw. All members present were in favor.

Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the executive minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Galleshaw. All members present were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Auto Glass Bulletin: Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the Auto Glass Bulletin that was discussed at last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Galleshaw. All members present were in favor. Chairman Reynolds will check with Mr. DeQuattro to see when the Department is going to issue the bulletin.

Auto Glass Regulations: Are once again on hold until legislation for 5-38-1 et seq. is resolved.

Update on new business from last month regarding a discussion in executive minutes. No news from the Insurance Division on the insurance matter involving appraiser re-inspection. He will follow up and report any news.

Update on Renewals: A Request for Legal Services was sent to legal to initiate show cause hearings for the 15 incomplete renewals.

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Mr. Gamba telephoned several shops that were on the non-renewed list and found that some were still in business. He will forward list of shops that did not send in a renewal but continue to work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Gamba would like to have paint-less dent repair put back on the agenda for the next meeting with an update as to the Boards discussions on the subject to date.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Bottella questioned the Board as to the number of open auto body complaints the Department has. Chairman Reynolds referred him to

Mr. DeQuattro who could not attend this meeting.

Mr. Gamba brought to the Boards attention a matter in which he thought maybe the Department could help with concerning a consumer whose vehicle was damaged while having a stereo installed. It seems the person installing the stereo cut the electrical harness which causes the airbag to deploy, and is also responsible for other important electronic and safety equipment features. Stereo equipment does not fall into the category of auto body repair, therefore would not fall under the Department's jurisdiction. Board suggested Mr. Gamba inform the consumer to either file a claim under his/her auto insurance policy or it would be a civil matter. They could also contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division to see if they could be of assistance.

Chairman Reynolds motioned to adjourn open meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gamba. All members present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 29, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Precious

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