

**MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND**

**AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD**

**DATE: May 29, 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, Al Olney**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Louis DeQuattro, Jr. - Deputy Director, Steve Altieri, Chris Hurd, Lt. David Doucet.**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Precious, Randy Bottella, Jina Petrarca, John Petrarca, Mitch Michaud, Henry Boeniger.**

**The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM.**

## **MINUTES:**

**Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting.**

**Mr. Gamba noticed he was miss-quoted in the minutes and would like his statement struck prior to accepting. Chairman Reynolds motioned to strike the third sentence to the end of paragraph on page two. Seconded by Mr. Galleshaw. All members present were in favor.**

**Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting with amendment. Seconded by Mr. Olney. All in favor.**

**Chairman Reynolds brought to the Boards attention the importance of lengthy minutes when required to reflect important details or to show the Board's mind set of a situation previously discussed. As evidenced in the information packet correlated for today's meeting showing previous discussions by the Board on paint-less dent repair.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Auto Glass Bulletin: Chairman Reynolds has confirmed with Mr. De Quattro prior to meeting that legal has forwarded the Bulletin to the Commercial Licensing Division and it should be posted on the Department website shortly.**

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**Update on Renewals:** Chairman Reynolds confirmed with Mr. De Quattro prior to the meeting that the incomplete renewals have been assigned and should be addressed by next week, and that there are approximately 5 enforcement cases pending in legal. Mr. Mancone discussed the results of his recent inspections. The Department has received two renewal packages. He confirmed three shops have gone out of business.

**Mrs. Petrarca would like to know the Department's policy and the process insurance companies should take when dealing with shops that have sent in incomplete renewals that are still operating and the policy for when shops send in renewal applications complete or incomplete after the December 31, 2012 deadline. And should they actually be new applications because the old license has expired.**

**Paint-less Dent Repair:** Board remembers these past conversations and believes that at no time was paint-less dent repairs to be exempt from licensing because they are doing body work. 5-38-1 exempts work being done with mobile units. The law was amended with the wrong wording due to clerical error when the selected wording was

taken out of the intended section of the proposed change in legislation and then added to 5-38-1 without the phrase ever being reworded.

Board requests the Department put in legislation to correct or amend the wording in 5-38-1 to reflect the original intention as it relates to mobile glass repairs and installations and pain-less dent repairs.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2013 House Bill 6140 An Act Relating To Business and Professions-  
Automobile Body Repair Shops-**

Legislation has been introduced to add additional classifications to a Full Collision license to distinguish a higher Class A type of shop deserving of a higher labor rate and specifications on how to obtain the new classification.

Mr. Bottella suggested a Tier I, or Tier II classification system would be more professional when describing the different levels of equipment and training required for a shop to obtain the higher distinguished license.

Consensus of the room believes that the Auto Body industry as a whole would not entirely reject the idea of this bill because it would

**be beneficial to the small business by giving them an opportunity to receive higher payments for auto body repair work thus leading to more money for improvements in the individual business and the industry. In fact a classification system was first brought up around 1999.**

**Concern over the Department's limited resources the Board has suggested setting up a meeting with legal to offer that the Department use the Boards services more as intended by 5-38- 2(b).**

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mr. Bottella wanted to know if the Department will accept complaints relating to insufficient equipment and other regulatory violations.**

**The Department will take complaints that require inspections.**

**Chairman Reynolds motioned to adjourn open meeting. Seconded by Mr. Galleshaw. All members present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.**

**The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kim Precious**

**Implementation Aide**