

Special Announcement!**SB775 has hearing date for****April 22, 2008 1:00 p.m.****Hearing Room SCR-1 Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO****SHORT NOTICE BUT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BE THERE!****Click [Here](#) to Register to attend****Missouri Collision Industry Day at the Capitol Report**

We would like to express our Thanks to the nearly 70 professional collision industry business people who traveled from all across the State of Missouri to participate in a 8:00 a.m. briefing on three Missouri Bills sponsored by Senator Wes Shoemyer. Following a short briefing the participants divided up into small groups and to meet with their respective legislators, assistants and other key legislators concerning the consumer oriented bills below.

SB 775 – Prohibits automobile insurers from requiring the use of specific repair shops and imposes certain conditions on physical damage appraisers. Summary and Full Text of Bill may be found at (SUPPORT) http://www.senate.mo.gov/08info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=149

When AASP of Missouri, ASA MOKAN and SCRS MOKAN set this Collision Industry Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City on April 9, 2008 none of the purposed bills had a hearing date. **We can now happily announce that SB775 now has a hearing date set for April 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Capitol in Jefferson City.**

Our search for a solution to protecting the consumer and our collision businesses is not over. That is not the case, it is just beginning. I would ask those that participated to send a note to the legislators you were able to visit with on April 9th even though you may only have spoken with staff. Use your letter head enclose a business card. If you use email be sure to sign it with your name and business. Let them know of your support for the bills and above all that SB775 has been granted a hearing on April 22nd and you would appreciate their support of SB775.

It is very important that we have another good turn out at the hearing on April 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. You do not necessarily have to testify if that makes you uncomfortable but your presence is very important. Please let one of the individuals listed below know if you will be attending and if you wish to testify or just attend to show support. Again the dress for the day will be business casual.

Again, a hearty Thanks to those who were there and did the important work of representing the collision repair industry.

Watch this web site for further information as to hearing room and/or changes. Be sure to get your thank you out as soon as possible and if you were unable to attend please send a note of support to your legislator and to Senator Shoemyer. Any mail forwarded to Storm or Missouri Collision Coalition will be forwarded directly to the appropriate legislator.

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The repair associations in Missouri and those they represent account for approximately 16,000 professionals in the Missouri auto repair industry!

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