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Independent Glass Association Applauds Progress on Virginia HB312, Continues Work on Final Guardrails

Scottsdale, AZ, January 27, 2026 — The Independent Glass Association (IGA) today announced significant progress on Virginia House Bill 312 (HB312) following the release of the House Substitute version dated January 22, 2026, while emphasizing that additional targeted amendments are still needed to ensure full consumer and small-business protections.

The House Substitute represents a substantial improvement over the bill as originally introduced. Key provisions that would have negatively impacted independent auto glass repair businesses and consumers; including post-loss assignment prohibitions, pricing controls, and claim-handling gatekeeping requirements—were removed during the committee process.

“This is meaningful progress and a clear example of how constructive engagement leads to better policy,” said Gary Hart, Executive Director of the Independent Glass Association. “The revised bill is far more balanced and appropriately focused on transparency and safety rather than claims control or reimbursement mechanics.”

The IGA supports the current House Substitute framework; however, the Association is continuing to work with lawmakers to add limited guardrail amendments to ensure the remaining Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) disclosure provisions cannot be misused in ways that could unintentionally enable steering, delay claims, or pressure reimbursement outcomes.

“Our position is straightforward,” Hart added. “Safety disclosures should inform consumers, not become back-door tools for influencing repair decisions or limiting competition. The guardrails we are proposing are narrow, reasonable, and aligned with the bill’s stated consumer-protection goals.”

The IGA is currently in direct communication with the bill sponsor and members of the House Subcommittee on Labor and Commerce to address these clarifications before the bill advances further.

In addition, the IGA has formally requested that Senate Bill 767 (SB767) be withdrawn. SB767 was introduced with language nearly identical to the original version of HB312 and is no longer necessary given the substantial revisions already made on the House side.

“Allowing outdated or duplicative language to continue moving through the legislative process only creates confusion and risk,” Hart said. “Our goal is consistency, clarity, and policy that protects consumers while allowing independent repair businesses to operate fairly and safely.”

The Independent Glass Association represents independent auto glass businesses nationwide and advocates for policies that promote consumer choice, vehicle safety, and fair market competition.

Further updates will be provided as discussions continue.

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