



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 15, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 664

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 15th, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 664, relative to vehicle repair standards.

New Hampshire citizens enjoy among the lowest auto insurance premium costs in the country. Current law ensures safe repairs while maintaining a competitive market. This bill would increase the cost of auto insurance premiums by limiting the ability of insurers to negotiate what is reasonable in the repair process.

The requirements outlined in this bill would introduce a significant disadvantage for smaller independent repair shops and could limit their ability to compete. This limits consumer choice and raises insurance rates without the corresponding increase in safety for our citizens.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 664.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor