



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### House Bill 1638 Printer's No. 2443

Prime Sponsor: Tobash  
Committee: Banking and Insurance

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends the Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraiser Act (MVPDA Act) to allow repair estimates to be prepared using photographs, videos or by telephonic means.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Updates the 1972 MVPDA Act to allow appraisers to use photographs, videos and telephonic means to prepare automobile repair estimates.

Expressly states that an appraiser may not require submission of photographs or videos in order to obtain an appraisal and leaves the choice entirely to the consumer.

Requires an appraiser, or an insurer as part of the appraiser process, to disclose to the owner of the vehicle that there is not requirement to submit photographs or videos in order to obtain an appraisal

Effective Date: 60 days

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

Amended at the request of the auto body shops in the House Insurance Committee to include disclosure requirements.

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