A bill for an act

relating to insurance; prohibiting automobile insurers from owning repair facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 72A.20, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 72A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 40. **Interest in repair facility.** No insurer that offers an automobile insurance policy in this state shall hold or acquire any ownership interest in a business that repairs or replaces the nonmechanical exterior or interior body parts of a damaged motor vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision, "insurer" includes an affiliate of the insurer as defined in section 72A.491, subdivision 3.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.