



## MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE AND REPAIR ACT (EXCERPT)

Act 300 of 1974

**IF YOU HAVE HAD YOUR VEHICLE REPAIRED BY AN UNLICENSED SHOP, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A FULL REFUND PURSUANT TO STATE LAW. A "Licensed by the State" technician DOES NOT mean that they are licensed by the State as a REPAIR FACILITY and under section 257.1331 (below) you are entitled to a complete refund including labor AND parts if purchased (if the individual repairing your car is buying the parts; does not include you purchasing the parts)**

**257.1331** Acts or practices barring action on contract, action for collection of compensation, or assertion of lien; recovery of amount paid unregistered facility.

### **Sec. 31.**

A person who engages or attempts to engage in the business or trade of a motor vehicle repair facility or specialty or master mechanic without a registration or certificate, or engages in an act or practice in violation of this act or a rule is barred from bringing or maintaining an action at law or equity on a contract or for the collection of compensation for work performed or materials or parts provided to any other person. In addition, the person is barred from asserting a mechanic's, garageman's, or similar lien upon a motor vehicle, including the repossession of a motor vehicle. A customer is entitled to recover any amount paid to an unregistered facility for the repair of a motor vehicle belonging to that customer.

*History: 1974, Act 300, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975*

**If you have any problems, please call the Bureau of Regulatory Services at 1-888-SOS-MICH (1-888-767-6424) or contact your Senator at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/FindYourSenator/byaddress.htm>**

**NOTE: ALL Member Repair Facilities HAVE BEEN VALIDATED by the Association as being Licensed and Registered with the State of Michigan, Secretary of State's Office – please return to the home page and use our "Shop Locator" to find a licensed ASA Member Facility near you!**

**CAUTION: Your vehicle and possessions may not be insured while at an unlicensed (which means "illegal") shop. Contact your insurance agent for additional details and mention "illegal shop" - most insurance carriers will not insure illegal activities**

Go to this link to see if the repair facility you are using is licensed <http://www.sos.state.mi.us/apps/licenseelist/repair/rfmain.html>

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