



**Title:** Massachusetts House Bill 1065 (was House Docket 3582)

**Subject:** Service Contracts

**Summary:**

Massachusetts House Bill 1065 is legislation pursued by the SCIC to authorize 3<sup>rd</sup> party motor vehicle service contacts under the existing service contract law.

The bill amends the definition of “service contract” within the state’s existing laws regulating home and consumer goods service contracts to include motor vehicle service contracts as well as the following ancillary products: tire and wheel, paintless dent repair, windshield repair or replacement, and key fob.

The bill also amends the definition of service contract to remove “tangible personal property” and replace it with “consumer product.” The definition of consumer product includes tangible personal property intended to be attached or installed in any real property.

Motor vehicle manufacturers offering service contracts on their own products are made expressly exempt from licensure and financial responsibility requirements.

The bill adds express exemptions for:

- service contracts obligated by the dealer or the dealer’s affiliate;
- maintenance agreements; and
- warranties on a product made by the manufacturer, importer, or seller of the product.

If enacted, this bill will be effective 90 days after it is signed by the Governor.

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