

December 6, 2017

TO ALL CONCERNED PARTIES

Re: Advisory Ruling 2017-2

The Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board (ADALB or Board) is authorized to oversee all motor vehicle damage appraisers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 26, § 8G and 212 CMR 2.00 et seq. titled, “The Appraisal and Repair of Damaged Motor Vehicles” as promulgated by the ADALB. In relevant part M.G.L. c. 26, § 8G provides, “The board shall after notice and hearing in the manner provided in chapter thirty A adopt rules and regulations governing licenses under this section in order to promote the public welfare and safety.” In addition 212 CMR 2.01(1) provides, “Purpose and Applicability. The purpose of 212 CMR 2.00 is to promote the public welfare and safety by improving the quality and economy of the appraisal and repair of damaged motor vehicles....” Pursuant to its authority the ADALB is authorized to issue licenses to all motor vehicle damage appraisers in the Commonwealth (licensed appraisers or appraiser) 212 CMR 2.02, regulate the conduct of motor vehicle damage appraisers in the Commonwealth 212 CMR 2.02, regulate the manner of conducting motor vehicle damage appraisals 212 CMR 2.04, and to issue Advisory Rulings pursuant to 212 CMR 2.01(3) and M.G.L. c. 30A, § 8. It is the intention of the ADALB to issue an Advisory Ruling consistent with 212 CMR 2.00 et seq. and M.G.L. c. 26, § 8G to be followed by licensed appraisers.

Pursuant to its authority, the ADALB voted by a majority vote at the Board’s meeting held on December 6, 2017, to adopt this Advisory Ruling.

### **ADVISORY RULING**

212 CMR 2.04(1)(e) states in relevant part “[N]o appraiser shall modify any published manual (*i.e.*, Motors, Mitchell or any automated appraisal system) without prior negotiation between the parties....”

**The Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board has passed a motion declaring that, partial refinishing of a damaged part is considered to be modification of a published manual and may not be included on an appraisal without prior negotiation.**

This Advisory Ruling shall be effective upon posting on the Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board public website. Failure to comply with this ruling could result in fines and penalties as provided by law.