INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Department of State licenses and regulates Michigan’s motor vehicle repair facilities and mechanics. The Department of State has prepared this Repair Facility Manual to provide repair facility owners, operators and employees with information about the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Act and the Administrative Rules promulgated pursuant to that Act. The manual also provides instructions on keeping and maintaining records.

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PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS MANUAL—AND READ THE PERTINENT SECTIONS WHEN QUESTIONS ARISE. All Michigan repair facilities should be familiar with the laws and regulations which govern their business. If questions arise, check this manual first. It is written in an easy-to-follow format, with information arranged by topic, and with an index and a glossary of terms. If still in doubt, refer to the Act and the Administrative Rules promulgated pursuant to the Act.

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