



Federal News

- Believe it or not, Congress did something that could benefit small businesses like auto repair shops! The U.S. House voted to pass [H.R. 7024, the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024](#) with 357 votes in favor and 70 against. However, smooth sailing for the bill in the U.S. Senate is not guaranteed. One Senator stated it doesn't have the votes to pass unless the Senate has a chance to amend it. ASA urges the Senate to consider and pass this legislation as soon as possible.
 - [Summary of the bill's provisions](#)
 - [ASA press release on House passage](#)
 - [ASA press release on bill introduction](#)
- [ASA filed comments at the Federal Trade Commission](#) to object to a [proposed "junk fees" rule](#). Auto repairers try their best to predict total repair costs. Yet unpredictable factors – like dealing with the disposal of an EV battery for the first time or discovering of a hidden problem – sometimes require changes to the estimate. Also, collision supplements aren't junk fees. ASA fears the proposed rule would include supplements. ASA calls on the FTC to explicitly exclude collision automotive repair supplements from the junk fees ban.
- [A bill](#) introduced in the U.S. House would rescind all unobligated funds from the \$5 billion National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program and \$2.5 billion Charging and Fueling Infrastructure program.

State News

- We don't like [this bill](#) introduced in Oklahoma. Here are just a few "highlights": **1.** Vehicle tear downs cannot exceed 4 hours and at no more than \$60/hour. **2.** Maximum \$39/day for indoor storage of a vehicle less than 20 ft. long. **3.** Bans storage fees for vehicles shops have finished repairing. **4.** Bans storage fees on total-loss vehicles until the customer or insurer declare it a total loss.
- Hawaii is considering major changes to workforce rules. [One](#) – which passed both House and Senate committees – would end exemptions to certain minimum wage, overtime compensation, and record keeping standards for all employees, not just those who are not guaranteed more than \$2,000 in monthly compensation. [Another](#) would dramatically increase minimum overtime work compensation.
- [A bill in Rhode Island](#) will make it harder for insurance companies to refuse coverage for OEM parts on vehicles that are 48 - 72 months from their manufacture date.

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