

Georgia Court Orders State Farm to Assess, Pay Diminished Value Claims.

A Georgia Court order has ruled that State Farm, by Georgia law, is required to assess, and if applicable pay, for diminished value in first party physical damage claims. A State Farm spokesman has said that any Georgia policyholder who believes that his or her vehicle has sustained diminished value can contact State Farm for review of a potential claim.

The Supreme Court of Georgia denied State Farm's attempt for an emergency stay of the motion while the car is being appealed.

The court found that diminished value "concerns the loss or reduction in an automobile's value due to its involvement in an accident or other event. This loss could occur where a vehicle was repaired properly."

A law that diminished value is owed in Georgia has been in force for over 30 years.

State Farm contends that if a vehicle is repaired properly there is no diminished value.