

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 157

An act relating to Motor Vehicles; creating s. 860.146, F.S.; defining the terms “fake airbag” and “junk-filled airbag compartment”; prohibiting the sale, purchase, or installation of fake airbags or junk-filled airbag compartments; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 860.146, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

860.146 Fake airbags; junk-filled airbag compartment.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Fake airbag” means any item other than an air bag that was designed in accordance with federal safety regulations for a given make, model, and year of motor vehicle as part of a motor vehicle inflatable restraint system.

(b) “Junk-filled airbag compartment” means an airbag compartment that is filled with any substance that does not function in the same manner or to the same extent as an airbag to protect vehicle occupants in a vehicle crash. The term does not include a compartment from which an airbag has deployed if there is no concealment of the deployment.

(2) It is unlawful for anyone to knowingly purchase, sell, or install on any vehicle any fake airbag or junk-filled airbag compartment. Any person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2001.

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