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House Bill 74: Crime/Counterfeit/Nonfunctioning Airbag v. A

“An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud.”

House Bill 74 establishes the crime of airbag fraud for knowingly selling, installing, or manufacturing a counterfeit or nonfunctioning airbag. Currently in Alaska, there is no law to prohibit the installation or reinstallation of airbags that do not meet federal safety standards. By establishing airbag fraud, House Bill 74 prohibits bad actors from knowingly selling, installing, or manufacturing these dangerous and improper devices.

Similar legislation already exists in over 30 states.

House Bill 74 establishes airbag fraud as a Class A misdemeanor or a Class C felony if death or serious injury to another person results.

House Bill 74 protects owners and employees of motor vehicle dealerships if they are unaware of counterfeit parts in a vehicle. It does not create a duty for owners and employees to inspect a vehicle for counterfeit parts before selling it. It does not inhibit the sale of vehicles for parts or salvage, or as a transfer to or from an insurance company to fulfil an insurance claim.