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

Sectional Analysis

Section 1

Amends the airbag fraud statute (AS 28.35.248) by establishing and defining airbag fraud as knowingly selling, offering for sale, installing, reinstalling, or manufacturing a counterfeit or nonfunctioning airbag or device that is intended to conceal a counterfeit or nonfunctioning airbag, or intentionally selling, leasing or trading a vehicle that the person knows has a counterfeit or nonfunctioning airbag.

Establishes airbag fraud as a class A misdemeanor or a class C felony if death or serious physical injury to another person occurs as a result of the counterfeit or nonfunctioning airbag.

Establishes that the liability of any party in a civil action is not precluded. Provides that this legislation does not create a duty to inspect a vehicle for a counterfeit or nonfunctioning airbag before its sale.

This section excludes a person installing, reinstalling, or replacing an airbag on a vehicle used solely for police work; an owner or employee of a motor vehicle dealership or the owner of a vehicle who does not have knowledge that the vehicle's airbag is counterfeit or nonfunctioning; a person who transfers a vehicle title to an insurance company to satisfy an insurance claim; or an insurance company that sells or otherwise disposes of a vehicle as authorized by law or regulation.