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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.

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

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