1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to the value of motor vehicles exempt

3   from legal process; amending s. 222.25, F.S.; revising

4   upward the value of motor vehicles owned by certain

5   natural persons that is exempt from certain legal

6   processes; providing an effective date.

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

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10   Section 1. Section 222.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to

11   read:

12   222.25 Other individual property of natural persons exempt

13   from legal process.—

14   (1) The following property is exempt from attachment,

15   garnishment, or other legal process:

16   (a)(1) A debtor's interest, not to exceed $1,000 in value,

17   in a single motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(1) s. 320.01.

18   (b)(2) A debtor's interest in any professionally

19   prescribed health aids for the debtor or a dependent of the

20   debtor.

21   (c)(3) A debtor's interest in a refund or a credit

22   received or to be received, or the traceable deposits in a

23   financial institution of a debtor's interest in a refund or

24   credit, pursuant to s. 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,

25   as amended. This exemption does not apply to a debt owed for

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26 | child support or spousal support.
27 | (d)(4) A debtor's interest in personal property, not to
28 | exceed $4,000, if the debtor does not claim or receive the
29 | benefits of a homestead exemption under s. 4, Art. X of the
30 | State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a debt owed
31 | for child support or spousal support.
32 | (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), an individual debtor
33 | under the federal Bankruptcy Code may exempt a debtor's
34 | interest, not to exceed $5,000 in value, in a single motor
35 | vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(1). This subsection applies to
36 | any bankruptcy action filed on or after July 1, 2022.
37 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.