

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to duty of care regarding commercial
 3 motor vehicles; creating s. 768.0429, F.S.; providing
 4 that there is no duty to retrofit a commercial motor
 5 vehicle with component parts or equipment in certain
 6 circumstances; providing that certain evidence is
 7 inadmissible in civil litigation; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Section 768.0429, Florida Statutes, is created
 13 to read:

14 768.0429 Duty of care and admissibility of evidence in
 15 certain motor vehicle accidents.-In any civil action where a
 16 commercial motor vehicle is involved in an accident, there is no
 17 obligation or duty of care for an owner, lessor, or operator of
 18 the vehicle, or for a person renting the vehicle to another
 19 person, to retrofit the vehicle with component parts or
 20 equipment, or to have selected component parts or equipment to
 21 be included on the vehicle, if such parts or equipment were not
 22 required by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards under 49
 23 C.F.R. part 571 applicable when the vehicle was manufactured or
 24 sold. Evidence related to such an alleged obligation or duty is
 25 not admissible in any phase of trial.

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26 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023. |