

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB7

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB7 amends section 28-101 and adopt the Counterfeit Airbag Prevention Act. A person would violate the Counterfeit Airbag Prevention Act if they knowingly and intentionally manufactured, imported, installed, reinstalled, distributed, sold or offered for sale any device intended to replace a supplemental restraint system component (airbag) in any motor vehicle if the device being used as the replacement is a counterfeit, nonfunctional or does not meet federal safety requirements.

Counterfeit supplemental restraint system component means a replacement supplemental restraint system component, including, but not limited to, an airbag that displays a mark identical or substantially similar to the genuine mark of a motor vehicle manufacturer or a supplier of parts to the manufacturer of a motor vehicle without authorization from that manufacturer or supplier, respectively.

Anyone who knowingly installs a counterfeit airbag will face at least a Class II Felony with penalties increasing depending on the severity of injury due to malfunction and number of times the person has been caught installing counterfeit airbags.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood