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(As Passed by the General Assembly)

**Reps.** Schlichter, DeWine, C. Evans, Hollister, Husted, McGregor, Reinhard, Schmidt, Setzer, Jerse, Otterman, S. Patton, Price, Redfern, Aslanides, Flowers, Hoops, Sferra, Widowfield, Allen, Beatty, Carmichael, Chandler, Cirelli, Daniels, DeBose, DeGeeter, Gilb, Hartnett, Hughes, Latta, Niehaus, Perry, Reidelbach, Skindell, G. Smith, S. Smith, Taylor, Walcher

**Sens.** Carey, Harris, Dann

**Effective date:** \*

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**ACT SUMMARY**

- Prohibits installing in any motor vehicle any object to fulfill the function of an air bag other than an air bag that was designed in conformance with federal safety standards for the make, model, and model year of the vehicle, knowing that the object is not in accordance with that standard.
- Provides that a violation of this prohibition is a misdemeanor of the first degree on a first offense and a felony of the fifth degree on each subsequent offense.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The act prohibits any person from installing or reinstalling in any motor vehicle any object to fulfill the function of an air bag,<sup>1</sup> including an air bag, other than an air bag that was designed in conformance with or that is regulated by the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standard for the make, model, and model

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\* *The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared. Additionally, the analysis may not reflect action taken by the Governor.*

<sup>1</sup> "Air bag" is defined by cross-reference to the federal definition found in 49 C.F.R. 579.4.

year of the vehicle, knowing that the object is not in accordance with that standard (sec. 4549.20(B)).

Whoever violates this prohibition is guilty of improper replacement of a motor vehicle air bag, a misdemeanor of the first degree on a first offense and a felony of the fifth degree on each subsequent offense (sec. 4549.20(C)).

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
Introduced	06-11-03	p. 582
Reported, H. Transportation & Public Safety	01-27-04	p. 1556
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Reported, S. Highways & Transportation	05-12-04	p. 1891
Passed Senate (32-0)	05-18-04	pp. 1922-1923

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