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An Act To Prohibit Air Bag Fraud

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HINCK of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Cape Elizabeth,
FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, HAYES of Buckfield, SIROIS of Turner, THIBODEAU of
Winterport, Senator: NASS of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2117** is enacted to read:

3 **§2117. Air bag fraud**

4 **1. Air bag fraud.** A person may not, with intent to defraud another person, obtain
5 property from that other person or a 3rd person by knowingly installing or reinstalling in
6 a motor vehicle an object in lieu of an air bag that was designed in accordance with
7 federal safety requirements as provided in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section
8 571.208 (2007) and that is proper for the make, model and year of the vehicle as part of
9 the vehicle's inflatable restraint system.

10 **2. Penalty.** A violation of this section is a Class C crime, punishable by a \$5,000
11 fine and imprisonment of up to one year.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill creates the crime of air bag fraud, which is knowingly making an air bag
14 inoperable for fraudulent purposes.

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