

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 537 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, WOZNIAK, MUSTO, WONDERLING, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, COSTA, LOGAN, FERLO, WAUGH, KITCHEN, FUMO, STACK AND WASHINGTON, MARCH 19, 2007

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, APRIL 30, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for an offense relating to <—
3 fabricated airbags and fabricated airbag compartments. THE <—
4 OFFENSE OF FRAUDULENT AIRBAGS.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 ~~§ 7331. Fabricated airbags and fabricated airbag compartments.~~ <—

10 § 7331. FRAUDULENT AIRBAGS. <—

11 (a) Offense defined.--It is unlawful for any person to
12 knowingly purchase, sell, install or reinstall on a vehicle a
13 ~~fabricated airbag or fabricated airbag compartment.~~ FRAUDULENT <—
14 AIRBAG.

15 (b) Grading.--Any person who violates subsection (a) commits
16 a misdemeanor of the first THIRD degree. <—

17 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 subsection:

2 ~~"Fabricated airbag." Any item "FRAUDULENT AIRBAG." ANY ITEM~~ <—  
3 ~~OR OBJECT, other than an airbag THAT WAS designed in accordance~~ <—  
4 ~~with Federal safety regulations for a given THE make, model and~~ <—  
5 ~~year of motor vehicle that is part of a motor vehicle THE~~ <—  
6 ~~inflatable restraint system FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE.~~ <—

7 ~~"Fabricated airbag compartment." An airbag compartment that~~ <—  
8 ~~is filled with any substance that does not function in the same~~  
9 ~~manner or to the same extent as an airbag designed in accordance~~  
10 ~~with Federal safety regulations for a given make, model and year~~  
11 ~~of motor vehicle to protect vehicle occupants in a vehicle~~  
12 ~~crash. The term does not include a compartment from which an~~  
13 ~~airbag has deployed if there is no concealment of the~~  
14 ~~deployment.~~

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.