

A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to liability on optional motor vehicle
 equipment; creating s. 768.0429, F.S.; defining the
 term "motor vehicle"; providing that there is no
 obligation or duty to retrofit a motor vehicle with
 component parts or equipment in certain circumstances;
 providing that certain evidence is inadmissible in
 civil litigation; providing applicability; providing
 an effective date.

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

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

768.0429 Duty of care and admissibility of evidence in
 certain motor vehicle accidents.-

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "motor vehicle"
 means a self-propelled vehicle not operated upon rails or
 guideway, but not including any bicycle, electric bicycle,
 motorized scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device,
 mobile carrier, personal delivery device, swamp buggy, or moped.

(2) In any civil action where a motor vehicle is involved
 in an accident, there is no obligation or duty of care for an
 owner, lessor, or operator of the motor vehicle, or for a person
 renting the motor vehicle to another person, to retrofit the

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26 | vehicle with component parts or optional equipment, or to have
27 | selected component parts or optional equipment to be included on
28 | the vehicle, if such parts or equipment were not required by the
29 | Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards under 49 C.F.R. part 571
30 | applicable when the vehicle was manufactured or sold. Evidence
31 | related to such an alleged obligation or duty is inadmissible.

32 | (3) This section does not apply if the owner, lessor, or
33 | operator of the motor vehicle, or the person renting the motor
34 | vehicle to another person, fails to comply with a law or
35 | regulation issued after the vehicle was manufactured or sold
36 | requiring a mandatory recall or retrofit of the vehicle.

37 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.