

5218-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Horn, Haugen, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Fairley, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Costa and Winsley)

Brief Description: Regulating the sale, distribution, and installation of air bags.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that a person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if he or she knew or reasonably should have known that an air bag he or she installs or reinstalls in a vehicle for compensation, or distributes as an auto part is a previously deployed air bag that is part of an inflatable restraint system.

Provides that a person found guilty under this act shall be punished by a fine of five thousand dollars or by confinement in the county jail for one year, or both.

Provides that, whenever an air bag that is part of a deployed inflatable restraint system is replaced by either a new air bag that is part of an inflatable restraint system or a nondeployed salvage air bag that is part of an inflatable restraint system, the air bag must conform to the original equipment manufacturer requirements and the installer must verify that the self-diagnostic system for the inflatable restraint system indicates that the entire inflatable restraint system is operating properly.