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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to provide prohibitions on the alteration of the height of the fender of a motor vehicles; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Alabama Squat Truck Law.

Section 2. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2), it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a passenger car or truck, as defined under Section 32-1-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975, on the highways of this state if, by alteration of the suspension, frame, or chassis, the height of the front fender is raised four or more inches greater than the height of the accompanying rear fender. For purposes of this section, the height of the fender shall be a vertical measurement from and perpendicular to the ground, through the centerline of the wheel, and to the bottom of the



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29 fender.

30 (2) This subsection does not apply to either of the
31 following:

32 a. The original manufacturer design of the vehicle.

33 b. Any vehicle modification or alteration that has been
34 made for bona fide commercial or agricultural purposes.

35 (b) A person who violates this section shall be guilty
36 of a violation and shall be punished as follows:

37 (1) On a first conviction, a fine of not more than
38 fifty dollars (\$50).

39 (2) On a second conviction, a fine of not more than one
40 hundred dollars (\$100).

41 (3) On a third or subsequent conviction, a fine of two
42 hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

43 (c) For purposes of determining whether a prior
44 conviction has occurred under this section, the court shall
45 only consider offenses that occurred within the preceding five
46 years of the current offense.

47 Section 3. Although this bill would have as its purpose
48 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of
49 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements
50 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of
51 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or
52 amends the definition of an existing crime.

53 Section 4. This act shall become effective October 1,
54 2024.