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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would create the Alabama Squat Truck Law, would prohibit the alteration of a motor vehicle in such a manner that the height of the front fender is raised four or more inches greater than the height of the accompanying rear fender, and would provide penalties for a violation.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to create the Alabama Squat Truck Law; to prohibit the alteration of the height of the fender of a motor vehicle; to provide penalties for a violation; and to provide exceptions.

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) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), 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



29 the front fender is raised four or more inches greater than
30 the height of the accompanying rear fender. For purposes of
31 this section, the height of the fender shall be a vertical
32 measurement from and perpendicular to the ground, through the
33 centerline of the wheel, and to the bottom of the fender.

34 (b) This section does not apply to any vehicle
35 modification or alteration made for bona fide commercial or
36 agricultural purposes.

37 (c) A person who violates this section shall be guilty
38 of a violation and shall be punished as follows:

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

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

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

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

49 Section 3. This act shall become effective October 1,
50 2025.