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Senate Bill 256

Sponsored by Senator GORSEK (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to automobile supplemental restraint systems; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 646.608.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Airbag” means an inflatable restraint device for occupants of motor vehicles that is part of an automobile supplemental restraint system.

(b) “Automobile supplemental restraint system” means a passive inflatable crash protection system that a vehicle manufacturer designs to protect automobile occupants in conjunction with a seat belt assembly, as defined in 49 C.F.R. 571.209, and that has one or more airbags and all components required to ensure that each airbag:

(A) Operates as designed in a crash; and

(B) Meets federal motor vehicle safety standards for the specific make, model and year of manufacture of the vehicle in which the airbag is installed.

(c) “Counterfeit automobile supplemental restraint system component” means a replacement component, including an airbag, that without the authorization of a manufacturer, or a person that supplies parts to the manufacturer, displays a trademark that is identical or substantially similar to the manufacturer’s or supplier’s genuine trademark.

(d)(A) “Nonfunctional airbag” means a replacement airbag that:

(i) Was previously deployed or damaged;

(ii) Has a fault that a motor vehicle’s diagnostic systems detect once the airbag is installed;

(iii) May not be sold or leased under 49 U.S.C. 30120(j); or

(iv) Includes a counterfeit automobile supplemental restraint system component or other part or object that is installed for the purpose of misleading a motor vehicle owner or operator into believing that a functional airbag is installed.

(B) “Nonfunctional airbag” does not include an unrepaired deployed airbag or an airbag that is installed in a motor vehicle:

(i) That has been declared a total loss or is otherwise a totaled vehicle, as defined in ORS 801.527; or

(ii) For which the owner was issued a salvage title certificate or a similar title from another state.

(2)(a) A person may not knowingly or intentionally:

(A) Manufacture, import, distribute, offer for sale, sell or lease or otherwise transfer, or install or reinstall into a motor vehicle, a counterfeit automobile supplemental restraint

system component, a nonfunctional airbag or an object that replaces an automobile supplemental restraint system component and does not comply with Standard No. 208, 49 C.F.R 571.208, for the make, model and year of the motor vehicle; or

(B) Install or reinstall as part of an automobile supplemental restraint system any object, component, part or device that causes a motor vehicle's diagnostic system to fail to warn the motor vehicle operator that an airbag is not installed, or that a counterfeit automobile supplemental restraint system component or nonfunctional airbag is installed in the motor vehicle.

(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection, an installation of a counterfeit automobile supplemental restraint system component, a nonfunctional airbag or an object that replaces an automobile supplemental restraint system component and does not comply with Standard No. 208, 49 C.F.R 571.208, for the make, model and year of the motor vehicle does not occur until the installation work is complete and the earlier of these two conditions occurs:

(A) The motor vehicle is returned to the operator; or

(B) Title to the motor vehicle is transferred.

(3) A person that violates subsection (2) of this section engages in an unlawful practice under ORS 646.608.

SECTION 2. ORS 646.608 is amended to read:

646.608. (1) A person engages in an unlawful practice if in the course of the person's business, vocation or occupation the person does any of the following:

(a) Passes off real estate, goods or services as the real estate, goods or services of another.

(b) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of real estate, goods or services.

(c) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another.

(d) Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with real estate, goods or services.

(e) Represents that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that the real estate, goods or services do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, qualification, affiliation, or connection that the person does not have.

(f) Represents that real estate or goods are original or new if the real estate or goods are deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used or secondhand.

(g) Represents that real estate, goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that real estate or goods are of a particular style or model, if the real estate, goods or services are of another.

(h) Disparages the real estate, goods, services, property or business of a customer or another by false or misleading representations of fact.

(i) Advertises real estate, goods or services with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised, or with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity.

(j) Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions.

(k) Makes false or misleading representations concerning credit availability or the nature of the transaction or obligation incurred.

(L) Makes false or misleading representations relating to commissions or other compensation to be paid in exchange for permitting real estate, goods or services to be used for model or demonstration purposes or in exchange for submitting names of potential customers.

(m) Performs service on or dismantles any goods or real estate if the owner or apparent owner of the goods or real estate does not authorize the service or dismantling.

(n) Solicits potential customers by telephone or door to door as a seller unless the person provides the information required under ORS 646.611.

(o) In a sale, rental or other disposition of real estate, goods or services, gives or offers to give a rebate or discount or otherwise pays or offers to pay value to the customer in consideration of the customer giving to the person the names of prospective purchasers, lessees, or borrowers, or otherwise aiding the person in making a sale, lease, or loan to another person, if earning the rebate, discount or other value is contingent upon an event occurring after the time the customer enters into the transaction.

(p) Makes any false or misleading statement about a prize, contest or promotion used to publicize a product, business or service.

(q) Promises to deliver real estate, goods or services within a certain period of time with intent not to deliver the real estate, goods or services as promised.

(r) Organizes or induces or attempts to induce membership in a pyramid club.

(s) Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the person's cost for real estate, goods or services.

(t) Concurrent with tender or delivery of any real estate, goods or services fails to disclose any known material defect or material nonconformity.

(u) Engages in any other unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce.

(v) Violates any of the provisions relating to auction sales, consignment sales, auctioneers, consignees or auction marts under ORS 698.640, whether in a commercial or noncommercial situation.

(w) Manufactures mercury fever thermometers.

(x) Sells or supplies mercury fever thermometers unless the thermometer is required by federal law, or is:

(A) Prescribed by a person licensed under ORS chapter 677; and

(B) Supplied with instructions on the careful handling of the thermometer to avoid breakage and on the proper cleanup of mercury should breakage occur.

(y) Sells a thermostat that contains mercury unless the thermostat is labeled in a manner to inform the purchaser that mercury is present in the thermostat and that the thermostat may not be disposed of until the mercury is removed, reused, recycled or otherwise managed to ensure that the mercury does not become part of the solid waste stream or wastewater. For purposes of this paragraph, "thermostat" means a device commonly used to sense and, through electrical communication with heating, cooling or ventilation equipment, control room temperature.

(z) Sells or offers for sale a motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 2006, that contains mercury light switches.

(aa) Violates the provisions of ORS 803.375, 803.385 or 815.410 to 815.430.

(bb) Violates ORS 646A.070 (1).

(cc) Violates any requirement of ORS 646A.030 to 646A.040.

(dd) Violates the provisions of ORS 128.801 to 128.898.

(ee) Violates ORS 646.883 or 646.885.

(ff) Violates ORS 646.569.

(gg) Violates the provisions of ORS 646A.142.

(hh) Violates ORS 646A.360.

(ii) Violates ORS 646.553 or 646.557 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.

(jj) Violates ORS 646.563.

(kk) Violates ORS 759.680 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.

(LL) Violates the provisions of ORS 759.705, 759.710 and 759.720 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.

(mm) Violates ORS 646A.210 or 646A.214.

(nn) Violates any provision of ORS 646A.124 to 646A.134.

(oo) Violates ORS 646A.095.

(pp) Violates ORS 822.046.

- (qq) Violates ORS 128.001.
- (rr) Violates ORS 646A.800 (2) to (4).
- (ss) Violates ORS 646A.090 (2) to (5).
- (tt) Violates ORS 87.686.
- (uu) Violates ORS 646A.803.
- (vv) Violates ORS 646A.362.
- (ww) Violates ORS 646A.052 or any rule adopted under ORS 646A.052 or 646A.054.
- (xx) Violates ORS 180.440 (1) or 180.486 (1).
- (yy) Commits the offense of acting as a vehicle dealer without a certificate under ORS 822.005.
- (zz) Violates ORS 87.007 (2) or (3).
- (aaa) Violates ORS 92.405 (1), (2) or (3).
- (bbb) Engages in an unlawful practice under ORS 646.648.
- (ccc) Violates ORS 646A.365.
- (ddd) Violates ORS 98.853, 98.854, 98.856 or 98.858.
- (eee) Sells a gift card in violation of ORS 646A.276.
- (fff) Violates ORS 646A.102, 646A.106 or 646A.108.
- (ggg) Violates ORS 646A.430 to 646A.450.
- (hhh) Violates a provision of ORS 744.318 to 744.384.
- (iii) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.702 to 646A.720.
- (jjj) Violates ORS 646A.530 30 or more days after a recall notice, warning or declaration described in ORS 646A.530 is issued for the children's product, as defined in ORS 646A.525, that is the subject of the violation.
- (kkk) Violates a provision of ORS 697.612, 697.642, 697.652, 697.662, 697.682, 697.692 or 697.707.
- (LLL) Violates the consumer protection provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 3901 et seq., as in effect on January 1, 2010.
- (mmm) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.480 to 646A.495.
- (nnn) Violates ORS 646A.082.
- (ooo) Violates ORS 646.647.
- (ppp) Violates ORS 646A.115.
- (qqq) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.405.
- (rrr) Violates ORS 646A.092.
- (sss) Violates a provision of ORS 646.644.
- (ttt) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.295.
- (uuu) Violates ORS 646A.564.
- (vvv) Engages in the business of, or acts in the capacity of, an immigration consultant, as defined in ORS 9.280, in this state and for compensation, unless federal law authorizes the person to do so or unless the person is an active member of the Oregon State Bar.
- (www) Violates ORS 702.012, 702.029 or 702.054.
- (xxx) Violates ORS 646A.806.
- (yyy) Violates ORS 646A.810 (2).
- (zzz) Violates ORS 443.376.
- (aaaa) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.770 to 646A.787.
- (bbbb) Violates section 1 of this 2023 Act.**
- (2) A representation under subsection (1) of this section or ORS 646.607 may be any manifestation of any assertion by words or conduct, including, but not limited to, a failure to disclose a fact.
- (3) In order to prevail in an action or suit under ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.652, a prosecuting attorney need not prove competition between the parties or actual confusion or misunderstanding.
- (4) An action or suit may not be brought under subsection (1)(u) of this section unless the Attorney General has first established a rule in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183 declaring the conduct to be unfair or deceptive in trade or commerce.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.652, if an action or suit is brought under subsection (1)(xx) of this section by a person other than a prosecuting attorney, relief is limited to an injunction and the prevailing party may be awarded reasonable attorney fees.

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