

House Bill 3147

Sponsored by Representative CANNON (at the request of Joseph Warren)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits operation of motor vehicle with bumper clearance exceeding original manufactured bumper clearance by more than three inches. Punishes by maximum fine of \$360.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to motor vehicle bumpers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
5 **Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the offense of operation of a motor vehicle with im-**
7 **proper bumper clearance if the person:**

8 (a) **Drives or moves a motor vehicle registered in this state on any highway with a**
9 **bumper clearance that exceeds the original manufactured bumper clearance by more than**
10 **three inches; or**

11 (b) **Owns a motor vehicle registered in this state with a bumper clearance that exceeds**
12 **the original manufactured bumper clearance by more than three inches and causes or**
13 **knowingly permits the motor vehicle to be driven or moved on any highway.**

14 (2) **For purposes of subsection (1) of this section, bumper clearance shall be measured**
15 **from the surface of the roadway to the bottom edge of the bumper when the vehicle is at the**
16 **manufacturer's design load weight and the tires are inflated to the manufacturer's recom-**
17 **ended pressure for the specified loading condition.**

18 (3) **This section does not apply to the following vehicles:**

19 (a) **Commercial motor vehicles and commercial vehicles;**

20 (b) **Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds; and**

21 (c) **Vehicles exempt from mudguard and fender requirements in ORS 815.190.**

22 (4) **The offense described in this section, operation of a motor vehicle with improper**
23 **bumper clearance, is a Class B traffic violation.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.