

Testimony of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
before the Joint Committee on Transportation
RE: Senate Bill 1040 – An Act Concerning Counterfeit and Substandard Airbags

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The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers can support Senate Bill 1040 – An Act Concerning Counterfeit and Substandard Airbags with the following amendments to the definition of “Substandard air bag” on page two, lines 15 – 21.

(3) “Non-functionalSubstandard air bag” means a replacement motor vehicle inflatable occupant restraint system, including all component parts, such as sensors, controllers, inflators and wiring, that has been previously deployed or damaged, or that has an electrical fault that is detected by the vehicle airbag diagnostic system after the installation procedure is completed. “Non-functional airbag” also means any object, other than the airbag system component, that is installed as part of an airbag system, as a result of its design, manufacture or condition, fails to provide the same or greater protection to occupants of the motor vehicle in which it is installed as the protection provided by the air bag originally installed in such motor vehicle.

With that change to the definition, all references to “substandard air bag” should then be replaced by the phrase “non-functional air bag.”

Thank you for the consideration of the Alliance’s position.

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