

## HB55 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would provide prohibitions on 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

Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from becoming effective with regard to a local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for the purpose.

The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of the amendment. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective because it comes within one of the specified exceptions contained in the amendment.



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29 A BILL  
30 TO BE ENTITLED  
31 AN ACT

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33 Relating to motor vehicles; to provide prohibitions on  
34 the alteration of the height of the fender of a motor  
35 vehicles; and in connection therewith would have as its  
36 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
37 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section  
38 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

39 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

42 Section 2. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to  
43 operate a passenger car or truck, as defined under Section  
44 32-1-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975, on the highways of this state  
45 if, by alteration of the suspension, frame, or chassis, the  
46 height of the front fender is raised four or more inches  
47 greater than the height of the accompanying rear fender. For  
48 purposes of this section, the height of the fender shall be a  
49 vertical measurement from and perpendicular to the ground,  
50 through the centerline of the wheel, and to the bottom of the  
51 fender.

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

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

56 (2) On a second conviction, a fine of not more than one



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57 hundred dollars (\$100).

58 (3) On a third or subsequent conviction, a fine of two  
59 hundred fifty dollars (\$250). In addition, the court shall  
60 send notice of the conviction to the Secretary of the Alabama  
61 State Law Enforcement Agency, who shall enter the conviction  
62 on the driving record of the defendant as a two-point  
63 violation.

64 (c) For purposes of determining whether a prior  
65 conviction has occurred under this section, the court shall  
66 only consider offenses that occurred within the preceding five  
67 years of the current offense.

68 Section 3. Although this bill would have as its purpose  
69 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of  
70 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements  
71 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of  
72 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or  
73 amends the definition of an existing crime.

74 Section 4. This act shall become effective October 1,  
75 2024.