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1	AN ACT <i>to amend</i> 347.50 (1) and 347.50 (2); and <i>to create</i> 347.475 of the statutes;
2	relating to: prohibiting the installation of a previously deployed or an
3	otherwise nonfunctional airbag and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 347.475 of the statutes is created to read:

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347.475 Airbags, prohibited practices. (1) In this section, "airbag" means an inflatable restraint system that is designed to be installed and to operate in a motor vehicle to deploy by inflating upon an impact of the vehicle with another object.

(2) No person may, either personally or through an agent, sell, install, reinstall, or distribute any previously deployed airbag. This subsection does not apply to the sale of a motor vehicle with a previously deployed airbag unless the deployment is concealed or disguised.

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(3) No person may, either personally or through an agent, remove, disconnect,	
tamper with, or otherwise circumvent the operation of any airbag, except for the	
purpose of testing, repairing, or maintaining an airbag, salvaging an undeployed	
airbag, disposing of a deployed airbag, or replacing a deployed airbag with a	
functional airbag. This subsection does not apply to the installation or use of an	
on-off switch by any person who is authorized by federal law or regulation to install	
or use an on-off switch for an airbag.	
(4) No person may, either personally or through an agent, install a cover or	
otherwise conceal or disguise a missing airbag or a previously deployed airbag.	
Section 2. 347.50 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:	
347.50 (1) Any person violating ss. 347.35 to 347.49, except s. 347.413 (1) or s.	
347.415 (1), (2) and (3) to (5) or s. 347.417 (1) or s. 347.475 or s. 347.48 (2m) or (4) (a)	
or s. 347.489, may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.	
Section 3. 347.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:	
347.50 (2) Any person violating s. 347.415 (1), (2), and (3) to (5) or 347.475 may	
be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year in the county	
jail, or both, for each violation.	

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