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HB 785 Reengrossed

2024 Regular Session

Schamerhorn

Abstract: Provides relative to liability for commercial motor vehicles.

Proposed law defines "commercial motor vehicle" and "optional equipment".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no individual shall have a cause of action against an owner, a lessor, or an operator of a commercial motor vehicle, or a person renting or leasing the commercial motor vehicle for failure to install optional equipment.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception for vehicles involved in an accident after failure to comply with a law requiring a mandatory recall.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the owner of a commercial motor vehicle shall have no duty to install optional equipment, and the absence of optional equipment shall not be admissible to establish the owner's negligence.

(Adds R.S. 9:2791.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that the owner of a commercial motor vehicle shall have no duty to install optional equipment, and the absence of optional equipment shall not be admissible to establish the owner's negligence.