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An act relating to the value of motor vehicles exempt from legal process; amending s. 222.25, F.S.; revising upward the value of motor vehicles owned by certain natural persons that is exempt from certain legal processes; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 222.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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222.25 Other individual property of natural persons exempt from legal process.—

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(1) The following property is exempt from attachment, garnishment, or other legal process:

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 $\underline{\text{(a)}}$  (1) A debtor's interest, not to exceed \$1,000 in value, in a single motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(1) s. 320.01.

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 $\underline{\text{(b)}}$  A debtor's interest in any professionally prescribed health aids for the debtor or a dependent of the debtor.

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(c)(3) A debtor's interest in a refund or a credit received or to be received, or the traceable deposits in a financial institution of a debtor's interest in a refund or credit, pursuant to s. 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. This exemption does not apply to a debt owed for

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child support or spousal support.

(d) (4) A debtor's interest in personal property, not to exceed \$4,000, if the debtor does not claim or receive the benefits of a homestead exemption under s. 4, Art. X of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a debt owed for child support or spousal support.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), an individual debtor under the federal Bankruptcy Code may exempt a debtor's interest, not to exceed \$5,000 in value, in a single motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(1). This subsection applies to any bankruptcy action filed on or after July 1, 2022.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.