

MS Part Of \$29M Agreement With Toyota

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JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood says Mississippi will receive about \$561,288 in a multi-state settlement with Toyota Motor Corp. over problems with accelerator pedals.

Hood says Mississippi will be getting part of a \$29 million pot split among 29 different states and American Samoa.

State attorney generals claimed Toyota failed to disclose dangerous safety defects with its accelerator pedals in a timely fashion.

They sued Toyota after it recalled 14 million vehicles globally in 2009 and 2010 for accelerating without warning.

As part of the settlement, Toyota says it will make vehicle information more easily accessible and deal more quickly with complaints and pay some restitution to owners.

Toyota blames sticky gas pedals and faulty floor mats for the acceleration issue.

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