
DIGEST

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HB 1104 Engrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits the manufacturing, selling, or offering to sell of a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device, with exceptions for professionals.

Proposed law provides definitions for "motor vehicle key programming or emulating device" and "relay attack device".

Proposed law prohibits manufacturing, selling, or offering to sell either device and provides a penalty of a fine up to \$1,000 or six months imprisonment, or both.

Proposed law creates exceptions for a law enforcement officer, an employee of the Nat'l Insurance Crime Bureau, and an employee of a licensed dealer, distributor, or manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle locks, a motor vehicle mechanic shop, locksmith company, or repossession agency.

Proposed law provides that possession alone is not a violation of proposed law, but criminal intent may be inferred from the circumstances, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Possession while attempting to enter a motor vehicle without authorization.
- (2) Possession of multiple devices without a lawful purpose.
- (3) Possession in conjunction with tools commonly used for vehicle theft.

Proposed law requires a person authorized to manufacture, sell, or offer to sell a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device to report a lost or stolen device within 48 hours of becoming aware that it was lost or stolen.

Proposed law provides that anyone who does not report a stolen device within 48 hours shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:406)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Provide that possession alone of a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or relay attack device is not a violation of proposed law.
2. Provide an illustrative list of conditions under which criminal intent may be inferred.
3. Make technical changes.