

1556-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
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O'Brien and Campbell)

Brief Description: Increasing penalties for taking a motor vehicle
without permission.

HB 1556-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases penalties for taking a motor vehicle without
permission.

Provides that a person is guilty of taking a motor vehicle
without permission in the first degree if he or she, without the
permission of the owner or person entitled to possession,
intentionally takes or drives away an automobile or motor vehicle,
whether propelled by steam, electricity, or internal combustion
engine, that is the property of another, and he or she:

(1) Alters the motor vehicle for the purpose of changing its
appearance or primary identification, including obscuring,
removing, or changing the manufacturer's serial number or the
vehicle identification number plates;

(2) Removes, or participates in the removal of, parts from the
motor vehicle with the intent to sell the parts;

(3) Exports, or attempts to export, the motor vehicle across
state lines or out of the United States for profit;

(4) Intends to sell the motor vehicle; or

(5) Is engaged in a conspiracy and the central object of the
conspiratorial agreement is the theft of motor vehicles for sale to
others for profit.

Declares that taking a motor vehicle without permission in the
first degree is a class B felony.

Provides that a person is guilty of taking a motor vehicle
without permission in the second degree if he or she, without the
permission of the owner or person entitled to possession,
intentionally takes or drives away any automobile or motor vehicle,
whether propelled by steam, electricity, or internal combustion
engine, that is the property of another, or he or she voluntarily
rides in or upon the automobile or motor vehicle with knowledge of
the fact that it was unlawfully taken.

Declares that taking a motor vehicle without permission in the
second degree is a class C felony.