
Public Safety Committee

SB 6010

Brief Description: Establishing penalties for altered or shaved keys.

Sponsors: Senator Padden.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes possession of a minimum of one to 10 altered or shaved keys a gross misdemeanor offense.
- Provides that each set comprising of up to 10 shaved keys constitutes a separate and distinct crime and is an additional gross misdemeanor offense.

Hearing Date: 2/25/14

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

It is a gross misdemeanor offense for a person to make or possess burglar tools adapted, designed, or commonly used for the commission of burglary when there is intent to use the tools to commit burglary. It is also a gross misdemeanor offense for a person to make, mend, use, or possess tools commonly used for the commission of motor vehicle theft when there is intent to use the tools in the commission of motor vehicle theft.

A motor vehicle theft tool includes, but is not limited to: a slim jim, false master key, master purpose key, altered or shaved key, trial or jigglers keys, and any other implement shown by facts and circumstances that is intended to be used in the commission of a motor vehicle theft. An "altered or shaved key" is any key so altered, by cutting, filing, or other means, to fit multiple vehicles or vehicles other than the vehicles for which the key was originally manufactured.

Summary of Bill:

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It is a gross misdemeanor offense to possess a minimum of one to 10 altered or shaved keys. Each set comprising of at least one and up to 10 altered or shaved keys constitutes a separate and distinct crime and is an additional gross misdemeanor offense. An altered or shaved key is any key so altered, by cutting, filing, or other means, to fit multiple locks other than the lock for which the key was originally manufactured.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.