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By: **Delegate D. Davis**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **Vehicle Laws - Manufacturers - Consumer Access to Ignition Key**  
3                           **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a vehicle manufacturer licensed in the State, by a  
5 certain date, to implement a system that provides a vehicle owner or lessee and  
6 certain other persons access to information sufficient to allow the reproduction  
7 of a key required to operate the owner's or lessee's motor vehicle; requiring the  
8 manufacturer to allow access to the information required under this Act 24  
9 hours per day and 7 days per week; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administrator  
10 to impose a certain fine; providing for the applicability of this Act; and generally  
11 relating to a requirement for a manufacturer of a motor vehicle to provide  
12 certain information to a certain person.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Transportation  
15 Section 15-210.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article - Transportation  
20 Section 15-212(d)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25                           **Article - Transportation**

26 15-210.1.

27 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A MOTOR VEHICLE:

28 (1) SOLD OR LEASED IN THE STATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008; AND

1 (2) OF A MODEL YEAR OF 2008 OR LATER.

2 (B) BY JANUARY 1, 2008, A MANUFACTURER LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE  
3 SHALL IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM THAT:

4 (1) PROVIDES THE REGISTERED OWNER OR LESSEE OF A MOTOR  
5 VEHICLE MANUFACTURED BY THE MANUFACTURER, OR THE OWNER'S OR LESSEE'S  
6 AGENT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, ACCESS TO INFORMATION SUFFICIENT TO  
7 ALLOW THE REPRODUCTION OF A KEY REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE;  
8 AND

9 (2) ALLOWS THE REGISTERED OWNER OR LESSEE, OR THE OWNER'S OR  
10 LESSEE'S AGENT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, TO ACCESS THE INFORMATION  
11 SPECIFIED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION 24 HOURS PER DAY AND 7 DAYS PER  
12 WEEK.

13 15-212.

14 (d) As to any person licensed under this subtitle, instead of or in addition to  
15 revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of a license under this section, the  
16 Administrator:

17 (1) [May] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MAY  
18 order the licensee to pay a fine not exceeding \$50,000 for each violation of this  
19 subtitle; [and]

20 (2) May order the licensee to compensate any person for financial injury  
21 or other damage suffered as a result of the violation; AND

22 (3) MAY ORDER THE LICENSEE TO PAY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 FOR  
23 A VIOLATION OF § 15-210.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2006.