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By: **Senator Hooper**
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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.