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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes fourth degree crime of manufacturing, selling, or possessing vehicle theft devices.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the sale of vehicle theft devices and
2 supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. For the purposes of this section, a “relay attack unit”
8 means a device used to unlock or remotely activate the ignition of a
9 motor vehicle.

10 b. A person who knowingly manufactures, sells, offers to sell,
11 or possesses a relay attack unit is guilty of a crime of the fourth
12 degree.

13 c. In any prosecution for a violation of this section, the
14 manufacture, sale, offer to sell, or possession of a relay attack unit
15 by any person shall be presumed to be for an unlawful purpose.

16 d. Nothing in this section shall apply to a motor vehicle
17 manufacturer or an anti-theft organization that manufactures, sells,
18 offers to sell, or possesses a relay attack unit for the purpose of
19 testing the vulnerability of various motor vehicle systems.

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21 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
22 next following enactment.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree to knowingly
28 manufacture, sell, offer to sell, or possess a relay attack unit. A
29 fourth degree crime is punishable by a term of imprisonment of up
30 to 18 months, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

31 The bill defines a “relay attack unit” to mean a device used to
32 unlock or remotely activate the ignition of a vehicle. According to
33 the National Insurance Crime Bureau, relay attack units are used by
34 thieves to access locked vehicles and, in some cases, drive away in
35 them. These devices have been used throughout the United States
36 to successfully access various makes and models of vehicles that
37 are equipped with a keyless remote or push-button ignition. It is the
38 sponsor’s intent to prohibit the sale of these devices to prevent them
39 from being used to commit thefts in this State.

40 The bill provides that in any prosecution for a violation under the
41 bill, the manufacture, sale, offer to sell, or possession of a relay
42 attack unit by any person is presumed to be for an unlawful
43 purpose. The provisions of the bill do not apply to a vehicle
44 manufacturer or an anti-theft organization that manufactures, sells,
45 offers to sell, or possesses a relay attack unit for the purpose of
46 testing the vulnerability of various vehicle systems.