

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 627

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

CRIME: Provides relative to the penalties for the crime of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:68.4(B), relative to the crime of unauthorized use of a motor  
3 vehicle; to provide relative to criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:68.4(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §68.4. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

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8 B.(1) Whoever commits the crime of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

9 Upon a first conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand  
10 dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or  
11 both.

12 (2) Upon a second conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or  
13 without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or may be fined not more than ten  
14 thousand dollars, or both.

15 (3) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned  
16 at hard labor for not more than twenty years, or may be fined not more than fifty  
17 thousand dollars, or both.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Enhances the penalties for the crime of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Present law provides that unauthorized use of a motor vehicle is the intentional taking or use of a motor vehicle which belongs to another without the intent to permanently deprive the other of the motor vehicle permanently.

Present law provides that an offender shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.

Proposed law amends present law to enhance the penalties as follows:

- (1) First conviction, a fine of not more than \$5,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.
- (2) Second conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than 10 years, or may be fined not more than \$10,000, or both.
- (3) Third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or may be fined not more than \$50,000, or both.

(Amends R.S. 14:68.4(B))