

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. Whoever commits the crime of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle shall
9 be ~~fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard~~
10 ~~labor for not more than two years or both~~ imprisoned for not more than six months,
11 or may be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both. If the offender in such
12 cases has been convicted of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle two or more times
13 previously, upon any subsequent conviction he shall be imprisoned, with or without
14 hard labor, for not more than two years, or may be fined not more than two thousand
15 dollars, or both.

DIGEST

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HB 627 Engrossed

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Abstract: Changes 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 change the penalties as follows:

- (1) First conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, or may be fined not more than \$1,000, or both.
- (2) Upon two or more previous convictions, an offender who receives a subsequent conviction shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or may be fined not more than \$2,000, or both.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Changes the penalties for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.