

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1104

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANA HENRY

CRIME: Prohibits the possession and manufacturing of motor vehicle key programming or emulation devices

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:406, relative to the manufacture, possession, transfer, or sale of motor
3 vehicle key programming or emulating devices or relay attack devices; to prohibit
4 the manufacture, possession, transfer, or sale of such devices; to provide for
5 definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:406 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §406. Motor vehicle key programming and emulating devices

10 A. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the following
11 meanings:

12 (1) "Motor vehicle key programming or emulating device" means any
13 device, computer program, application, or software designed or used to electronically
14 communicate with a motor vehicle for the purpose of programming or emulating a
15 motor vehicle key fob that is capable of being used to unlock or start the motor
16 vehicle.

17 (2) "Relay attack device" means any device, computer program, application,
18 or software designed or used to intercept the signal from the key fob of a motor
19 vehicle to unlock or start the motor vehicle.

1 B.(1) Except as provided in this Section, no person shall knowingly
2 manufacture, sell, offer to sell, transfer, or possess a motor vehicle key programming
3 or emulating device or a relay attack device, or aid or permit another to use a motor
4 vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device.

5 (2) Whoever violates Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be fined not
6 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

7 C. This Section does not apply to the manufacture, sale, offer to sell,
8 transfer, possession, or use of a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device
9 or a relay attack device for a lawful and reasonable purpose by or to a law
10 enforcement officer, an employee of the National Insurance Crime Bureau, or an
11 employee of a licensed dealer, distributor, or manufacturer of motor vehicles or
12 motor vehicle locks, a motor vehicle mechanic shop, locksmith company, or
13 repossession agency.

14 D.(1) A person authorized to possess a motor vehicle key programming or
15 emulating device or a relay attack device shall report the loss or theft of such device
16 to a law enforcement agency within the jurisdiction where the device is known or
17 reasonably believed to have been lost or stolen, within forty-eight hours after
18 becoming aware of the loss or theft.

19 (2) Whoever violates Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be fined not
20 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the manufacturing, selling, offering to sell, or possession of a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device, with exceptions for professionals.

Proposed law provides definitions for "motor vehicle key programming or emulating device" and "relay attack device".

Proposed law prohibits manufacturing, selling, offering, or possessing either device and provides a penalty of a fine up to \$1,000 or six months imprisonment, or both.

Proposed law creates exceptions for a law enforcement officer, an employee of the Nat'l Insurance Crime Bureau, and an employee of a licensed dealer, distributor, or manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle locks, a motor vehicle mechanic shop, locksmith company, or repossession agency.

Proposed law requires a person authorized to possess a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device to report a lost or stolen device within 48 hours of becoming aware that it was lost or stolen.

Proposed law provides that anyone who does not report a stolen device within 48 hours shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:406)