

1-1 By: Springer, Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Burton) H.B. No. 2194  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;  
 1-3 May 19, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 24, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 24, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell			X	
1-10 Eltife			X	
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 West			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the offense of leaving a motor vehicle unattended.  
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 545.404, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-20 to read as follows:  
 1-21 Sec. 545.404. UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE. (a) Except as  
 1-22 provided by Subsection (b), an [An] operator may not leave a [the]  
 1-23 vehicle unattended without:  
 1-24 (1) stopping the engine;  
 1-25 (2) locking the ignition;  
 1-26 (3) removing the key from the ignition;  
 1-27 (4) setting the parking brake effectively; and  
 1-28 (5) if standing on a grade, turning the front wheels to  
 1-29 the curb or side of the highway.  
 1-30 (b) The requirements of Subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3) do  
 1-31 not apply to an operator who starts the engine of a vehicle by using  
 1-32 a remote starter or other similar device that:  
 1-33 (1) remotely starts the vehicle's engine without  
 1-34 placing the key in the ignition; and  
 1-35 (2) requires the key to be placed in the ignition or  
 1-36 physically present in the vehicle before the vehicle can be  
 1-37 operated.  
 1-38 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-39 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
 1-40 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
 1-41 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
 1-42 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
 1-43 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
 1-44 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
 1-45 before that date.  
 1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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