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CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 559)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Motor Vehicle Devices

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from possessing certain devices which may be used to ~~unlawfully operate, open, tamper,~~ break and enter a motor vehicle; ~~clarifying certain language;~~ and generally relating to unlawful possession of certain devices for use on motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section ~~349A~~ and 490
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

~~349A.~~

~~(A) [No] A person, except a person while making lawful use of them in pursuit of a legitimate business interest or a law enforcement officer while in pursuit of his duties, [shall] MAY NOT at any time have or possess a motor vehicle master key adapted for or capable of being used to open or operate any motor vehicle in this State.~~

~~(B) A PERSON MAY NOT POSSESS A PICKLOCK, KEY, CROW, JACK, BIT OR OTHER DEVICE AT PLACES AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FROM WHICH AN INTENT MAY BE PRESUMED TO UNLAWFULLY BREAK AND ENTER, TAMPER, OPEN OR OPERATE ANY MOTOR VEHICLE IN THIS STATE.~~

~~(C) Any person who violates the provisions of this section, [shall be] IS guilty of a misdemeanor and [upon conviction] shall be fined not more than [five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or shall be] \$500 OR imprisoned for not more than one [(1)] year, OR BOTH.~~

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