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S.B. No. 381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibited manufacture and sale of motor vehicles equipped with remote vehicle disabling technology.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 547, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 547.619 to read as follows:

Sec. 547.619. REMOTE VEHICLE DISABLING TECHNOLOGY PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Dealer" and "manufacturer" have the meanings assigned by Section 503.001.

(2) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001.

(3) "Remote vehicle disabling technology" means any application or device, including software, firmware, and hardware, that, when activated or engaged, allows a person to disable the operation of a motor vehicle. The term does not include an ignition interlock device, as defined by Article 42A.408, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(b) A manufacturer may not manufacture, distribute, assemble, or sell a motor vehicle that is equipped with remote vehicle disabling technology.

(c) A dealer may not sell or exchange a motor vehicle that is equipped with remote vehicle disabling technology.

(d) A license holder under Chapter 2301, Occupations Code,

1 who violates this section is subject to the revocation of the
2 license under Section [2301.651\(a\)\(4\)](#), Occupations Code.

3 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 547.619, Transportation
4 Code, as added by this Act, a manufacturer or dealer is not required
5 to comply with that section before January 1, 2026.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.