

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 24, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB381** by Burkett (relating to the punishment for the offense of burglary of a vehicle; increasing a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the punishment for the offense of burglary of a vehicle or rail car. The bill would align the punishment for burglary of a vehicle or rail car to the amount of pecuniary loss of tangible personal property. Under the provisions of the bill, burglary of a vehicle or rail car would be punishable at all felony degrees with the punishment degree based on the circumstances of the offense. This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would amend the conditions which constitute a Class A misdemeanor to consist of pecuniary loss of less than \$1,500. A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could likely be absorbed with existing resources. Revenue from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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