

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**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 and to grants of community supervision to persons who commit that offense.), **As Introduced**

<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 and to grants of community supervision to persons who commit the offense. 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 reduce the charge from a Class A to a Class B misdemeanor if the loss is less than \$500. Reduced costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Lower 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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