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H.B. No. 714

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the civil prosecution of offenses involving certain  
municipal parking ordinances; authorizing a civil fine.

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

SECTION 1. Section 601.001, Local Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 601.001. PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. (a) A  
municipality by ordinance may regulate the parking of motor  
vehicles on private property and may enforce the ordinance in the  
same manner that it enforces ordinances regulating parking in  
public no-parking zones, including the impoundment of offending  
vehicles.

(b) As provided by Chapter 682, Transportation Code, a  
municipality with a population of 1.9 million or more may:

(1) declare the violation of a municipal ordinance  
relating to the parking of an unattended motor vehicle in the front  
or side yard of a single-family residence in a residential area to  
be a civil offense; and

(2) by ordinance establish an administrative  
adjudication hearing procedure under which a civil fine may be  
imposed.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.