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H.B. No. 503

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, 2021.