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H.B. No. 1031

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to remote vehicle disabling technology capable of being activated or engaged by a motor vehicle manufacturer or governmental entity; creating criminal offenses.

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; OFFENSE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Governmental entity" means an agency of the United States, this state, or a local government of this state.

(2) "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 person commits an offense if the person:

(1) manufactures, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute remote vehicle disabling technology that is capable of being:

(A) activated or engaged by a motor vehicle manufacturer or governmental entity; and

(B) installed on a light truck or passenger car;

1 (2) installs on a light truck or passenger car remote
2 vehicle disabling technology that is capable of being activated or
3 engaged by the vehicle manufacturer or a governmental entity; or

4 (3) sells a light truck or passenger car on which has
5 been installed remote vehicle disabling technology that is capable
6 of being activated or engaged by the vehicle manufacturer or a
7 governmental entity.

8 (c) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

9 (d) A license holder under Chapter [2301](#), Occupations Code,
10 who commits an offense under this section is subject to the
11 revocation of the license under Section [2301.651](#)(a)(4),
12 Occupations Code.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.