

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to car theft with digital devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to car theft with digital devices.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 266 of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 49 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 49A.

4 “Motor vehicle key programming or emulating device” means any device, computer
5 program, application, or software designed or used to electronically communicate with a motor
6 vehicle for the purpose of programing or emulating a motor vehicle key fob that is capable of
7 being used to unlock or start the motor vehicle.

8 “Relay attack device” means any device, computer program, application, or software
9 designed to intercept the signal from the key fob of a motor vehicle to unlock to unlock or start
10 the motor vehicle.

11 No person shall, with intent to steal a motor vehicle or other property therefrom,
12 knowingly manufacture, sell, offer to sell, transfer, or possess a motor vehicle key programming
13 or emulating device or relay attack device.

14 No person shall, with intent to steal a motor vehicle or other property therefrom,
15 knowingly aid or permit another to use a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or
16 relay attack device.

17 Whoever violates this section shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for
18 not more than ten years or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and imprisonment in
19 jail for not more than two and one half years.