
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 356—ASSEMBLYMEN DICKMAN, LA RUE HATCH, ANDERSON, HANSEN, KASAMA; CARTER, D’SILVA, DURAN, GALLANT, GRAY, GURR, HAFEN, HARDY, KOENIG, MCARTHUR, MOSCA, O’NEILL, TAYLOR, WATTS, YEAGER, AND YUREK

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SEEVERS GANSERT, GOICOECHEA, TITUS, HANSEN; AND NEAL

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to mobile tracking devices. (BDR 15-1007)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to mobile tracking devices; prohibiting a person from installing, concealing or otherwise placing a mobile tracking device in or on the motor vehicle of another person under certain circumstances; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada has held that using a
2 GPS tracking device to monitor the movements of a person implicates the tort of
3 invasion of privacy because a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy with
4 respect to his or her daily movements in a motor vehicle. (*Ringelberg v. Vanguard*
5 *Integrity Prof’ls-Nev., Inc.*, No. 2:17-CV-01788-JAD-PAL (D. Nev. Dec. 3, 2018))
6 Existing law does not expressly prohibit a person from installing a tracking device
7 on the motor vehicle of another person. This bill expressly provides that a person
8 commits the crime of unlawful installation of a mobile tracking device if the person
9 installs, conceals or otherwise places a mobile tracking device in or on the motor
10 vehicle of another person without the knowledge and consent of an owner or lessor
11 of the motor vehicle, unless the person is a: (1) law enforcement officer who
12 installs, conceals or otherwise places a mobile tracking device in or on a motor



13 vehicle pursuant to a warrant or court order; (2) manufacturer of a motor vehicle;
14 and (3) certain creditors. This bill provides that a person who commits any such
15 offense is guilty of: (1) for the first offense, a misdemeanor; (2) for the second
16 offense, a gross misdemeanor; or (3) for the third or any subsequent offense, a
17 category C felony.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 200 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person*
4 *commits the crime of unlawful installation of a mobile tracking*
5 *device if the person knowingly installs, conceals or otherwise*
6 *places a mobile tracking device in or on the motor vehicle of*
7 *another person without the knowledge and consent of an owner or*
8 *lessor of the motor vehicle.*

9 *2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to:*

10 *(a) A law enforcement officer who installs, conceals or*
11 *otherwise places a mobile tracking device in or on a motor vehicle*
12 *pursuant to a warrant or court order;*

13 *(b) A manufacturer of a motor vehicle who installs a tracking*
14 *system in a motor vehicle; or*

15 *(c) A creditor who installs any electronic tracking technology*
16 *pursuant to NRS 598.9701 to 598.9718, inclusive.*

17 *3. A person who commits the crime of unlawful installation*
18 *of a mobile tracking device is guilty of:*

19 *(a) For the first offense, a misdemeanor.*

20 *(b) For the second offense, a gross misdemeanor.*

21 *(c) For the third or any subsequent offense, a category C*
22 *felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.*

23 *4. As used in this section, "mobile tracking device" means*
24 *any device that permits a person to track the movement or location*
25 *of another person or object through the transmission of any*
26 *signal, including, without limitation, a radio or electronic signal.*

27 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

