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S. BILL 498

To regulate get-away vehicles, to ensure that the right to drive is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2016

A BILL

To regulate vehicles commonly used in escapes from the scene of a crime, to ensure that access to such vehicles is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress*
2 *assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Escape Vehicle Ban of 2016”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The terms “get-away vehicle” and “escape vehicle” means any motorized vehi-
7 cle which—

7 (A) Is intended for use on established roadways and which—

8 (B) Will travel at speeds capable of exceeding established speed limits for United States highways and
interstates.

9 (C) May also include any other vehicle, motorized or propelled by other means, which could be used to
elude law enforcement after the commission of a crime.

10 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTIONS ON OWNERSHIP AND USE OF ESCAPE VEHICLES BY CERTAIN**
11 **CLASSES OF INDIVIDUALS.**

11 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who has been previously convicted of a felony offense
12 or has been convicted of a misdemeanor offense punishable by a term of 12 months or longer, or is
13 currently under indictment for such offense to own, operate or transfer to another individual, any vehicle

1 which can be classified by this Act as an Escape Vehicle.

2 It shall be unlawful for any person to import, sell, manufacture, occupy, possess or operate vehicles
3 which fall under this Act which were manufactured after the date of enactment of said Act. Vehicles
4 covered under this Act which are currently owned by non-prohibited persons may be owned and operated
5 until such time as they are no longer serviceable. They may not be transferred to anyone other than those
6 exempted from restriction under this Act. All vehicles grandfathered under this act must be registered
7 with the Federal Bureau of Investigation within 180 days of the implementation of this Act.

7 It is further prohibited for any individual or group of individuals who are observed to be loitering
8 outside of facilities such as banks, liquor stores, convenience stores and other facilities which are com-
9 mon targets of violent crimes to occupy vehicles covered by this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GRANDFATHERED OWNERS OF ESCAPE VEHI
11 CLES.**

11 Those individuals who currently own vehicles covered under this act and wish to retain ownership
12 until the end of the vehicle's serviceable life must consent to a criminal background check conducted by
13 the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Said background check must be completed within 180 days of the
14 implementation of this act. Failure to do so will result in confiscation of the Escape Vehicle without com-
15 pensation to the individual.

16 **SEC. 5. EXEMPTIONS.**

17 This act shall NOT apply to the following classes of individual:

- 18 (A) Police officers whether on or off duty
- 19 (B) Officers of the Court
- 20 (C) Elected officials
- 21 (D) Duly Licensed Automobile Dealers

22 **SEC. 6. PENALTIES.**

23 Those who violate this act shall be subject to the following :

- 24 (A) Prohibited Persons found to be in operation of Escape Vehicles are subject to imprisonment for a
25 term not to exceed Ten (10) years and/or a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00 dollars.
- 26 (B) Non-Prohibited Persons who fail to register their Escape Vehicles with the FBI will be subject to for-
27 feiture of the vehicle and a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 dollars.
- 28 (C) Transfer of Escape Vehicles other than to authorized dealers of government agencies shall be punish-
29 able by forfeiture of the vehicle and imprisonment for a term not to exceed Two (2) years and/or a fine not
30 to exceed \$2,000.00.

1 **SEC. 7. BUYBACK PROGRAM FOR GRANFATHERED ESCAPE VEHICLES.**

2 Those individuals who choose not to retain ownership of vehicles covered under this Act may elect
3 to transfer ownership of said vehicles an authorized licensed dealer within 180 days of the ratification
4 of this act. Compensation shall be determined by the dealer but shall be no less that standard accepted
5 trade in value as evidenced by commonly accepted industry sources.

6 **SEC. 8. SEVERABLILITY.**

7 If any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or
8 amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, it is up to the United States
9 Citizen to contest and appeal this act. All citizens will be considered guilty until proven innocent. As
10 with similar bills like the Assault Weapon Ban, the Gun Control Acts of 1934, 1968 and 1986, it has been
11 accepted practice of this Legislative Body to enact laws, rules and regulations that deprive United States
12 Citizens of their rights and personal property without due process. It is further determined that although
13 this Act will do nothing to prevent bank robberies, liquor store robberies, violent assaults and similar
14 crimes, given the evidence that most escapes from such crimes are facilitated by vehicular transportation,
15 this Act is justified because we simply HAVE to do SOMETHING, even when that action will further en-
16 danger the American Public and will not accomplish anything worthwhile.