

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 923
3 entitled “An act relating to entering a vehicle without legal authority or
4 consent” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 3705 is added to read:

8 § 3705. UNLAWFUL TRESPASS

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10 (c) A person who knowingly enters the vehicle of another person without
11 legal authority or the consent of the person in lawful possession of the vehicle
12 shall be fined not more than \$250.00.

13 (d) A person who enters a building other than a residence, whose access is
14 normally locked, whether or not the access is actually locked, or a residence in
15 violation of an order of any court of competent jurisdiction in this State shall
16 be imprisoned for not more than one year or fined not more than \$500.00, or
17 both.

18 ~~(d)~~(e) A person who enters a dwelling house, whether or not a person is
19 actually present, knowing that he or she is not licensed or privileged to do so
20 shall be imprisoned for not more than three years or fined not more than
21 \$2,000.00, or both.

1 ~~(e)~~(f) A law enforcement officer shall not be prosecuted under subsection
2 (a) of this section if he or she is authorized to serve civil or criminal process,
3 including citations, summons, subpoenas, warrants, and other court orders, and
4 the scope of his or her entrance onto the land or place of another is no more
5 than necessary to effectuate the service of process.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE