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H.558

Introduced by Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington and Christie of  
Hartford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; theft; consent; intent

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the  
requisite intent for operating a motor vehicle without consent of the owner.

An act relating to operating a motor vehicle without consent of the owner

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1094 is amended to read:

§ 1094. OPERATION WITHOUT CONSENT OF OWNER;

AGGRAVATED OPERATION WITHOUT CONSENT OF OWNER

(a) A person commits the crime of operation without consent of the owner  
if:

(1) the person, without the consent of the owner, knowingly takes,  
obtains, operates, uses, or continues to operate the motor vehicle of another; or

(2) the person consciously ignored that the person did not have the  
consent of the owner when the person took, operated, used, or continued to  
operate the motor vehicle of another.

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(c) A person convicted under subsection (a) of this section of operation

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without consent of the owner shall be imprisoned not more than two years or

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fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on passage.