



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1618

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-614 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "relay box". Provides that no person may possess a relay box in this State except for: (1) a mechanic; (2) a new vehicle dealer or used vehicle dealer licensed under the Code; (3) a locksmith licensed under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004; (4) a repossession agent; or (5) a State or local law enforcement officer. Provides that a person who commits a violation of the new provisions is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
5 Section 12-614 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-614 new)

7 Sec. 12-614. Relay box.

8 (a) In this Section, "relay box" means a device designed
9 to capture a signal from the key fob of a motor vehicle to
10 unlock and start the motor vehicle without the use or
11 possession of the motor vehicle key.

12 (b) No person may possess a relay box in this State except
13 for the following persons:

14 (1) a mechanic;

15 (2) a new vehicle dealer or used vehicle dealer
16 licensed under Section 5-101 or 5-102;

17 (3) a locksmith licensed under the Private Detective,
18 Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and
19 Locksmith Act of 2004;

20 (4) a repossession agent; or

21 (5) a State or local law enforcement officer.

22 (c) A person who commits a violation of this Section is
23 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.