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To amend section 2923.24 of the Revised Code to
prohibit possession of an electronic device
under circumstances indicating an intent to
steal a motor vehicle.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2923.24 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 2923.24. (A) As used in this section, "electronic
device or tool" means a device or tool designed or adapted for
use in unlocking or turning on a motor vehicle and does not
include a previously issued or activated electronic card, key,
or other electronic device assigned to the lawful owner of a
motor vehicle.

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(B) No person shall possess or have under the person's
control any substance, device, instrument, or article, with
purpose to use it criminally.

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~~(B)~~ (C) Each of the following constitutes prima-facie
evidence of criminal purpose:

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(1) Possession or control of any dangerous ordnance, or
the materials or parts for making dangerous ordnance, in the
absence of circumstances indicating the dangerous ordnance,

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materials, or parts are intended for legitimate use; 21

(2) Possession or control of any substance, device, 22
instrument, or article designed or specially adapted for 23
criminal use; 24

(3) Possession or control of any substance, device, 25
instrument, or article commonly used for criminal purposes, 26
under circumstances indicating the item is intended for criminal 27
use. 28

~~(C)~~ (4) Possession or control of an electronic device or 29
tool under circumstances indicating an intent to steal a motor 30
vehicle. 31

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of possessing 32
criminal tools. Except as otherwise provided in this division, 33
possessing criminal tools is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 34
If the circumstances indicate that the substance, device, 35
instrument, or article involved in the offense was intended for 36
use in the commission of a felony, possessing criminal tools is 37
a felony of the fifth degree. 38

Section 2. That existing section 2923.24 of the Revised 39
Code is hereby repealed. 40