

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0150R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Dixon, Councilmembers Young, Curran, Reisinger, Kraft, Welch
At the request of: AAA Mid-Atlantic
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **In Support of State Legislation – (Senate Bill 452/House Bill 1488) - Consumer Access to**
3 **Ignition Key Information**

4 FOR the purpose of expressing support for Senate Bill 452/House Bill 1488 that requires a
5 vehicle manufacturer licensed in the State, to implement a system by a certain date that
6 provides a vehicle owner or lessee and certain other persons access to information sufficient
7 to allow the reproduction of a key required to operate the owner’s or lessee’s motor vehicle,
8 requiring the manufacturer to allow access to the information 24 hours a day and 7 days per
9 week, and requesting the Chair and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
10 to report the bill favorably.

11 **Recitals**

12 When a car owner gets locked out of his or her vehicle, they call a locksmith, who then
13 attempts to make another key from the information they gain from the vehicle’s internal
14 computer systems. If the owner so chooses, they can contact a dealership who, after requesting
15 proof of identity, can provide the car owner or lessee with the information they need to get a new
16 key made by the locksmith. This process can be time consuming and is only made available
17 during the hours when the dealership is actually open for business.

18 Senate Bill 452/House Bill 1488 will force car manufacturers to create a system by which an
19 owner or lessee of a vehicle will have access to the information needed to have a spare key
20 created at all times, regardless of dealership hours. This system would be invaluable in
21 providing drivers who are locked out of their cars the ability to get back on the road more easily,
22 in addition to providing access to necessary information for the locksmiths who are called to the
23 scene and are being asked to create the new car key.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
25 Body expresses support for Senate Bill 452/House Bill 1488 that requires a vehicle
26 manufacturer licensed in the State, to implement a system by a certain date that provides a
27 vehicle owner or lessee and certain other persons access to information sufficient to allow the

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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2 manufacturer to allow access to the information 24 hours a day and 7 days per week, and
3 requests the Chair and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to report the bill
4 favorably.

5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
6 AAA Mid-Atlantic, the Chair and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the
7 Honorable Chair and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2006
8 Maryland General Assembly, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Council.