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Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 23, authored by Senator Scott Wiener and co-authored by Assembly Members Joaquin Arambula, Sabrina Cervantes, Phillip Chen, David Chiu, Jordan Cunningham, Tom Lackey, Freddie Rodriguez, and Phil Ting, to expand the definition of vehicle burglary to include any unlawful entry.

[Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 23 (Wiener) - Unlawful Entry of a Vehicle]

WHEREAS, San Francisco is experiencing an epidemic of auto break-ins; and WHEREAS, More than thirty thousand auto break-ins were reported to the San Francisco Police Department during 2017; and

WHEREAS, Auto break-ins have been rising in every police district in San Francisco, some by as much as 86 percent; and

WHEREAS, Auto break-ins are increasingly impacting local San Francisco residents who are hit with hundreds of dollars in costs to replace smashed windows and stolen property; and

WHEREAS, Victims of auto break-ins include visitors to San Francisco who often rent cars and often do not return to testify; and

WHEREAS, In September 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 201-15 a copy of which is on file with the Board of Supervisors in File No. 161065, which requires rental car companies to provide written notice and post signage in the vehicle and rental car office educating drivers about how to prevent break-ins; and

WHEREAS, Under current state law, a prosecutor must prove the car's doors were locked prior to the break-in in order to establish guilt; and

WHEREAS, This current standard does not account for the reality that most auto break-ins occur by smashing a window or other unlawful entry making it difficult to hold auto burglars accountable; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's District Attorney has also identified this legal standard as a barrier to effectively deterring and prosecuting these crimes; and

WHEREAS, On December 4, 2018, Senator Scott Wiener introduced California State Senate Bill No. 23 (SB23) which expands the definition of vehicle burglary to include any unlawful entry, so that prosecutors can prove an auto burglary occurred by either showing the car door was locked or unlawful entry was used; and

WHEREAS, This common sense change will make it clear prosecutors can prove an individual committed an auto burglary if the individual broke a vehicle's window; and

WHEREAS, We need every tool at our disposal to combat and deter auto break-ins in San Francisco to restore confidence in residents and visitors that they can park their cars on the street without fear that the windows will be shattered and the contents of their cars stolen; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to pass SB23; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution to the Governor of California, the California State Senate, and the California State Assembly.

Introduced by Senator Wiener

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula and Cervantes) (Coauthors: Assembly Members Chen, Chiu, Cunningham, Lackey, Rodriguez, and Ting)

December 3, 2018

An act to add Section 465 to the Penal Code, relating to crime.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 23, as introduced, Wiener. Unlawful entry of a vehicle.

Existing law defines the crime of burglary to include entering a vehicle when the doors are locked with the intent to commit grand or petit larceny or a felony. Existing law make the burglary of a vehicle punishable as a misdemeanor.

This bill would make entering a vehicle with the intent to commit a theft therein a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed one year or imprisonment in a county jail for 16 months, or 2 or 3 years. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 465 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

SB 23 —2—

465. (a) A person who enters a vehicle, as defined in Section 670 of the Vehicle Code, with the intent to commit a theft therein is guilty of unlawful entry of a vehicle.

(b) Unlawful entry of a vehicle is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed one year or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

(c) The provisions of this section do not restrict the application of any other law. However, an act or omission punishable pursuant to multiple provisions of law shall not be punished under more than one provision.

10 11 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to 12 Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school 13 14 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or 15 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty 16 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within 17 18 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California

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