AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN -- CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31-22-22.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-22 entitled "Miscellaneous Rules" is hereby repealed.


(a) All law enforcement officers in this state are authorized to provide a verbal warning to any person who shall be deemed to have left a child under the age of seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle. The warning shall apprise the offending person of the dangers of this practice including, but not limited to, the risk of kidnapping and/or abduction, and the dangers which may result from the accumulation of excessive temperatures within the motor vehicle.

(b) No fine or sanction shall be imposed for a violation of this section, other than a verbal warning, and no record of any kind shall be maintained of the warning.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would repeal the requirement that law enforcement officers issue only warnings of the risks to persons leaving a child under the age of seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle.

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