

No. 35

AN ACT

SB 38

Providing criminal penalties for the introduction, or manufacture for introduction, into commerce in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of master keys for motor vehicles, and imposing penalties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. As used in this act, "master key" means any key adapted to fit the ignition switch, trunk or door of two or more motor vehicles, the ignition switches, trunks or doors of which are designed to be operated by keys.

Section 2. Whoever knowingly possesses, introduces, or manufactures for introduction, into commerce in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or transports or distributes in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania any motor vehicle master key shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or imprisoned for a term of not more than five years, or both.

Section 3. This act shall not apply to:

(1) The introduction, manufacture for introduction, transportation, distribution, sale or possession in commerce in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of motor vehicle master keys for use in the ordinary course of business by any commercial or professional locksmith, common carrier, contract carrier, motor vehicle fleet owner, new or used car dealer, rental car agency, car manufacturer, automobile club or association operating in more than one state or an affiliate thereof, or any department, agency, or instrumentality of (i) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States, any state, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States, or (ii) any political subdivision of any such entity; or

(2) The shipment, transportation, or delivery for shipment in commerce in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of motor vehicle master keys in the ordinary course of business by any common carrier or contract carrier.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in sixty days.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
No. 35.



Raymond P. Shafer
Secretary of the Commonwealth.