



## 2025 SENATE BILL 141

March 21, 2025 - Introduced by Senator BRADLEY, cosponsored by Representatives MAXEY, DONOVAN, PIWOWARCZYK, RODRIGUEZ, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, GUSTAFSON, KNODL, KREIBICH, MURSAU, PENTERMAN, B. JACOBSON and O'CONNOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 343.45 (3) and 343.46 (4); **to create** 343.45 (2m) and 343.46  
2           (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing an unlicensed person to use a motor  
3           vehicle and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person who owns or is in control of a motor vehicle is prohibited from allowing another person to operate the vehicle if the vehicle operator is not authorized to operate a motor vehicle. Current law also prohibits a person from renting a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to another person who is not authorized to operate a motor vehicle. A violation of either prohibition is a forfeiture of not more than \$100.

This bill increases the penalty for both violations to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for a first offense and not to exceed \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense. The bill also provides that the prohibitions apply irrespective of whether the person permitting the operation of a motor vehicle had actual knowledge of the vehicle operator's authorization to operate a motor vehicle.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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