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Senate Bill 437

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to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-14-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to penalties for leaving a motor vehicle unattended; and exempting a person from leaving
 3 the engine running in an unattended motor vehicle that employs a modern remote start
 4 system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

§17C-14-1. Unattended motor vehicle; penalty.

1 (a) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended
 2 without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key, and effectively setting the
 3 brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of
 4 the highway: Provided, That it is not a violation of this section for a person to leave the engine
 5 running in an unattended motor vehicle that employs a modern remote start system.

6 (b) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
 7 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100; upon a second conviction within one year
 8 thereafter, shall be fined not more than \$200; and upon a third or subsequent conviction, shall be
 9 fined not more than \$500.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to specify that West Virginia’s anti-idling law does not apply to modern vehicles employing a keyless remote start system.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.