

House Bill No. 7021

An act relating to stolen property; amending s. 812.022, F.S.; providing that specified circumstances give rise to an inference that the person in possession of a stolen motor vehicle knew or should have known that the motor vehicle had been stolen; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 812.022, Florida Statutes, to read:

812.022 Evidence of theft or dealing in stolen property.—

(6) Proof that a person was in possession of a stolen motor vehicle and that the ignition mechanism of the motor vehicle had been bypassed or the steering wheel locking mechanism had been broken or bypassed, unless satisfactorily explained, gives rise to an inference that the person in possession of the stolen motor vehicle knew or should have known that the motor vehicle had been stolen.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2006.

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