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HOUSE BILL NO. 43

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 568, RSMo, relating to offenses against the family by adding thereto one new section relating to leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 568, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 568.052, to read as follows:

568.052. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Collision", the act of a motor vehicle coming into contact with an object or a person;
3 (2) "Injury", physical harm to the body of a person;
4 (3) "Motor vehicle", any automobile, truck, truck-tractor, or any motor bus or
5 motor-propelled vehicle not exclusively operated or driven on fixed rails or tracks;
6 (4) "Unattended", not accompanied by an individual fourteen years of age or older.

7 2. A person commits the crime of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle in the
8 first degree if such person knowingly leaves a child ten years of age or less unattended in a motor
9 vehicle and such child fatally injures another person by causing a motor vehicle collision or by
10 causing the motor vehicle to fatally injure a pedestrian. Such person shall be guilty of a class C
11 felony.

12 3. A person commits the crime of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle in the
13 second degree if such person knowingly leaves a child ten years of age or less unattended in a
14 motor vehicle and such child injures another person by causing a motor vehicle collision or by
15 causing the motor vehicle to injure a pedestrian. Such person shall be guilty of a class A
16 misdemeanor.

17 4. A person commits the crime of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle in

- 18 **the third degree if such person knowingly leaves a child ten years of age or less unattended**
19 **in a motor vehicle, such person shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.**