BOARD BILL # 78 INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT JAMES F. SHREWSBURY

An ordinance pertaining to motor vehicles; prohibiting any person who is responsible for
a child ten (10) years of age or younger from leaving such child in a motor vehicle without being
supervised in the motor vehicle by a person who is at least fourteen (14) years of age; containing
definitions and an emergency clause.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION ONE. Definitions
The following terms have the meaning specified as used in the act:
(A)"Unattended child" means a child who is not accompanied by another person who is at least
fourteen years of age.
(B)"Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, truck-tractor, or any motor bus or motor-
propelled vehicle not exclusively operated or driven on fixed rails or tracks.
SECTION TWO. Unattended Child
A person responsible for a child who is ten (10) years of age or younger shall not leave that child
in a motor vehicle without being supervised in the motor vehicle by a person who is at least
fourteen (14) years of age if:
(A)the conditions present a risk to the child's health or safety, or
(B)the engine of the motor vehicle is running or the keys to the motor vehicle are anywhere in the
passenger compartment of the vehicle
SECTION THREE. Penalty

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- Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than
- 2 two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and a fine of not less than five hundred dollars
- 3 (\$500) for a second or subsequent violation within any twelve (12) month period.
 - **SECTION FOUR.** Emergency clause.
- 5 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is
- 6 hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article
- 7 IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon
- 8 its passage and approval by the mayor.

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