

of traffic wardens.

Frankfurt-based IT consultant, **Daniel Kalliontzis**, came up with the idea and is raising funds on Indiegogo to put his €54 (£43) sticker into production.

Car owners can buy the sticker and place it inside their car's windscreen, having set it up with vital information, such as their phone number.

The slim design will include a sensor that when touched by a traffic warden, will send a text message warning a driver about an imminent fine. The message will ask them to move their car immediately.

The driver could then type a reply for the warden using their smartphone, which will appear on the sticker's screen.

They may choose to write something along the lines of 'back in two minutes' in a bid to avoid a fine.

The smart sticker system will rely on the good will of traffic wardens and critically, a German law.

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The law states: ‘An officer has to choose the most efficient and inexpensive way for the car owner to remove the vehicle.’

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It could be cheaper for the authorities to contact the driver than to tow his car.

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Mail Online asked the Department of Transport whether the sticker could be used in the UK in a similar way.A spokes man said:’In England there is no legal obligation to warn the motorist before issuing the ticket. However, a local authority does have the discretion not to issue a ticket if they believe the situation deserves some leniency or want to issue a warning.

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‘If the government wanted to force councils to warn motorists before issuing tickets we would need to change the law.’

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At the time of writing, Mr Kalliontzis has raised just over €3,000 (£2,362) of his €50,000 (£39,381) goal on Indiegogo.If he manages to raise the money, the stickers will be shipped in June 2015. It appears that car owners using the smart system could get some unnecessary warning

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messages, because anyone could touch the smart sticker.

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