Unintentional Violation; Receive No Benefit (Psik Reisha...)

Psik reisha d'la nicha lei (*halacha* whose violation you don't intend and from which you receive no benefit) is not permitted.

EXAMPLE

You open the refrigerator door on *Shabbat* and the light comes on. This is forbidden on *Shabbat* and *Jewish festivals*, even if you don't want or need the light.
However, you may ask a non-Jew to do an action for you that will be *psik reisha d'la nicha lei*.

EXAMPLE

You may ask a non-Jew to get your jacket from the car on *Shabbat* or a *Jewish festival*, even though a light will go on, but only during the daytime; if it is night and the light would be needed to find the jacket, you may not ask.

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