

HB 751 -- CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

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This bill requires scrap metal dealers and others regulated under Section 407.300, RSMo, to require proof that the seller of a detached catalytic converter is a bona fide automobile repair shop or sign an affidavit that the converter was lawfully acquired.

The Department of Public Safety shall create and make available on their website a standardized form for recording the make, model, year, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the converter originated. The purchaser or collector must maintain these records, in order of transaction date, for four years and submit them to their local law enforcement agency at least monthly in either a paper or electronic format as specified in the bill.

Currently, anyone who knowingly purchases a stolen catalytic converter in violation Section 407.300 shall be subject to penalties as provided in the section. This bill removes the requirement that the purchaser knows the catalytic converter is stolen and provides anyone convicted of violating this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, in addition to being subject to having any business license under Section 301.218 revoked.

This bill clarifies that minor parts of heating and cooling equipment and equipment used in the generation and transmission of electrical power or telecommunications, including any catalytic converter of such equipment, remains subject to the provisions of Section 407.300.

The bill adds that a person commits the offense of stealing under Section 570.030 if they retain or dispose of the property of another while they reasonably should have suspected that such property has been stolen.

This bill is the same as HS HCS HB Nos. 2574, 1929 & 1456 (2022).