

2021 Catalytic Converter Theft Legislative Response

Overview of Newly Enacted State Catalytic Converter Theft Laws

Arkansas, South Carolina, and Texas – Requires a scrap metal buyer of used catalytic converters to maintain records of the purchases, which include some of the following: (i) Proof of ownership; (ii) Documentation of any potential identifying marks; (iii) VIN of the vehicle the part was removed; (iv) Seller's home address and driver's license number; (vi) License plate of vehicle which transported the part; and (vii) Photo of the seller and part. Establishes penalties for buyers who fail to comply.

Indiana, Missouri, and Tennessee – Adds catalytic converters to their lists of valuable metals or vehicle component parts, which subjects scrap metal dealers to the same restrictions as when purchasing other similar items such as vehicle transmissions or copper.

Minnesota – Establishes the Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Program, under the Department of Commerce, which appropriates \$400,000 for the investigation and prosecution of this crime.

North Carolina, Oregon and West Virginia – Presumes a person in possession of a detached catalytic converter without proof of ownership is in possession of a stolen vehicle part. Prohibits scrap metal dealers from purchasing catalytic converters unless the seller is from select state licensed businesses, such as a vehicle dealer or vehicle repair shop.

SAMPLING OF LEADING 2021 CATALYTIC CONVERTER BILLS

| STATE | BILL NUMBER | BILL STATUS | DEADLINES |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Arkansas | H.B. 1012 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Georgia | S.B. 194 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| Hawaii | H.B. 446 | Passed House | ADJOURNED |
| Hawaii | S.B. 576 | Passed Senate | ADJOURNED |
| Illinois | H.B. 106 | Passed House | ADJOURNED |
| Indiana | S.B. 167 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Iowa | H.F. 203 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| Iowa | S.F. 18 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| Louisiana | H.B. 694 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| Maine | L.D. 796 | Passed House | ADJOURNED |
| Minnesota | H.F. 6 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Missouri | H.B. 69 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| New Jersey | S. 3608 | Introduced | Adjournment January 11 th |
| New Mexico | H.B. 144 | Passed House | ADJOURNED |
| New York | A. 1940 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| New York | S. 7271 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| North Carolina | S. 99 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| North Dakota | S.B. 2242 | Failed House | ADJOURNED |
| Ohio | H.B. 408 | Introduced | Adjournment December 31 st |
| Oregon | S.B. 803 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Rhode Island | H.B. 5185 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| South Carolina | H.B. 3991 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Tennessee | S.B. 1612 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Texas | H.B. 4110 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Vermont | H. 301 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| Virginia | H.B. 2334 | Introduced | ADJOURNED |
| West Virginia | S.B. 626 | ENACTED | ENACTED |
| Wisconsin | A.B. 415 | In Committee | Adjournment December 31 st |
| Wisconsin | S.B. 408 | In Committee | Adjournment December 31 st |