

HB 1512 -- Registration of Scrap Metal Sales

Sponsor: Kraus

This bill requires purchasers of scrap metal to keep a record of sale including a copy of a federally or state-issued form of identification from the seller, the date and time of delivery, and the description and weight of all metals. Scrap metal includes any aluminum or copper wire, cable, pipe, tubing, bar, ingot, rod, fitting, or fastener. Records are required to be kept for a minimum of 24 months from when the scrap metal was obtained and must be available for inspection by any law enforcement agency.

Transactions not exceeding \$50 or transactions involving sellers operating as scrap metal dealers with a fixed business location are exempt from the record-keeping requirements. Any scrap metal dealer paying an amount greater than \$50 must make the payment in the form of a check. A person will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for violating the registration provisions.

The bill also makes it illegal for scrap metal dealers to purchase or possess a metal beer keg. A person violating this provision will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

No scrap metal dealer may purchase any manhole cover from anyone other than a person authorized in writing by the utility from which the manhole cover originated. Any person violating this provision will be fined \$25 to \$500 or imprisoned for 30 days to six months, or both.