

HB 1882 -- BATTERY RECYCLING

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, scrap dealers must keep documentation for any transaction involving certain metals. This bill expands the documentation requirements to add transactions involving motor vehicle, heavy equipment, or tractor batteries.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this addition is necessary because there have been increasing instances of people stealing batteries out of tractors and other types of heavy equipment, and damaging cables and other parts in the process. Tractors and other heavy equipment, especially those used on construction sites, can't always be locked so they are particularly vulnerable to thieves.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent and Jerry Scott Estes.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.