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AN ACT

To repeal sections 407.300 and 570.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to catalytic converters, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 407.300 and 570.030, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 407.300 and 570.030, to read as follows:

407.300. 1. Every purchaser or collector of, or dealer in, junk, scrap metal, or any secondhand property **who obtains items for resale or profit** shall keep a register containing a written or electronic record for each purchase or ~~trade-in which~~ **trade-in of** each type of material subject to the provisions of this section ~~is~~ obtained for value. There shall be a separate record for each transaction involving any:

- (1) Copper, brass, or bronze;
- (2) Aluminum wire, cable, pipe, tubing, bar, ingot, rod, fitting, or fastener;
- (3) Material containing copper or aluminum that is knowingly used for farming purposes as farming is defined in section 350.010; whatever may be the condition or length of such metal;
- (4) Catalytic converter; or
- (5) Motor vehicle, heavy equipment, or tractor battery.

2. The record required by this section shall contain the following data:

- (1) A copy of the driver's license, or **other** photo identification issued by the state or by the United States government or agency thereof, ~~to~~ **of** the person from whom the material is obtained;
- (2) The current address, gender, birth date, and a **color** photograph of the person from whom the material is obtained if not included or are different from the identification required in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 19 (3) The date, time, and place of the transaction;
20 (4) The license plate number of the vehicle used by the seller during the transaction; **and**
21 (5) A full description of the material, including the weight and purchase price.

22 3. The records required under this section shall be maintained for a minimum of
23 ~~[twenty-four months]~~ **thirty-six months** from when such material is obtained and shall be
24 available for inspection by any law enforcement officer.

25 4. ~~[Anyone convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.]~~
26 **No transaction that includes a catalytic converter shall occur at any location other than the**
27 **primary place of business of the purchaser or collector of, or dealer in, junk, scrap metal,**
28 **or any secondhand property. No catalytic converter shall be altered, modified,**
29 **disassembled, or destroyed until it has been in the purchaser's, collector's, or dealer's**
30 **possession for five business days.**

31 5. **Anyone licensed under section 301.218 who is convicted of knowingly purchasing**
32 **a stolen catalytic converter shall be subject to the following penalties:**

- 33 (1) **For a first violation, a fine in the amount of five-thousand dollars;**
34 (2) **For a second violation, a fine in the amount of ten-thousand dollars; and**
35 (3) **For a third violation, revocation of the license for a business described under**
36 **section 301.218.**

37 6. This section shall not apply to any of the following transactions:

38 (1) Any transaction for which the total amount paid for all regulated material purchased
39 or sold does not exceed fifty dollars, unless the material is a catalytic converter;

40 (2) Any transaction for which the seller, including a farm or farmer, has an existing
41 business relationship with the scrap metal dealer and is known to the scrap metal dealer making
42 the purchase to be an established business or political subdivision that operates a business with
43 a fixed location that can be reasonably expected to generate regulated scrap metal and can be
44 reasonably identified as such a business, **and for which the seller is paid by check or by**
45 **electronic funds transfer; or**

46 (3) Any transaction for which the type of metal subject to subsection 1 of this section is
47 a minor part of a larger item, except for equipment used in the generation and transmission of
48 electrical power or telecommunications, **unless the material is a catalytic converter that is not**
49 **operationally installed in a motor vehicle.**

570.030. 1. A person commits the offense of stealing if he or she:

- 2 (1) Appropriates property or services of another with the purpose to deprive him or her
3 thereof, either without his or her consent or by means of deceit or coercion;

4 (2) Attempts to appropriate anhydrous ammonia or liquid nitrogen of another with the
5 purpose to deprive him or her thereof, either without his or her consent or by means of deceit or
6 coercion; or

7 (3) For the purpose of depriving the owner of a lawful interest therein, receives, retains
8 or disposes of property of another knowing that it has been stolen, or believing that it has been
9 stolen.

10 2. The offense of stealing is a class A felony if the property appropriated consists of any
11 of the following containing any amount of anhydrous ammonia: a tank truck, tank trailer, rail
12 tank car, bulk storage tank, field nurse, field tank or field applicator.

13 3. The offense of stealing is a class B felony if:

14 (1) The property appropriated or attempted to be appropriated consists of any amount
15 of anhydrous ammonia or liquid nitrogen;

16 (2) The property consists of any animal considered livestock as the term livestock is
17 defined in section 144.010, or any captive wildlife held under permit issued by the conservation
18 commission, and the value of the animal or animals appropriated exceeds three thousand dollars
19 and that person has previously been found guilty of appropriating any animal considered
20 livestock or captive wildlife held under permit issued by the conservation commission.
21 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, such person shall serve a minimum prison
22 term of not less than eighty percent of his or her sentence before he or she is eligible for
23 probation, parole, conditional release, or other early release by the department of corrections;

24 (3) A person appropriates property consisting of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft,
25 and that person has previously been found guilty of two stealing-related offenses committed on
26 two separate occasions where such offenses occurred within ten years of the date of occurrence
27 of the present offense;

28 (4) The property appropriated or attempted to be appropriated consists of any animal
29 considered livestock as the term is defined in section 144.010 if the value of the livestock
30 exceeds ten thousand dollars; or

31 (5) The property appropriated or attempted to be appropriated is owned by or in the
32 custody of a financial institution and the property is taken or attempted to be taken physically
33 from an individual person to deprive the owner or custodian of the property.

34 4. The offense of stealing is a class C felony if the value of the property or services
35 appropriated is twenty-five thousand dollars or more.

36 5. The offense of stealing is a class D felony if:

37 (1) The value of the property or services appropriated is seven hundred fifty dollars or
38 more;

39 (2) The offender physically takes the property appropriated from the person of the
40 victim; or

41 (3) The property appropriated consists of:

42 (a) Any motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft;

43 (b) Any will or unrecorded deed affecting real property;

44 (c) Any credit device, debit device or letter of credit;

45 (d) Any firearms;

46 (e) Any explosive weapon as defined in section 571.010;

47 (f) Any United States national flag designed, intended and used for display on buildings
48 or stationary flagstaffs in the open;

49 (g) Any original copy of an act, bill or resolution, introduced or acted upon by the
50 legislature of the state of Missouri;

51 (h) Any pleading, notice, judgment or any other record or entry of any court of this state,
52 any other state or of the United States;

53 (i) Any book of registration or list of voters required by chapter 115;

54 (j) Any animal considered livestock as that term is defined in section 144.010;

55 (k) Any live fish raised for commercial sale with a value of seventy-five dollars or more;

56 (l) Any captive wildlife held under permit issued by the conservation commission;

57 (m) Any controlled substance as defined by section 195.010;

58 (n) Ammonium nitrate;

59 (o) Any wire, electrical transformer, or metallic wire associated with transmitting
60 telecommunications, video, internet, or voice over internet protocol service, or any other device
61 or pipe that is associated with conducting electricity or transporting natural gas or other
62 combustible fuels; or

63 (p) Any material appropriated with the intent to use such material to manufacture,
64 compound, produce, prepare, test or analyze amphetamine or methamphetamine or any of their
65 analogues.

66 6. The offense of stealing is a class E felony if:

67 (1) The property appropriated is an animal; ~~or~~

68 (2) **The property is a catalytic converter; or**

69 (3) A person has previously been found guilty of three stealing-related offenses
70 committed on three separate occasions where such offenses occurred within ten years of the date
71 of occurrence of the present offense.

72 7. The offense of stealing is a class D misdemeanor if the property is not of a type listed
73 in subsection 2, 3, 5, or 6 of this section, the property appropriated has a value of less than one

74 hundred fifty dollars, and the person has no previous findings of guilt for a stealing-related
75 offense.

76 8. The offense of stealing is a class A misdemeanor if no other penalty is specified in this
77 section.

78 9. If a violation of this section is subject to enhanced punishment based on prior findings
79 of guilt, such findings of guilt shall be pleaded and proven in the same manner as required by
80 section 558.021.

81 10. The appropriation of any property or services of a type listed in subsection 2, 3, 5,
82 or 6 of this section or of a value of seven hundred fifty dollars or more may be considered a
83 separate felony and may be charged in separate counts.

84 11. The value of property or services appropriated pursuant to one scheme or course of
85 conduct, whether from the same or several owners and whether at the same or different times,
86 constitutes a single criminal episode and may be aggregated in determining the grade of the
87 offense, except as set forth in subsection 10 of this section.

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