

HB 69 -- THEFT OF COPPER

SPONSOR: Billington

This bill requires every purchaser or collector of, or dealer in, junk, scrap metal, or any second hand property to require from the seller, for any purchase of copper, either a bill of sale that indicates or an affidavit that attests that the copper being sold was acquired lawfully.

Under current law, every purchaser or collector of, or dealer in, junk, scrap metal, or any second hand property is required to maintain written or electronic records for each purchase or trade in which certain types of material are obtained for value, and there are some exceptions to that requirement. This bill repeals the exceptions to the records requirement.

The bill specifies that a person who pleads or is found guilty of the offense of stealing for appropriating copper will be prohibited from selling copper for 10 years following the date of conviction. A violation of this prohibition is a class B misdemeanor.