

HCS HB 1153 -- CATALYTIC CONVERTER REGULATIONS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 14 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1153.

This bill requires scrap metal dealers and others regulated under Section 407.300, RSMo, to require proof that the seller of a catalytic converter is a bona fide automobile repair shop or sign an affidavit that the converter was lawfully acquired. The make, model, year, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the converter originated will be required and maintained for four years. Records will be submitted to the Department of Public Safety in either a paper or electronic format as specified in the bill.

Transactions involving catalytic converters must occur at the primary place of business of the scrap metal dealer or person regulated under Section 407.300. Such individuals must possess the catalytic converter for five days before modifying it in any way. A violation of the bill will be a fine from \$5000 for the first violation, \$10,000 for the second violation and a business license revocation for the third violation as described under Section 301.218.

The bill adds unlawfully acquiring a catalytic converter to the offense of stealing. Anyone unlawfully acquiring a catalytic converter will be charged with a class A misdemeanor unless the person has been found guilty of the same offense within the last 10 years or if the person unlawfully acquired and is in possession of two or more catalytic converters the offense shall be a class E felony.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is a growing and serious problem that needs to be addresses.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayhew; Site Improvement Association; Enterprise Leasing STL LLC; Missouri Insurance Coalition; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they are available to answer any questions the committee may have.

Testifying on the bill were Missouri Auto and Truck Recyclers Association; Advantage Metals Recycling; Missouri American Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.