

HB 1153 -- CATALYTIC CONVERTER REGULATIONS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

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 class B misdemeanor and may also subject a dealer or other individual regulated under Section 407.300 to a business license revocation.

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.