

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 751

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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 detached catalytic converters, with penalty provisions.

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*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Section A. Sections 407.300 and 570.030, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 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  
2 secondhand property who obtains items for resale or profit shall keep a register containing a  
3 written or electronic record for each purchase or ~~trade-in which~~ **trade-in of** each type of  
4 material subject to the provisions of this section ~~is~~ obtained for value. There shall be a  
5 separate record for each transaction involving any:

6 (1) Copper, brass, or bronze;  
7 (2) Aluminum wire, cable, pipe, tubing, bar, ingot, rod, fitting, or fastener;

8 (3) Material containing copper or aluminum that is knowingly used for farming  
9 purposes as farming is defined in section 350.010; whatever may be the condition or length of  
10 such metal;

11 (4) Detached catalytic converter; or

12 (5) Motor vehicle, heavy equipment, or tractor battery.

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

14 (1) A copy of the driver's license, or **other** photo identification issued by the state or  
15 by the United States government or agency thereof, of the person from whom the material is  
16 obtained;

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.

17 (2) The current address, gender, birth date, and a color photograph of the person from  
18 whom the material is obtained if not included or are different from the identification required  
19 in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

20 (3) The date, time, and place of the transaction;

21 (4) The license plate number of the vehicle used by the seller during the transaction;  
22 ~~and]~~

23 (5) A full description of the material, including the weight and purchase price; **and**

24 **(6) If the purchase or trade-in includes a detached catalytic converter:**

25 **(a) Either proof the seller is a bona fide automobile repair shop or an affidavit**  
26 **that attests the detached catalytic converter was acquired lawfully; and**

27 **(b) The make, model, year, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle from**  
28 **which the detached catalytic converter originated.**

29 3. **(1)** The records required under this section shall be maintained **in order of**  
30 **transaction date** for a minimum of ~~[thirty-six months]~~ **four years** from when such material  
31 is obtained and shall be available for inspection by any law enforcement officer.

32 **(2) The department of public safety shall create and make available on the**  
33 **department website a standardized form for recording the records required under this**  
34 **section.**

35 **(3) At least monthly, a purchaser or collector of, or dealer in, junk, scrap metal,**  
36 **or any secondhand property shall submit to a local law enforcement agency with**  
37 **jurisdiction over the purchaser's, collector's, or dealer's primary place of business the**  
38 **records required under this section on the department of public safety's form, with**  
39 **copies of the purchaser's, collector's, or dealer's other records, if any, attached. The**  
40 **submission may be in either a paper or electronic format. A law enforcement agency**  
41 **may prescribe the format of forms submitted electronically.**

42 4. No transaction that includes a detached catalytic converter shall occur at any  
43 location other than the fixed place of business of the purchaser or collector of, or dealer in,  
44 junk, scrap metal, or any secondhand property. No detached catalytic converter shall be  
45 altered, modified, disassembled, or destroyed until it has been in the purchaser's, collector's,  
46 or dealer's possession for five business days.

47 5. Anyone ~~[licensed under section 301.218 who knowingly purchases a stolen~~  
48 ~~detached catalytic converter shall be subject to the following penalties:~~

49 ~~(1) For a first violation, a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars;~~

50 ~~(2) For a second violation, a fine in the amount of ten thousand dollars; and~~

51 ~~(3) For a third violation, revocation of the]~~ **convicted of violating this section shall**  
52 **be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and shall be subject to having any license for a**  
53 **business described under section 301.218 revoked.**

54 6. This section shall not apply to ~~[either of]~~ the following transactions:

55 (1) Any transaction for which the seller has an existing business relationship with the  
56 scrap metal dealer and is known to the scrap metal dealer making the purchase to be an  
57 established business or political subdivision that operates a business with a fixed location that  
58 can be reasonably expected to generate regulated scrap metal and can be reasonably identified  
59 as such a business, and for which the seller is paid by check or by electronic funds transfer, or  
60 the seller produces an acceptable identification, which shall be a copy of the driver's license  
61 or photo identification issued by the state or by the United States government or agency  
62 thereof, and a copy is retained by the purchaser; or

63 (2) Any transaction for which the type of metal subject to subsection 1 of this section  
64 is a minor part of a larger item, except ~~[for]~~ **that minor parts of** heating and cooling  
65 equipment or **of** equipment used in the generation and transmission of electrical power or  
66 telecommunications, **including any catalytic converter of such equipment, shall remain**  
67 **subject to this section.**

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  
3 her 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  
6 or coercion; or

7 (3) For the purpose of depriving the owner of a lawful interest therein, receives,  
8 retains or disposes of property of another ~~[knowing]~~ **and knows** that it has been stolen, ~~[or~~  
9 ~~believing]~~ **believes** that it has been stolen, **or reasonably should suspect that it has been**  
10 **stolen.**

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

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

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

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

24 eligible for probation, parole, conditional release, or other early release by the department of  
25 corrections;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 (3) The property appropriated consists of:

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

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

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

47 (d) Any firearms;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

61 (n) Ammonium nitrate;

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

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

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

70 (1) The property appropriated is an animal;

71 (2) The property is a catalytic converter; or

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

75 7. The offense of stealing is a class D misdemeanor if the property is not of a type  
76 listed in subsection 2, 3, 5, or 6 of this section, the property appropriated has a value of less  
77 than one hundred fifty dollars, and the person has no previous findings of guilt for a stealing-  
78 related offense.

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

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

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

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

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