

HB 37 -- CATALYTIC CONVERTER

SPONSOR: Billington

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill specifies that a record for the sale of a catalytic converter must include the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

This bill is similar to HB 1456 (2022).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill addresses the growing problem of catalytic converter theft.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Billington; Enterprise Leasing of St. Louis LLC; and Missouri Insurance Coalition.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say given the nature of catalytic converter thefts and illegal sales, requiring the VIN number of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed may not be a practical approach. Instead, this bill may drive good actors out of the market, thus proliferating the problem of illegal sales.

Testifying in person on the bill were Mid America Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries; and Advantage Metals and Recycling.

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