

HB 42 -- CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

SPONSOR: Billington

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime and Public Safety by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 8 to 1.

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.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is an attempt to combat the rampant theft of catalytic converters. People have been killed over these thefts, so it really needs to be stopped. Catalytic converters are stolen because they contain rhodium, as well as platinum and palladium, and rhodium is very expensive, which means they get a lot of money for resale. This does not require anyone to etch the VIN number onto the catalytic converter; all this is doing is requiring the scrap dealer to record the VIN number of the vehicle the converter was removed from.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Billington; Recycled Materials Association; Advantage Metals Recycling, LLC.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.