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An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3755-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§3755-B. Records of sales of catalytic converters**

4 **1. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "catalytic converter" means an exhaust
5 emission control device installed in a motor vehicle, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101,
6 subsection 42, that reduces toxic gases and pollutants from internal combustion engines.

7 **2. Records required.** An owner or operator of a junkyard or automobile recycling
8 business shall record the following information before completing the purchase of a
9 catalytic converter:

10 A. The date of the purchase;

11 B. The seller's name and address; and

12 C. The vehicle identification number for the vehicle from which the catalytic converter
13 was removed.

14 Before recording the information required by this subsection, an owner or operator of a
15 junkyard or automobile recycling business shall require reasonable written proof of the
16 seller's identification in the form of a motor vehicle operator's license, military
17 identification card, adult liquor identification card or similar item.

18 **3. Form of records.** An owner or operator of a junkyard or automobile recycling
19 business shall maintain the records required under subsection 2 in order by date of purchase
20 and contained either in a bound volume or ledger or in a binder in which pages can be
21 affixed.

22 **4. Availability for inspection.** Upon request by any law enforcement officer or
23 prosecuting attorney, an owner or operator of a junkyard or automobile recycling business
24 shall promptly make available for inspection at the principal place of business of the
25 junkyard or automobile recycling business the records required under subsection 2.

26 **5. Violations.** An owner or operator of a junkyard or automobile recycling business
27 who violates any of the requirements of this section or a seller who provides false
28 information under this section is guilty of a Class E crime.

29 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3772, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

30 **4. Additional information for catalytic converters.** In addition to the information
31 required under subsection 3, a scrap metal processor shall record the vehicle identification
32 number for the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed. For the purposes
33 of this subsection, "catalytic converter" has the same meaning as in section 3755-B,
34 subsection 1.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill imposes additional record-keeping requirements on a junkyard, automobile
37 recycling business or scrap metal processor that purchases a used catalytic converter.