

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2210

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2022

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2210.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2210 modifies existing law concerning the regulation of scrap metal businesses to incorporate certain provisions related to catalytic converters.

The bill amends the definition of “scrap metal” to include a used catalytic converter, in whole or in part, if the used catalytic converter is not attached to a motor vehicle.

Current law requires the owner of a scrap metal business to maintain a record of all receipts or purchases of scrap metal in excess of 100 pounds or \$50, whichever is less, for at least five years. The record is to include, among other information, the date of receipt or purchase of the scrap metal and the name and address of the person delivering or selling the scrap metal. The bill expands the record requirement concerning purchases of used catalytic converters that are not attached to a motor vehicle. Under the bill, if a scrap metal business purchases a used, detached catalytic converter from a seller who is not registered as a business that, in the regular course of business, collects, stores, or sells a used catalytic converter or any other motor vehicle part the scrap metal business is to include in the record the following information:

(1) the Vehicle Identification Number of the motor vehicle from which the catalytic converter was taken; and

(2) a copy of the certificate of title or registration, a receipt from a transaction of repair, or a bill of sale for the motor vehicle from which the catalytic converter was taken.

The bill also prohibits the owner of a scrap metal business from purchasing or attempting to purchase scrap metal unless the person delivering or selling scrap metal provides the information required.

Lastly, the bill limits the purchase of used, detached catalytic converters to scrap metal businesses unless the seller is a registered business that, in the regular course of business, collects, stores, or sells catalytic converters or any other motor vehicle parts.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments remove the existing provisions of the bill and replace them with provisions that:

(1) amend the definition of “scrap metal” to include a used catalytic converter, in whole or in part, if the used catalytic converter is not attached to a motor vehicle;

(2) expand the information the owner of a scrap metal business is to retain if a used catalytic converter not attached to a motor vehicle is purchased from certain sellers by the scrap metal business;

(3) permit owners of scrap metal businesses to purchase or attempt to purchase only from a person delivering or selling scrap metal who provides the information required pursuant to the bill; and

(4) limit the purchase of used, detached catalytic converters to scrap metal businesses unless the seller is a registered business that, in the regular course of business, collects, stores, or sells a catalytic converters or any other motor vehicle parts.

The amendments additionally make technical changes.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2210 is identical to Senate Bill No. 249 (1R) which also was reported by the committee on this date.