

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, No. 312

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator CRUZ-PEREZ)

ADOPTED: MAY 28, 2026

These floor amendments:

(1) stipulate that heat detection equipment capable of detecting an incipient fire or potential hot spot is only to apply to properties that exceed one acre in area or to a property upon which a scrap grinder, crusher, hammer mill, or shredder is operated;

(2) clarify that a fire safety plan is to be coordinated with a fire official or fire marshal;

(3) require a scrap metal business with an unprepared metal shredder feedstock stockpile with over 200 tons of unprepared metal in a single stockpile for any 24-hour period to install a fire suppression system that is designed by a fire protection engineer and that can be remotely operated;

(4) require annual certification by the local enforcing agency to ensure a fire suppression system meets State regulatory fire prevention and National Fire Protection Association standards;

(5) require the local enforcing agency to review and confirm that a scrap metal business meets all applicable requirements of the bill; and

(6) update the effective to date to 24 months for scrap metal businesses with an unprepared metal shredder feedstock stockpile with over 200 tons in a single stockpile for any 24-hour period and the effective date to 48 months for scrap metal businesses with an unprepared metal shredder feedstock stockpile with over 500 tons in a single stockpile for any 24-hour period.