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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, GALEF, WILLIAMS, ABINANTI, CONRAD, STIRPE, ABBATE, ZEBROWSKI, SILLITTI, SOLAGES, MAGNARELLI, WOERNER, JACKSON, GUNTHER, JONES, BRAUNSTEIN, GIBBS, SAYEGH, LAVINE, GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading -- passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the maintenance of records of catalytic converters

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 415-a of the
2 vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 2006,
3 is amended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

4 (a) Any records required by this section shall apply only to vehicles
5 or parts of vehicles for which a certificate of title has been issued by
6 the commissioner or which would be eligible to have such a certificate
7 of title issued. Every person required to be registered pursuant to this
8 section shall maintain a record of all motor vehicles, trailers, and
9 major component parts thereof, coming into his or her possession together
10 with a record of the disposition of any such motor vehicle, trailer
11 or part thereof and the date such motor vehicle, trailer or part thereof
12 is received and shall maintain proof of ownership for any motor vehicle,
13 trailer or major component part thereof while in his or her possession.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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For the purposes of this article an inflatable restraint system shall be a major component part and a catalytic converter shall be a major component part. Such records shall be maintained in a manner and form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may, by regulation, exempt vehicles or major component parts of vehicles from all or a portion of the record keeping requirements based upon the age of the vehicle if the commissioner deems that such record keeping requirements would not further the purposes of the motor vehicle theft prevention program established by section two hundred twenty-three of this chapter. The commissioner shall require that every vehicle dismantler produce all records regarding how many catalytic converters they are taking in, subject to the record keeping requirements of this section, every sixty days. A person found to have failed to produce such records every sixty days shall be guilty of a violation and liable for a fine of not more than one thousand dollars. A person found to have failed to produce such records every sixty days a second time within a two-year period shall be subject to a criminal fine of not more than five thousand dollars. If a defendant has gained money or property by not producing records of catalytic converters every sixty days pursuant to this paragraph and upon conviction thereof, the court, in lieu of imposing the fine authorized for the offense pursuant to this paragraph, may sentence such defendant to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not to exceed double the amount of such defendant's gain from the commission of the offense. Upon request of an agent of the commissioner or of any police officer and during his or her regular and usual business hours, a vehicle dismantler shall produce such records and permit said agent or police officer to examine them and any vehicles or parts of vehicles which are subject to the record keeping requirements of this section and which are on the premises. Upon request of any agent of the commissioner and during his or her regular and usual business hours, a salvage pool, mobile car crusher or itinerant vehicle collector shall produce such records and permit said agent or police officer to examine them and any vehicles or parts of vehicles which are subject to the record keeping requirements of this section and which are on the premises. The failure to produce such records or to permit such inspection on the part of any person required to be registered pursuant to this section as required by this paragraph shall be a class A misdemeanor.

(c) For the purposes of this article, the term "catalytic converter" shall mean a device installed in the exhaust system of an internal combustion engine that utilizes catalytic action to oxidize hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions to carbon dioxide and water.

§ 2. Section 415 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 21 to read as follows:

21. New motor vehicle etching kits. Every new motor vehicle dealer and every qualified dealer shall be required to stock etching kits that are capable of etching a traceable serial number onto the catalytic converter of a new motor vehicle that can be clearly seen and quickly linked back to the vehicle. Such etching kits shall be offered by every new motor vehicle dealer and qualified dealer to any person purchasing a new motor vehicle, as defined in paragraph h of subdivision one of this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.