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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to imposing restrictions on the purchase, sale and possession of catalytic converters by vehicle dismantlers, salvage pools, mobile car crushers, itinerant vehicle collectors and scrap processors

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 15 of section 415-a of the vehicle and traffic
2 law is renumbered subdivision 16 and a new subdivision 15 is added to
3 read as follows:

4 15. Restrictions regarding catalytic converters. (a) No vehicle
5 dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itinerant vehicle collec-
6 tor or scrap processor shall purchase, sell, take possession of or recy-
7 cle a used catalytic converter except as provided in this subdivision.

8 (b) As used in this subdivision:

9 (i) "catalytic converter" means a catalytic converter or other equip-
10 ment or feature constituting an operational element of a motor vehicle's
11 air pollution control system or mechanism required by federal or state
12 law or by any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as
13 amended; and

14 (ii) "used catalytic converter" means a catalytic converter that was
15 previously installed in a vehicle and which has been removed from such
16 vehicle in whole or in part.

17 (c) No vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itinerant
18 vehicle collector or scrap processor shall purchase or take possession
19 of, including for purposes of recycling or rebuilding, a used catalytic
20 converter from any person or entity other than a dealer registered
21 pursuant to section four hundred fifteen of this article, an insurance
22 company, a governmental agency, a person in whose name a certificate of
23 title or other ownership document has been issued for the vehicle from

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

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1 which the catalytic converter was removed, a repair shop or a person
2 registered or certified or issued an identification number pursuant to
3 this section.

4 (d) No vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itinerant
5 vehicle collector or scrap processor shall sell a used catalytic
6 converter that was acquired from any person or entity under circum-
7 stances other than as described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

8 (e) (i) Each vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher,
9 itinerant vehicle collector or scrap processor who purchases or takes
10 possession of, including for purposes of recycling or rebuilding, a used
11 catalytic converter shall record the purchase of the catalytic converter
12 indicating the date of purchase, the name of seller, the seller's
13 address or, in the case that the seller is an individual, the seller's
14 residence address by street, number, city, village or town, the seller's
15 driver's license number or information from a government issued photo-
16 graphic identification card, if any, or by such description as will
17 reasonably locate the seller, or, if the seller was a repair shop, the
18 repair shop's license number. Such record shall be preserved by the
19 vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itinerant vehicle
20 collector or scrap processor for a period of three years. Such records
21 shall be available for inspection by the police department of the state
22 or of the municipality in which the vehicle dismantler, salvage pool,
23 mobile car crusher, itinerant vehicle collector or scrap processor is
24 located.

25 (ii) Each vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itin-
26 erant vehicle collector or scrap processor shall cause the record
27 described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to be signed by the
28 seller or his agent. It shall be unlawful for any seller or agent to
29 refuse to furnish such information or to furnish incorrect or incomplete
30 information. The vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher,
31 itinerant vehicle collector or scrap processor shall make and retain a
32 copy of the government issued photographic identification card used to
33 verify the identity of the person from whom the catalytic converter was
34 purchased or obtained and shall retain this copy in a separate book,
35 register or electronic archive for two years from the date of purchase.
36 Such records shall be available for inspection by the police department
37 of the state or of the municipality in which the vehicle dismantler,
38 salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itinerant vehicle collector or scrap
39 processor is located.

40 (f) Any vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itiner-
41 ant vehicle collector or scrap processor that violates this subdivision
42 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars
43 per violation.

44 (g) Any vehicle dismantler, salvage pool, mobile car crusher, itiner-
45 ant vehicle collector or scrap processor that violates this subdivision
46 more than five times within a thirty-six-month period shall be subject
47 to having its license revoked.

48 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
49 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
50 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
51 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
52 completed on or before such effective date.