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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.
14 For the purposes of this article an inflatable restraint system shall be
15 a major component part and a catalytic converter shall be a major component part.
16 Such records shall be maintained in a manner and form
17 prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may, by regulation,
18 exempt vehicles or major component parts of vehicles from all or a
19 portion of the record keeping requirements based upon the age of the

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

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1 vehicle if the commissioner deems that such record keeping requirements
2 would not further the purposes of the motor vehicle theft prevention
3 program established by section two hundred twenty-three of this chapter.
4 Upon request of an agent of the commissioner or of any police officer
5 and during his or her regular and usual business hours, a vehicle
6 dismantler shall produce such records and permit said agent or police
7 officer to examine them and any vehicles or parts of vehicles which are
8 subject to the record keeping requirements of this section and which are
9 on the premises. In addition, the commissioner shall require every vehi-
10 cle dismantler to produce, every sixty days, all records regarding the
11 number of catalytic converters they took in within such sixty-day period
12 subject to the record keeping requirements of this section. Upon request
13 of any agent of the commissioner and during his or her regular and usual
14 business hours, a salvage pool, mobile car crusher or itinerant vehicle
15 collector shall produce such records and permit said agent or police
16 officer to examine them and any vehicles or parts of vehicles which are
17 subject to the record keeping requirements of this section and which are
18 on the premises. The failure to produce such records or to permit such
19 inspection on the part of any person required to be registered pursuant
20 to this section as required by this paragraph shall be a class A misde-
21 meanor. If a vehicle dismantler has gained money or property by failing
22 to produce records of the number of catalytic converters they take in as
23 required by the commissioner pursuant to this paragraph, the court may
24 order such defendant to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not to exceed
25 double the amount of such defendant's gain from the commission of such
26 offense.

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

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

33 21. New motor vehicle etching kits. Every new motor vehicle dealer and
34 every qualified dealer shall be required to stock etching kits that are
35 capable of etching a traceable serial number onto the catalytic convert-
36 er of a new motor vehicle that can be clearly seen and quickly linked
37 back to the vehicle. Such etching kits shall be offered by every new
38 motor vehicle dealer and qualified dealer to any person purchasing a new
39 motor vehicle, at no more than the cost of such etching kit to such
40 dealer.

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