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SB 70 Reengrossed

DIGEST  
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Talbot

Proposed law creates the crime of "theft of a catalytic converter or engine control module", which is misappropriation or taking of a catalytic converter or engine control module which belongs to another, either without the consent of the owner to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. Proposed law further provides that an intent to deprive the owner permanently of the catalytic converter or engine control module is essential.

Proposed law provides for the following penalties:

- (1) When the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$25,000 or more, the offender is to be imprisoned, at hard labor, for not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years, or fined not more than \$50,000, or both.
- (2) When the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$5,000 or more, but less than \$25,000, the offender is to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than five years nor more than 10 years, or fined not more than \$10,000, or both.
- (3) When the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$1,000 or more, but less than \$5,000, the offender is to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two years nor more than five years, or fined not more than \$3,000, or both.
- (4) When the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of less than \$1,000, the offender is to be imprisoned for not less than 90 days nor more than six months, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law further provides that if the offender has been convicted two or more times of theft of catalytic converter or engine control module, upon any subsequent conviction, he is to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for an additional year to be served consecutively, or may be fined not more than an additional \$2,000, or both.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 14:67.12 and 37:1864(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Requires entity engaged in the business of buying or selling unattached catalytic converters to register with the chief of police and sheriff of each city and parish in which the business is conducted.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Defines engine control module and creates crime of theft of an engine control module.