

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 527

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

SECONDHAND DEALERS: Provides relative to the purchase of used catalytic converters

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part II-B of Chapter 21 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to
3 be comprised of R.S. 37:1891 through 1896, relative to the purchase of used catalytic
4 converters; to provide definitions; to provide recording requirements; to require
5 payment by check; to require a statement by the seller; to provide for record keeping;
6 to prohibit the purchase of stolen goods; to provide for violations and penalties; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Part II-B of Chapter 21 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
10 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1891 through 1896, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 PART II-B. USED CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

12 §1891. Definitions

13 For purposes of this Part, the following words have the following meanings:

14 (1) "Catalytic converter" means an exhaust emission control device that
15 reduces toxic gas and pollutants from internal combustion engines.

16 (2) "Person" includes any corporation, limited liability company, partnership,
17 or two or more persons have a joint or common interest.

18 §1892. Recording requirements

19 Any person who purchases a used catalytic converter shall comply with all
20 requirements set forth in R.S. 37:1864 and 1864.1.

1 §1893. Payment by check required

2 No person shall enter into any cash transaction for the purchase or sale of a
 3 used catalytic converter. Payment for a used catalytic converter shall be made only
 4 by check, and the purchaser shall comply with the requirements set forth in R.S.
 5 37:1864.3.

6 §1894. Statement by seller required; record keeping

7 Any person who purchases a used catalytic converter shall obtain a signed
 8 statement from the seller, and shall comply with the requirements of R.S. 37:1864.4
 9 through 1866.

10 §1895. Purchase forbidden

11 No person shall willfully or knowingly purchase a used catalytic converter
 12 unpaid for by the seller, or not owned by the seller.

13 §1896. Violations; penalties

14 Any person who violates, neglects, or refuses to comply with any provision
 15 of this Part shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S. 37:1869.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Regulates the purchase of used catalytic converters.

Present law provides a regulatory structure for secondhand dealers which serves to protect consumers and reduce the sale of stolen goods. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a secondhand dealer to comply with rules relative to the following:

- (1) Recording requirements for purchases.
- (2) A prohibition on cash transactions for certain items.
- (3) Required statement from the seller.
- (4) A prohibition on purchasing stolen goods.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the application of present law to apply the same regulatory requirements to any person who purchases a used catalytic converter.

(Adds R.S. 37:1891-1896)