

**SENATE BILL NO. 2242**

Introduced by

Senators Kannianen, Burckhard, Vedaa

Representatives Fegley, Longmuir, Schauer

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 51-07 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the sale or purchase of a catalytic converter; and to provide a penalty.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 51-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Sale or purchase of catalytic converter.**

- 7 1. As used in this section, "core recycler" means a person that buys used individual  
8 catalytic converters previously removed from a motor vehicle. The term includes a  
9 recycler, junk dealer, valuable metal dealer, pawn shop, and a chop shop as defined in  
10 section 39-30-01.
- 11 2. A core recycler may not purchase or attempt to purchase a catalytic converter, in  
12 whole or in part, when the catalytic converter is not attached to a motor vehicle at the  
13 time of the sale or attempted sale, unless the seller is a used parts dealer or an  
14 automotive repair company.
- 15 3. Subsection 2 does not apply if the seller provides:
- 16 a. The core recycler with a certificate of title, certificate of registration, or a receipt  
17 from a transaction of repair, for the motor vehicle from which the catalytic  
18 converter was taken; or
- 19 b. An affidavit executed by a law enforcement officer attesting to the officer's  
20 reasonable belief that the catalytic converter lawfully came into the possession of  
21 the person attempting to sell the catalytic converter.
- 22 4. A person that violates this section is subject to a fine of one thousand dollars for a first  
23 offense, and a fine of two thousand dollars for a subsequent offense. In addition to the

- 1 fine imposed for a subsequent offense, the court shall order the defendant to cease
- 2 engaging in the business of a core recycler for a period one year.