

Introduced by

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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.