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HOUSE BILL NO. 255

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS; PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS; PROVIDING FOR A CRIME OF ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS; REVISING RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR SALES OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 30-22-101 AND 30-22-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Sale of catalytic converters. (1) A seller who is not a licensed salvage metal dealer may not sell more than one catalytic converter to a salvage metal dealer a day.

(2) A salvage metal dealer may not:

(a) provide any consideration to a seller of a catalytic converter until 72 hours after the most recent transaction between the salvage metal dealer and the seller; and

(b) pay more than \$30 in cash, stored value device, or electronic fund transfer for any transaction that includes a catalytic converter. Additional consideration contracted for may must be paid by check.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Illegal transportation of catalytic converters. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal transportation of catalytic converters if the person purposely or knowingly transports more than one catalytic converter that is not connected to a vehicle exhaust system and the person lacks a nonferrous metal acquisition record as provided in 30-22-102.

(2) A person convicted of illegal transportation of catalytic converters shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000 or be imprisoned for a term not to exceed 1 year, or both.