

**SENATE, No. 3608**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Implements certain guidelines concerning purchase of catalytic converters.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of catalytic converters and  
2 supplementing P.L.2009, c.8.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. A core recycler shall not purchase or attempt to purchase  
8 a catalytic converter, in whole or in part, if the catalytic converter is  
9 not attached to a motor vehicle at the time of sale or attempted sale,  
10 unless the seller is a used automotive parts dealer or an automotive  
11 repair company.

12 b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not  
13 apply to a seller that:

14 (1) provides the core recycler with a certificate of title,  
15 certificate of registration, a receipt from a transaction of repair, or a  
16 bill of sale for the motor vehicle from which the catalytic converter  
17 was taken; or

18 (2) is a registered business that, in the regular course of  
19 business, collects, stores, or sells a catalytic converter or any other  
20 motor vehicle part.

21 c. As used in this section, "core recycler" means a person that  
22 buys used individual catalytic converters previously removed from  
23 a motor vehicle. "Core recycler" shall include a motor vehicle junk  
24 business or motor vehicle junk yard as defined in R.S.39:11-2,  
25 pawnbroker as defined in R.S.45:22-1, and scrap metal business as  
26 defined in section 1 of P.L.2009, c.8 (C.45:28-1).

27 d. A violation of this act shall be a disorderly persons offense  
28 for a first or second offense, and a crime of the fourth degree for  
29 third and subsequent offenses.

30 e. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the  
31 Department of Law and Public Safety may promulgate, pursuant to  
32 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
33 et seq.), rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes  
34 of this act.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill provides that a core recycler is not permitted to  
42 purchase or attempt to purchase a catalytic converter, in whole or in  
43 part, if the catalytic converter is not attached to a motor vehicle at  
44 the time of sale or attempted sale, unless the seller is a used  
45 automotive parts dealer or an automotive repair company. Pursuant  
46 to the bill, "core recycler" means a person that buys used individual  
47 catalytic converters previously removed from a motor vehicle. The  
48 provisions of the bill do not apply to a seller that:

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1       (1) provides the core recycler with a certificate of title,  
2 certificate of registration, a receipt from a transaction of repair, or a  
3 bill of sale for the motor vehicle from which the catalytic converter  
4 was taken; or

5       (2) is a registered business that, in the regular course of  
6 business, collects, stores, or sells a catalytic converter or any other  
7 motor vehicle part.

8       A violation of the bill would be a disorderly persons offense for  
9 a first or second offense, and a crime of the fourth degree for third  
10 and subsequent offenses. A disorderly persons offense is ordinarily  
11 punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to six months or a fine  
12 of up to \$1,000, or both. A crime of the fourth degree is ordinarily  
13 punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months or a fine  
14 of up to \$10,000, or both.