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S.B. No. 2813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to criminal conduct involving a catalytic converter removed from a motor vehicle; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.21(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person is presumed to be authorized to possess a catalytic converter that has been removed from a motor vehicle if the person:

(1) is the owner, as defined by Section 601.002, Transportation Code, of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed or is authorized by the vehicle owner to possess the catalytic converter; or

(2) possesses the catalytic converter in the ordinary course of the person's business, including in the ordinary course of business of an entity described by Section 1956.123(1), Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1956, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C-2 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C-2. RESTRICTION ON SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER REMOVED

FROM MOTOR VEHICLE TO CERTAIN PERSONS

Sec. 1956.130. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "motor vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 541.201, Transportation Code.

1 Sec. 1956.131. APPLICABILITY. Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of this chapter, this subchapter applies to the sale by
3 any person, including a person described by Section 1956.002(1), of
4 a catalytic converter removed from a motor vehicle to any other
5 person.

6 Sec. 1956.132. OFFENSE: SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER REMOVED
7 FROM MOTOR VEHICLE TO PERSON OTHER THAN METAL RECYCLING ENTITY. (a)
8 A person commits an offense if the person sells a catalytic
9 converter removed from a motor vehicle to a person who is not a
10 metal recycling entity registered under this chapter.

11 (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

12 (c) If conduct constituting an offense under this section
13 also constitutes an offense under another law, the actor may be
14 prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.