

SENATE BILL 1612

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;
Title 55 and Title 62, relative to catalytic
converters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-5-108, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting:

(1)

(A) Any person, firm, corporation, or entity engaged in the business of buying or selling used automobile parts shall keep permanent records of transactions of buying or selling engines, transmissions, vehicle bodies, chassis, doors, deck lids, front end clips (fenders and grill), seats, differentials, tires and wheels, steering wheels, unattached catalytic converters, automobile radios and automobile tape players, and bumpers. The record must include from whom the item was purchased and the seller's address and driver license number, and to whom the item was sold and the purchaser's address and driver license number, as well as the description of the item and any identifying number or numbers. The records must be kept for a period of three (3) years from the date of the transaction and made available to all law enforcement officers for inspection at any reasonable time during business hours without prior notice or the necessity of obtaining a search warrant.

(B) Any person, firm, corporation, or entity engaged in the business of buying or selling unattached catalytic converters as a single item and not as part

of a scrapped motor vehicle shall register with the chief of police and sheriff of each city and county in which the activity is carried on.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-5-108(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "(a)(1)" and substituting the language "(a)(1)(A)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-5-108(a)(5), is amended by deleting the language "(a)(1)" and substituting the language "(a)(1)(A)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-5-108(a)(6), is amended by deleting the language "(a)(1)" and substituting the language "(a)(1)(A)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-203(a)(1), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (a)(1)(A) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(1)(B):

(B) Any motor vehicle dismantler and recycler required to be licensed pursuant to § 55-17-109 or scrap metal processor as defined in § 55-3-201, who purchases unattached catalytic converters as a single item and not as part of a scrapped motor vehicle shall register with the chief of police and sheriff of each city and county in which the activity is carried on.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-203(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "(a)(1)" and substituting the language "(a)(1)(A)".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-203(b)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the language "(a)(1)" and substituting the language "(a)(1)(A)".

SECTION 8. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.