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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0590	Introduced on February 23, 2021
Author:	Hutto	
Subject:	Nonferrous Metals – Catalytic Converters	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith and Gardner	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill provides additional restrictions for purchasing or acquiring a catalytic converter. The bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) because it does not affect the licensing of demolishers. The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) will administer responsibilities resulting from the bill with the use of its existing staff and resources.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) does not anticipate an impact on local expenditures or revenues for permits for secondary metal recyclers obtained from county sheriffs. We do not anticipate an increase in secondary metals recycler permits due to the addition of catalytic converters to the list of nonferrous metals the recycler may possess and did not identify any counties currently charging a fee for the permit.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill prevents a secondary metals recycler from purchasing or acquiring a used, detached catalytic converter or any nonferrous metal part of the catalytic converter unless it is purchased in person at the recycler's fixed site, the recycler obtains and maintains complete identification and documentation, and the recycler maintains records that would aid in the identification of the used, detached catalytic converter. Additionally, the only entities allowed to possess a used, detached catalytic converter or its nonferrous metal part are licensed demolishers, secondary metals recyclers, licensed motor vehicle dealers, licensed mechanics or licensed automotive repair facilities, or an individual who has appropriate documentation that he possesses a used, detached catalytic converter as a result of a replacement from the vehicle registered in his name. A secondary metals recycler is permitted by the sheriff of the county in which the fixed site resides.

Department of Motor Vehicles. While DMV licenses demolishers, this bill will have no effect on that licensing. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on the agency.

State Law Enforcement Division. SLED reports this bill will have no expenditure impact because the agency will administer responsibilities resulting from the bill with the use of existing staff and resources.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) surveyed the members of the Sheriffs' Association to determine the fiscal impact of this bill since secondary metal recyclers are permitted by county sheriffs. Of the four counties who responded, Charleston and Lancaster Counties reported that there is no anticipated fiscal impact on their sheriffs. Berkeley County will manage any expenditures within its existing appropriations. Chesterfield County indicated that it may affect their secondary metals recycler permits but was unable to determine a fiscal impact. RFA does not anticipate an increase in secondary metals recycler permits due to the addition of catalytic converters to the list of nonferrous metals the recycler may possess. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to local governments.

Local Revenue

RFA does not anticipate an increase in secondary metals recycler permits due to the addition of catalytic converters to the list of nonferrous metals the recycler may possess. Further, we did not identify any counties that currently charge for the secondary metal recyclers permit. Therefore, we do not expect any impact to local government revenues.



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