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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for licensing for people selling catalytic converters.

Present law provides a regulatory structure for secondhand dealers which serves to protect consumers and reduce the sale of stolen goods. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides definitions for "catalytic converter", "catalytic converter seller", and "person".

Proposed law requires any person selling catalytic converters to obtain an occupational license.

Proposed law exempts certain businesses from obtaining the license.

Proposed law provides for the following penalties for selling a catalytic converter without a license.

- (1) First offense, a fine of not less than \$250 or be imprisoned not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days, or both.
- (2) For a second offense, the offender shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.
- (3) For a third or subsequent offense, the offender shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 37:1891-1896)