

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 70

2022 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

THEFT. Creates the crime of theft of a catalytic converter or engine control module and provides for dealer registration. (8/1/22)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds that the amount of any related damage to the vehicle be included in the value of the theft.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

SB 70 Reengrossed

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Proposed law creates the crime of "theft of a catalytic converter or engine control module", which is misappropriation or taking of a catalytic converter or engine control module which belongs to another, either without the consent of the owner to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. Proposed law further provides that an intent to deprive the owner permanently of the catalytic converter or engine control module is essential.

Proposed law provides for the following penalties:

- (1) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of \$25,000 or more, the offender is to be imprisoned, at hard labor, for not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years, or fined not more than \$50,000, or both.
- (2) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of \$5,000 or more, but less than \$25,000, the offender is to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than five years nor more than 10 years, or fined not more than \$10,000, or both.
- (3) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of \$1,000 or more, but less than \$5,000, the offender is to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two years nor more than five years, or fined not more than \$3,000, or both.
- (4) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of less than \$1,000, the offender is to be imprisoned for not less than 90 days nor more than six months, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law further provides that if the offender has been convicted two or more times of theft of catalytic converter or engine control module, upon any subsequent conviction, he is to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for an additional year to be served consecutively, or may be fined not more than an additional \$2,000, or both.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 14:67.12 and 37:1864(A)(3))

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