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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### **LD 796 An Act Governing the Sale, Purchase, Removal, Transport and Disposal of Catalytic Converters Removed from Motor Vehicles, Governing Scrap Metal Processors and Creating the Motor Vehicle Services Fund**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 660 does the following.

1. It defines the term “catalytic converter” as a device installed in the exhaust system of a motor vehicle that uses a catalyst to convert pollutant gases into less harmful gases.
2. It requires all vehicle dealers in the State to, for all motor vehicles sold at retail to the end consumer, engrave the vehicle identification number on the catalytic converter in a location that is visible from the underside of the motor vehicle, unless the catalytic converter is not in a location that is clearly visible from the underside of the motor vehicle.
3. It creates a legal framework governing the sale, purchase, removal, transport and disposal of catalytic converters that have been removed from motor vehicles and establishes criminal penalties for violations of that legal framework.
4. It requires that a person who is a licensed scrap metal processor must also be licensed as a recycler if, as part of that person's scrap metal processing business, that person engages in the purchase or sale of motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts.
5. It directs the Secretary of State to provide information for posting at the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch locations and on the bureau's publicly accessible website to promote public awareness of the requirements related to catalytic converters.
6. It establishes the Motor Vehicle Services Fund for revenue from the sale of catalytic converters forfeited to the State which may be used by the bureau for motor vehicle-related projects and services.

### **LD 1762 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 533 removes the requirement for a disability plate or placard issued to a person with a permanent disability to expire with the applicant’s driver’s license or nondriver identification card issued by the State and provides that the disability plate or placard may be renewed for a period not to exceed six years. It authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt routine