

Section-by-Section Summary:
S.48 – An Act Relating to the Sale of Catalytic Converters

As passed House Commerce and Economic Development

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 82 (Scrap Metal Processors)

- **Adds 9 V.S.A. § 3022(a)** governing the sale and transportation of catalytic converters
- Subdivision (a)(1) – a scrap metal processor may purchase only one used and detached catalytic converter per day, except from a motor vehicle recycler or repair shop
- Subdivision (a)(2) – any person, other than a motor vehicle recycler or repair shop, cannot transport two or more used and detached catalytic converters unless
 - (A) the CC is engraved or permanently marked with the VIN number of the vehicle from which it was removed; and
 - (B) the transporter possesses documentation demonstrating proof of ownership
- **Amends 9 V.S.A. § 3022(b)** clarifies the duty and the type of documents required for a seller to demonstrate proof of ownership when selling any type of scrap metal to a scrap metal processor
- **Amends 9 V.S.A. § 3022(c)** to harmonize the penalty provisions with the duties applicable to any person under the chapter ~ penalties will not apply just to scrap metal processor, but to any person, e.g., to a person selling or transporting a CC

Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 2242 (Requirement for Operation or Maintenance of a Salvage Yard)

- Adds 24 V.S.A. § 2242(d) to require that, before issuing a certificate of registration to a salvage yard, the Secretary of Natural Resources must obtain written acknowledgment that the applicant is aware of, and will comply with, the laws governing buying, selling, transporting, and record-keeping for scrap metal

Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. § 2244 (Periodic Inspections)

- Adds 24 V.S.A. § 2244 to require the Secretary of Natural Resources to conduct unannounced inspections of salvage yards, including at least one facility annually to ensure compliance with 9 V.S.A. chapter 82

Sec. 4. Adoption of Forms; Public Outreach

- Subsection (a) requires the Department of Public Safety to adopt and publish sample forms for use by the public and scrap metal processors when buying, selling, transporting, or keeping records for scrap metal sales

- Subsection (b) requires DPS and the Agency of Natural Resources to conduct a public outreach campaign concerning the laws governing scrap metal sales

Sec. 5. 20 V.S.A. § 2355 (Criminal Justice Council; Powers and Duties)

- Adds 20 V.S.A. § 2355(b)(3) to require the Council, after each legislative session, to prepare and make available to law enforcement materials or training concerning new or amended State laws that affect law enforcement activities, including changes to civil, criminal, and administrative violations, procedures, penalties, and enforcement