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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE BY SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS OF SCRAP METAL CONTAINING WIRE SUITABLE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 21-11a of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 (a) A scrap metal processor, as defined in section 14-67w, shall
5 record, for all loads of scrap metal purchased or received by such
6 processor, a description of such scrap metal, the weight of such metal,
7 the price paid for such metal and the identification of the person who
8 delivered such metal. Such scrap metal processor shall not be required
9 to segregate scrap metal it receives from other materials on its
10 premises and hold the same for five days except for wire that could be
11 used in the transmission of telecommunications or data unless
12 purchased from (1) a person registered pursuant to section 29-402 of
13 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes to engage in the business
14 of demolition of buildings, [or] (2) a person who has already
15 segregated such scrap metal pursuant to this chapter and such person

16 provides such scrap metal processor with a written statement
17 affirming such segregation, or (3) a person who has been issued an
18 identification card by such scrap metal processor. Such identification
19 card shall be issued only to persons from whom such processor has
20 purchased scrap metal at least one year prior to the date of issuance of
21 such card, and who provides such processor with the name and
22 address of the business selling such scrap metal, the names of the
23 principals of such business, vehicle registration information of any
24 motor vehicle delivering such scrap metal, and the names, telephone
25 numbers and facsimile numbers of its employees or representatives.
26 Such information shall be maintained and made available by such
27 processor in accordance with subsection (b) of this section. Upon
28 receipt of a load of scrap metal which contains wire that can be used
29 for telecommunications purposes, such scrap metal processor shall;
30 [take] Take a photograph of the motor vehicle delivering such scrap
31 metal, including the license plate of such vehicle; [, and such load of
32 scrap metal. Upon receipt of wire that could be used in the
33 transmission of telecommunications or data, such scrap metal
34 processor shall] make a copy of the certificate of registration of such
35 [person,] vehicle; record a description of the material received; and
36 record a statement as to the location from which the material came.

37 (b) The scrap metal processor shall maintain the documents,
38 photographs and other records required under subsection (a) of this
39 section in good condition and shall retain such records for a period of
40 not less than [two years] one year. Such records shall be open for
41 inspection by law enforcement officials upon request during normal
42 business hours.

43 (c) A scrap metal processor, who has purchased scrap metal that is
44 subsequently determined to have been stolen and is returned to the
45 owner of such metal, shall have a civil cause of action against the
46 person from whom such metal was purchased, provided no cause of
47 action shall exist if such metal was purchased from a person to whom
48 such processor has issued an identification card in accordance with

49 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	21-11a

Statement of Purpose:

To address the situation where scrap metal dealers purchase scrap metal containing wire that can be used for telecommunications purposes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]