

# Rules Committee – Proposed Catalytic Converter Ordinance Presentation

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# Catalytic Converter Definition

Any exhaust emission control device, or portion thereof, that converts toxic gases and pollutants in exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine into less-toxic pollutants



# Catalytic Converter Statistics - Stolen

2020 – 178

2021 – 482

2022 – 592

2023 – 269 (YTD)

\*California accounts for 37% of stolen catalytic converters nationwide (US Attorney's Office)

## California Law (2023)

- SB 1087, limits legal sellers of catalytic converters to people who can prove it came from their own vehicle, and to businesses including licensed auto dismantlers and repair dealers. Fines for breaking the law start at \$1,000, and escalate for repeat violations.
- AB 1740, requires people or businesses who buy catalytic converters to document the purchase by recording the year, make, model, and VIN number of the car that the converter came from.
- AB 641, (effective 1/1/24) allows law enforcement to charge thieves with illegal automobile dismantling when they are caught with at least nine stolen catalytic converters.

# Proposed Ordinance

## Unlawful Possession of Catalytic Converter

- It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a core recycler as defined in California Business and Professions Code section 21610, to possess any catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle, unless the possessor has valid documentation or other proof to verify that they are in lawful possession of the catalytic converter.

## Violations

- Misdemeanor and/or
- \$1,000 fine

# Similar Ordinances

South San Francisco

Los Angeles

Fullerton

Huntington Beach

Irvine

# Outreach Efforts

## Explore

- Etching/Fluorescent Spray Paint Events
- Grant Opportunities



# QUESTIONS?