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A BILL

To amend sections 2913.02, 2913.51, 4737.012, 1
4737.04, 4737.041, 4737.043, 4737.045, 4737.99, 2
4738.03, 4738.07, 4738.12, 4745.01, and 4775.09 3
and to enact sections 4737.046 and 4737.98 of 4
the Revised Code regarding the sale of used 5
catalytic converters, and to make an 6
appropriation. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2913.02, 2913.51, 4737.012, 8
4737.04, 4737.041, 4737.043, 4737.045, 4737.99, 4738.03, 9
4738.07, 4738.12, 4745.01, and 4775.09 be amended and sections 10
4737.046 and 4737.98 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 11
follows: 12

Sec. 2913.02. (A) No person, with purpose to deprive the 13
owner of property or services, shall knowingly obtain or exert 14
control over either the property or services in any of the 15
following ways: 16

(1) Without the consent of the owner or person authorized 17



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to give consent;	18
(2) Beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent;	19 20
(3) By deception;	21
(4) By threat;	22
(5) By intimidation.	23
(B) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of theft.	24
(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division or division (B) (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), or (9) , <u>or (10)</u> of this section, a violation of this section is misdemeanor theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars or more and is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars or if the property stolen is any of the property listed in section 2913.71 of the Revised Code, a violation of this section is theft, a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more and is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, a violation of this section is grand theft, a felony of the fourth degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more and is less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, a violation of this section is aggravated theft, a felony of the third degree. If the value of the property or services is seven hundred fifty thousand dollars or more and is less than one million five hundred thousand dollars, a violation of this section is aggravated theft, a felony of the second degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is one million five hundred thousand dollars or more, a violation of this section is aggravated theft of one	25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

million five hundred thousand dollars or more, a felony of the 47
first degree. 48

(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (4), (5), 49
(6), (7), (8), ~~or (9)~~, or (10) of this section, if the victim of 50
the offense is an elderly person, disabled adult, active duty 51
service member, or spouse of an active duty service member, a 52
violation of this section is theft from a person in a protected 53
class, and division (B) (3) of this section applies. Except as 54
otherwise provided in this division, theft from a person in a 55
protected class is a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of 56
the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars or more 57
and is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars, theft from 58
a person in a protected class is a felony of the fourth degree. 59
If the value of the property or services stolen is seven 60
thousand five hundred dollars or more and is less than thirty- 61
seven thousand five hundred dollars, theft from a person in a 62
protected class is a felony of the third degree. If the value of 63
the property or services stolen is thirty-seven thousand five 64
hundred dollars or more and is less than one hundred fifty 65
thousand dollars, theft from a person in a protected class is a 66
felony of the second degree. If the value of the property or 67
services stolen is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, 68
theft from a person in a protected class is a felony of the 69
first degree. If the victim of the offense is an elderly person, 70
in addition to any other penalty imposed for the offense, the 71
offender shall be required to pay full restitution to the victim 72
and to pay a fine of up to fifty thousand dollars. The clerk of 73
court shall forward all fines collected under division (B) (3) of 74
this section to the county department of job and family services 75
to be used for the reporting and investigation of elder abuse, 76
neglect, and exploitation or for the provision or arrangement of 77

protective services under sections 5101.61 to 5101.71 of the Revised Code.

(4) If the property stolen is a firearm or dangerous ordnance, a violation of this section is grand theft. Except as otherwise provided in this division, grand theft when the property stolen is a firearm or dangerous ordnance is a felony of the third degree, and there is a presumption in favor of the court imposing a prison term for the offense. If the firearm or dangerous ordnance was stolen from a federally licensed firearms dealer, grand theft when the property stolen is a firearm or dangerous ordnance is a felony of the first degree. The offender shall serve a prison term imposed for grand theft when the property stolen is a firearm or dangerous ordnance consecutively to any other prison term or mandatory prison term previously or subsequently imposed upon the offender.

(5) If the property stolen is a motor vehicle, a violation of this section is grand theft of a motor vehicle, a felony of the fourth degree.

(6) If the property stolen is any dangerous drug, a violation of this section is theft of drugs, a felony of the fourth degree, or, if the offender previously has been convicted of a felony drug abuse offense, a felony of the third degree.

(7) If the property stolen is a police dog or horse or an assistance dog and the offender knows or should know that the property stolen is a police dog or horse or an assistance dog, a violation of this section is theft of a police dog or horse or an assistance dog, a felony of the third degree.

(8) If the property stolen is anhydrous ammonia, a violation of this section is theft of anhydrous ammonia, a

felony of the third degree. 107

(9) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this section 108
with respect to property with a value of seven thousand five 109
hundred dollars or more and division (B) (3) of this section with 110
respect to property with a value of one thousand dollars or 111
more, if the property stolen is a special purpose article as 112
defined in section 4737.04 of the Revised Code or is a bulk 113
merchandise container as defined in section 4737.012 of the 114
Revised Code, a violation of this section is theft of a special 115
purpose article or articles or theft of a bulk merchandise 116
container or containers, a felony of the fifth degree. 117

~~(10)~~(10) (a) If the property stolen is a catalytic 118
converter, a violation of this section is theft of a catalytic 119
converter, a felony of the fifth degree. 120

(b) If the offender has previously been convicted of or 121
pleaded guilty to a violation of Chapter 2911. or 2913. of the 122
Revised Code, theft of a catalytic converter is a felony of the 123
fourth degree. 124

(c) If the property stolen is a catalytic converter and 125
the offender is a business entity, a violation of this section 126
is enterprise theft of a catalytic converter and, 127
notwithstanding section 2929.31 of the Revised Code, is 128
punishable by a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars and 129
not more than fifty thousand dollars per violation. 130

(d) The clerk of the court shall pay any fine imposed 131
pursuant to division (B) (10) of this section to the county, 132
township, municipal corporation, park district as created 133
pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or 134
state law enforcement agencies in this state that primarily were 135

responsible for, or involved in, arresting and prosecuting the 136
offender. 137

(e) As used in division (B)(10) of this section, 138
"catalytic converter" has the same meaning as in section 4737.04 139
of the Revised Code. 140

(11) In addition to the penalties described in division 141
(B)(2) of this section, if the offender committed the violation 142
by causing a motor vehicle to leave the premises of an 143
establishment at which gasoline is offered for retail sale 144
without the offender making full payment for gasoline that was 145
dispensed into the fuel tank of the motor vehicle or into 146
another container, the court may do one of the following: 147

(a) Unless division ~~(B)(10)(b)~~ (B)(11)(b) of this section 148
applies, suspend for not more than six months the offender's 149
driver's license, probationary driver's license, commercial 150
driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident 151
operating privilege; 152

(b) If the offender's driver's license, probationary 153
driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary 154
instruction permit, or nonresident operating privilege has 155
previously been suspended pursuant to division ~~(B)(10)(a)~~ (B) 156
(11)(a) of this section, impose a class seven suspension of the 157
offender's license, permit, or privilege from the range 158
specified in division (A)(7) of section 4510.02 of the Revised 159
Code, provided that the suspension shall be for at least six 160
months. 161

(c) The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's 162
driver's or commercial driver's license, probationary driver's 163
license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident operating 164

privilege pursuant to division ~~(B) (10) (a)~~ (B) (11) (a) or (b) of 165
this section, instead may require the offender to perform 166
community service for a number of hours determined by the court. 167

~~(11)~~ (12) In addition to the penalties described in 168
division (B) (2) of this section, if the offender committed the 169
violation by stealing rented property or rental services, the 170
court may order that the offender make restitution pursuant to 171
section 2929.18 or 2929.28 of the Revised Code. Restitution may 172
include, but is not limited to, the cost of repairing or 173
replacing the stolen property, or the cost of repairing the 174
stolen property and any loss of revenue resulting from 175
deprivation of the property due to theft of rental services that 176
is less than or equal to the actual value of the property at the 177
time it was rented. Evidence of intent to commit theft of rented 178
property or rental services shall be determined pursuant to the 179
provisions of section 2913.72 of the Revised Code. 180

(C) The sentencing court that suspends an offender's 181
license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege under 182
division ~~(B) (10)~~ (B) (11) of this section may grant the offender 183
limited driving privileges during the period of the suspension 184
in accordance with Chapter 4510. of the Revised Code. 185

Sec. 2913.51. (A) As used in this section: 186

(1) "Bulk merchandise container" has the same meaning as 187
in section 4737.012 of the Revised Code. 188

(2) "Catalytic converter" and "special purchase article" 189
have the same meanings as in section 4737.04 of the Revised 190
Code. 191

(3) "Dangerous drug" has the same meaning as in section 192
4729.01 of the Revised Code. 193

(4) "Dangerous ordnance" and "firearm" have the same 194
meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code. 195

(5) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 196
4501.01 of the Revised Code. 197

(B) No person shall receive, retain, or dispose of 198
property of another knowing or having reasonable cause to 199
believe that the property has been obtained through commission 200
of a theft offense. 201

~~(B)~~(C) It is not a defense to a charge of receiving 202
stolen property in violation of this section that the property 203
was obtained by means other than through the commission of a 204
theft offense if the property was explicitly represented to the 205
accused person as being obtained through the commission of a 206
theft offense. 207

~~(C)~~(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of 208
receiving stolen property. Except as otherwise provided in this 209
division or division ~~(D)~~(E) or (F) of this section, receiving 210
stolen property is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the 211
value of the property involved is one thousand dollars or more 212
and is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars, if the 213
property involved is any of the property listed in section 214
2913.71 of the Revised Code, receiving stolen property is a 215
felony of the fifth degree. If the property involved is a motor 216
vehicle, ~~as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, if~~ 217
~~the property involved is a dangerous drug, a firearm, or~~ 218
dangerous ordnance, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised 219
Code, or if the value of the property involved is seven thousand 220
five hundred dollars or more and is less than one hundred fifty 221
thousand dollars, ~~or if the property involved is a firearm or~~ 222
~~dangerous ordnance, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised~~ 223

~~Code,~~ receiving stolen property is a felony of the fourth 224
degree. If the value of the property involved is one hundred 225
fifty thousand dollars or more, receiving stolen property is a 226
felony of the third degree. 227

~~(D)~~ (E) Except as provided in division ~~(C)~~ (D) of this 228
section with respect to property involved in a violation of this 229
section with a value of seven thousand five hundred dollars or 230
more, if the property involved in violation of this section is a 231
special purchase article ~~as defined in section 4737.04 of the~~ 232
~~Revised Code~~ or a bulk merchandise container ~~as defined in~~ 233
~~section 4737.012 of the Revised Code,~~ a violation of this 234
section is receiving a stolen special purchase article or 235
articles or receiving a stolen bulk merchandise container or 236
containers, a felony of the fifth degree. 237

(F) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if 238
the property involved is a catalytic converter, a violation of 239
this section is receiving a stolen catalytic converter, a felony 240
of the fifth degree. 241

(2) If the offender has previously been convicted of or 242
pleaded guilty to a violation of Chapter 2911. or 2913. of the 243
Revised Code, receiving a stolen catalytic converter is a felony 244
of the fourth degree. 245

(3) If the property involved is a catalytic converter and 246
the offender is a business entity, a violation of this section 247
is enterprise receipt of a stolen catalytic converter and, 248
notwithstanding section 2929.31 of the Revised Code, is 249
punishable by a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars and 250
not more than fifty thousand dollars per violation. 251

(4) The clerk of the court shall pay any fine imposed 252

pursuant to division (F) of this section to the county, 253
township, municipal corporation, park district, as created 254
pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or 255
state law enforcement agencies in this state that primarily were 256
responsible for or involved in arresting and prosecuting the 257
offender. 258

Sec. 4737.012. (A) Notwithstanding ~~division (A) of~~ section 259
4737.01 of the Revised Code, a dealer who is in the business of 260
purchasing, reselling, exchanging, recycling, shredding, or 261
receiving bulk merchandise containers shall not purchase or 262
receive plastic bulk merchandise containers that are marked with 263
a company name or logo, or more than nine wooden bulk 264
merchandise containers, from any other person at one time, 265
unless the dealer maintains a record book or electronic file in 266
which the dealer keeps an accurate and complete record of all 267
containers purchased or received by the dealer. Every entry in 268
the record book or electronic file shall be numbered 269
consecutively. Until the registry developed by the director of 270
public safety pursuant to section 4737.045 of the Revised Code 271
is operational, a dealer shall maintain the record for each 272
container purchased or received for a minimum period of one year 273
after the date the dealer purchased or received the container. 274
Beginning on the date the registry is operational, a dealer 275
shall maintain the record for each container purchased or 276
received only for a period of sixty days after the date the 277
dealer purchased or received the container. The director shall 278
adopt rules for the format and maintenance of the records 279
required under this division. 280

The records shall contain all of the following: 281

(1) The name and residence of the person from whom the 282

containers were purchased or received, a copy of that person's 283
personal identification card, and, if required, a photograph of 284
the person taken pursuant to division (B) (2) of this section; 285

(2) A description of the containers, including the number 286
purchased or received and, if required, a photograph of the 287
containers taken pursuant to division (B) (1) of this section; 288

(3) The date and time the dealer purchased or received the 289
containers; 290

(4) If the seller or provider of the containers arrives at 291
the dealer's place of business in a motor vehicle, the license 292
plate number of that motor vehicle along with the state that 293
issued the license plate. 294

(B) Every dealer who is in the business of reselling bulk 295
merchandise containers shall take a photograph, in accordance 296
with rules adopted by the director, of both of the following: 297

(1) Each container for which the dealer must make a record 298
under division (A) of this section; 299

(2) Each person who sells or otherwise gives the dealer 300
the containers. 301

The dealer shall take the required photographs at the time 302
the dealer purchases or receives the containers and shall keep 303
the photographs as part of the record in accordance with 304
division (A) of this section. 305

(C) A dealer who is in the business of purchasing, 306
reselling, exchanging, recycling, shredding, or receiving bulk 307
merchandise containers shall fulfill the requirements of section 308
4737.041 of the Revised Code with respect to the containers 309
purchased or received by the dealer for which the dealer must 310

make a record under division (A) of this section. No dealer 311
shall purchase or receive any bulk merchandise container for 312
which the dealer must make a record under division (A) of this 313
section without complying with ~~division (B), (C), or (D)~~ 314
divisions (A) (2) to (4) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code. 315

(D) As used in this section, "bulk merchandise container" 316
means a plastic or wooden carrier or holder used by a 317
manufacturer or distributor to transport merchandise to 318
wholesale and retail outlets. 319

Sec. 4737.04. (A) As used in this section and sections 320
4737.041, 4737.042, 4737.043, 4737.044, 4737.045, 4737.046, and 321
4737.99 of the Revised Code: 322

(1) "Scrap metal dealer" means the owner or operator of a 323
business that purchases or receives scrap metal for the purpose 324
of sorting, grading, and shipping metals to third parties for 325
direct or indirect melting into new products. 326

(2) "Special purchase article" means all of the following: 327

(a) Beer kegs; 328

(b) Cable, wire, electrical components, and other 329
equipment used in providing cable service or any utility 330
service, including, but not limited to, copper or aluminum 331
coverings, housings, or enclosures related thereto; 332

(c) Grave markers, sculptures, plaques, and vases made out 333
of metal, the appearance of which suggests that the articles 334
have been obtained from a cemetery; 335

(d) Guard rails for bridges, highways, and roads; highway 336
and street signs; street light poles and fixtures; worker access 337
hole covers, water meter covers, and other similar types of 338

utility access covers; traffic directional and control signs and	339
light signals, metal marked with the name of a political	340
subdivision of the state, and other metal articles that are	341
purchased and installed for use upon authorization of the state	342
or any political subdivision of the state;	343
(e) Historical, commemorative, and memorial markers and	344
plaques made out of metal;	345
(f) Four-wheel metal carts, commonly referred to as	346
"grocery carts," that are generally used by individuals to	347
collect and transport consumer goods while shopping;	348
(g) Four-wheel metal carts, commonly referred to as "metal	349
bossies," that are used to transport or merchandise food	350
products that are stored in crates, shells, or trays;	351
(h) Railroad material, including journal brasses, rail	352
spikes, rails, tie plates, frogs, and communication wire;	353
(i) Metal trays, merchandise containers, or similar	354
transport containers used by a product producer, distributor,	355
retailer, or an agent of a product producer, distributor, or	356
retailer as a means for the bulk transportation, storage, or	357
carrying of retail containers of milk, baked goods, eggs, or	358
bottled beverage products;	359
(j) "Burnt wire," which is any coated metal wire that has	360
been smelted, burned, or melted thereby removing the	361
manufacturer's or owner's identifying marks.	362
(3) "Bulk merchandise container" has the same meaning as	363
in section 4737.012 of the Revised Code.	364
(4) "Bulk merchandise container dealer" means a dealer who	365
is subject to section 4737.012 of the Revised Code.	366

(5) <u>"Catalytic converter" includes a catalytic converter</u>	367
<u>core, diesel particulate filter, and diesel oxidation catalyst.</u>	368
(6) "Common recycled matter" means bottles and other	369
containers made out of steel, tin, or aluminum and other	370
consumer goods that are metal that are recycled by individual	371
consumers and not in the bulk or quantity that could be supplied	372
or recycled by large business establishments. "Common recycled	373
matter" does not include a metal tray used by a product	374
producer, distributor, retailer, or agent of a product producer,	375
distributor, or retailer as a means for the bulk transportation,	376
storage, or carrying of retail containers of milk, baked goods,	377
eggs, or bottled beverage products.	378
(6)-(7) "Consumer goods" has the same meaning as in	379
section 1309.102 of the Revised Code.	380
(7)-(8) "Recyclable materials" means the metal materials	381
described in division (C) (5) of this section, on the condition	382
that those metal materials are not special purchase articles.	383
(8)-(9) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section	384
4501.01 of the Revised Code.	385
(B) (1) No person shall engage in the business of scrap	386
metal dealing or act as a bulk merchandise container dealer	387
without first registering with the director of public safety in	388
accordance with section 4737.045 of the Revised Code.	389
(2) No person shall receive, purchase, or sell a special	390
purchase article or a bulk merchandise container except as in	391
accordance with sections 4737.012 and 4737.04 to 4737.045-	392
<u>4737.046</u> of the Revised Code.	393
(C) Every scrap metal dealer shall maintain a record book	394
or electronic file, in which the dealer shall keep an accurate	395

and complete record of all articles purchased or received by the dealer in the course of the dealer's daily business. The record shall include a copy of any check issued pursuant to division (A) (4) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code. On and after September 11, 2008, every entry in the record book or electronic file shall be numbered consecutively and, on or after September 28, 2012, shall be maintained for inspection in numerical order. Until the registry developed by the director pursuant to section 4737.045 of the Revised Code is operational, a dealer shall maintain the record for each article purchased or received for a minimum period of one year after the date the dealer purchased or received the article, except that the dealer shall maintain the photograph required under division (I) of this section only for a period of sixty days after the dealer purchased or received the article. Beginning on the date the registry is operational, a dealer shall maintain the record for each article purchased or received only for a period of sixty days after the date the dealer purchased or received the article. The director shall adopt rules for the format and maintenance of the records required under this division.

The records shall contain all of the following:

(1) The name and residence of the person from whom the articles were purchased or received, a copy of that person's personal identification card, and a photograph of the person taken pursuant to division (I) of this section;

(2) The date and time the scrap metal dealer purchased or received the articles and the weight of the articles as determined by a licensed commercial scale;

(3) If the seller or provider of the articles arrives at the dealer's place of business in a motor vehicle, the license

plate number of that motor vehicle along with the state that 426
issued the license plate; 427

(4) For metal articles that are not recyclable materials, 428
a full and accurate description of each article purchased or 429
received by the dealer that includes identifying letters or 430
marks written, inscribed, or otherwise included on the article 431
and the name and maker of the article if known; 432

(5) For recyclable materials that are not special purchase 433
articles, the following category codes to identify the 434
recyclable materials that the dealer receives: 435

(a) "Number one copper," which includes clean copper pipe, 436
clean copper wire, or other number one copper that does not have 437
solder, paint, or coating; 438

(b) "Number two copper," which includes unclean copper 439
pipe, unclean copper wire, or other number two copper; 440

(c) "Sheet copper," which includes copper roofing, copper 441
gutters, copper downspouts, and other sheet copper; 442

(d) "Insulated copper wire"; 443

(e) "Aluminum or copper radiators," which includes 444
aluminum radiators, aluminum copper radiators, and copper 445
radiators; 446

(f) "Red brass," which includes red brass valves and other 447
red brass; 448

(g) "Yellow brass," which includes yellow brass fixtures, 449
yellow brass valve and fitting, ornamental brass, and other 450
yellow brass; 451

(h) "Aluminum sheet"; 452

(i) "Aluminum extrusions," which includes aluminum bleachers, aluminum benches, aluminum frames, aluminum pipe, and other aluminum extrusions;	453 454 455
(j) "Cast aluminum," which includes aluminum grills, lawnmower decks made of aluminum, aluminum motor vehicle parts and rims, and other cast aluminum;	456 457 458
(k) "Clean aluminum wire";	459
(l) "Unclean aluminum wire";	460
(m) "Aluminum exteriors," which includes aluminum siding, aluminum gutters and downspouts, aluminum shutters, aluminum trim, and other aluminum exterior items;	461 462 463
(n) "Contaminated aluminum";	464
(o) "Stainless steel," which includes, sinks, appliance housing, dishes, pots, pans, pipe, and other items made out of stainless steel;	465 466 467
(p) "Large appliances," which includes consumer and other appliances;	468 469
(q) "Steel structural," which includes all structural steel such as I-beams, trusses, channel iron, and similar steel from buildings;	470 471 472
(r) "Miscellaneous steel," which includes steel grates, steel farm machinery, steel industrial machinery, steel motor vehicle frames, and other items made out of steel;	473 474 475
(s) "Sheet irons," which includes bicycles, motor vehicle body parts made of iron, and other items made using sheet iron;	476 477
(t) "Motor vehicle nonbody parts," which includes motor vehicle batteries, radiators, and other nonbody motor vehicle	478 479

parts;	480
(u) "Catalytic converters";	481
(v) "Lead";	482
(w) "Electric motors";	483
(x) "Electronic scrap," which includes any consumer or commercial electronic equipment such as computers, servers, routers, video displays, and similar products.	484 485 486
(6) For recyclable materials that are special purchase articles, the relevant category provided in division (A) (2) of this section.	487 488 489
(D) Railroad material, including journal brasses, rail spikes, rails, tie plates, frogs, and communication wire, other than purchases and sales under sections 4973.13 to 4973.16 of the Revised Code, shall be held by a scrap metal dealer for a period of thirty days after being purchased or acquired.	490 491 492 493 494
(E) (1) The records required under division (C) of this section or under section 4737.012 of the Revised Code shall be open for inspection by the representative of any law enforcement agency, railroad police officers, and the director of public safety or the director's designated representative during all business hours. A scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise container dealer shall do both <u>all</u> of the following:	495 496 497 498 499 500 501
(a) Provide a copy of those records to any law enforcement agency or railroad police officer that requests the records or to the director or director's representative, upon request;	502 503 504
(b) Prepare a daily electronic report, the content and format of which shall be established in rules adopted by the director, listing all retail transactions that occurred during	505 506 507

the preceding day and containing the information described in 508
division (C) of this section or division (A) of section 4737.012 509
of the Revised Code, as applicable. The dealer shall 510
electronically transfer, by twelve noon eastern standard time, 511
the report to the director of public safety for inclusion in the 512
registry created pursuant to division (E) of section 4737.045 of 513
the Revised Code. 514

(2) A law enforcement agency may inspect any photographic 515
records collected and maintained by a scrap metal dealer of 516
either yard operations or individual transactions. Records 517
submitted to any law enforcement agency pursuant to this section 518
are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the 519
Revised Code. 520

(3) Records submitted to any law enforcement agency, 521
railroad police officer, or the director of public safety or the 522
director's designated representative as required by section 523
4737.012 of the Revised Code and sections 4737.04 to ~~4737.045~~ 524
4737.046 of the Revised Code shall not be public records for the 525
purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 526

(4) Notwithstanding division (E) (3) of this section, the 527
names and addresses of scrap metal dealers and bulk merchandise 528
container dealers shall be made available to the public by the 529
director upon request. 530

(5) A person who claims to own a stolen article that may 531
be identified in those records, or an agent of that person, who 532
provides proof of having filed a stolen property report with the 533
appropriate law enforcement agency, may request those records. 534
The law enforcement agency shall provide those records upon a 535
request made by such a person or that person's agent, but the 536
law enforcement agency shall redact information that reveals the 537

name of the seller of any article and the price the dealer paid 538
for any article the dealer purchased or the estimated value of 539
any article the dealer received. The law enforcement agency 540
shall determine which records to provide, based upon the time 541
period that the alleged theft is reported to have taken place. A 542
law enforcement agency may charge or collect a fee for providing 543
records as required by this section. 544

(6) The director of public safety shall impose a civil 545
penalty of five hundred dollars on a person who violates 546
division (E) (1) (b) of this section, including any person who 547
concurrently violates division (E) (2) of section 4737.046 of the 548
Revised Code. The director shall impose an additional fine of 549
five hundred dollars for each day the violation continues. The 550
director shall deposit the fine into the state treasury to the 551
credit of the infrastructure protection fund created under 552
section 4737.045 of the Revised Code. 553

(7) The director of public safety shall suspend, in 554
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the 555
registration of a person that violates division (E) (1) (b) of 556
this section until such time as the director determines that the 557
person has taken necessary steps to comply with that division. A 558
person whose registration is suspended under this division may 559
petition the director for reinstatement not more than once every 560
ninety days. The director's determination as to whether to grant 561
such a petition and reinstate the person's registration is 562
subject to appeal under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 563

(F) (1) No scrap metal dealer shall purchase or receive any 564
metal articles, and no bulk merchandise container dealer shall 565
purchase or receive any bulk merchandise containers, from a 566
person who refuses to show the dealer the person's personal 567

identification card, or who refuses to allow the dealer to take 568
a photograph of the person as required under division (I) of 569
this section or of the person or container as required under 570
division (B) of section 4737.012 of the Revised Code. 571

(2) The law enforcement agency that serves the 572
jurisdiction in which a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise 573
container dealer is located shall provide to the scrap metal 574
dealer or bulk merchandise container dealer a searchable, 575
electronic list prepared in accordance with rules adopted by the 576
director, as that agency determines appropriate, of the names 577
and descriptions of persons known to be thieves or receivers of 578
stolen property. The law enforcement agency may request the 579
appropriate clerk of courts to provide the list. No scrap metal 580
dealer or bulk merchandise container dealer shall purchase or 581
receive articles from any person who is either identified on the 582
list the dealer receives from the law enforcement agency, or who 583
appears on the lists made available by the director pursuant to 584
division (E) of section 4737.045 of the Revised Code. The law 585
enforcement agency also shall provide the list, in an electronic 586
format, ~~to the department of public safety, in an electronic~~ 587
~~format in accordance with rules adopted by the director,~~ for 588
inclusion in the registry created ~~in~~ under division (E) of 589
section 4737.045 of the Revised Code. 590

(3) A law enforcement agency shall submit all records of 591
any investigation into a scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise 592
container dealer to the registry created pursuant to division 593
(E) of section 4737.045 of the Revised Code. 594

(4) No scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise container 595
dealer shall purchase or receive any special purchase articles 596
or bulk merchandise containers from any person who is under 597

eighteen years of age. 598

~~(4)~~ (5) No scrap metal dealer shall purchase or receive 599
any special purchase article without complying with division (C) 600
and (I) of this section and ~~division (B), (C), or (D)~~ divisions 601
(A) (2) to (4) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code. 602

~~(5)~~ (6) No scrap metal dealer shall purchase or receive 603
more than one catalytic converter per day from the same person 604
except from a motor vehicle dealer as defined in section 4517.01 605
of the Revised Code. 606

~~(6)~~ (7) No scrap metal dealer shall purchase or receive a 607
beer keg that is marked with a company name or logo except from 608
a manufacturer of beer as described in section 4303.02 of the 609
Revised Code or an agent authorized by the manufacturer to 610
dispose of damaged kegs. 611

~~(7)~~ (8) No scrap metal dealer shall treat a transaction as 612
exempt from section 4737.04 or 4737.041 of the Revised Code 613
unless the seller provides evidence of satisfying division ~~(D)~~ 614
~~(3)~~ (A) (4) (c) of section 4737.043 of the Revised Code. 615

~~(G)~~ (G) (1) Every scrap metal dealer and bulk merchandise 616
container dealer shall post a notice in a conspicuous place on 617
the dealer's premises notifying persons who may wish to transact 618
business with the dealer of the penalties applicable to any 619
person who does any of the following: 620

~~(1)~~ (a) Provides a false personal identification card to 621
the dealer; 622

~~(2)~~ (b) With purpose to defraud, provides any other false 623
information to the dealer in connection with the dealer's duty 624
to maintain the records required under division (C) of this 625
section or under section 4737.012 of the Revised Code; 626

~~(3)~~ (c) Violates section 2913.02 of the Revised Code. 627

(2) (a) Every scrap metal dealer and bulk merchandise
container dealer shall post a copy of its registration in a
conspicuous place on the dealer's premises. 628
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(b) The director of public safety shall impose a civil
penalty of five hundred dollars on any person who violates
division (G) (2) (a) of this section and shall deposit that
penalty into the state treasury to the credit of the
infrastructure protection fund created under section 4737.045 of
the Revised Code. 631
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(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (2) of
this section, a clerk of courts or an employee of a clerk of
courts; a chief of police, marshal, or other chief law
enforcement officer; a sheriff, constable, or chief of police of
a township police department or police district police force; a
deputy, officer, or employee of the law enforcement agency
served by the marshal or the municipal or township chief, the
office of the sheriff, or the constable; and an employee of the
department of public safety is immune from liability in a civil
action, including an action for defamation, libel, or slander,
to recover damages for injury, death, or loss to persons or
property or reputation allegedly caused by an act or omission in
connection with compiling and providing the list required by
division (F) (2) of this section. 637
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(2) The immunity described in division (H) (1) of this
section does not apply to a person described in that division
if, in relation to the act or omission in question, any of the
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(a) The act or omission was manifestly outside the scope 655

of the person's employment or official responsibilities. 656

(b) The act or omission was with malicious purpose, in bad 657
faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner. 658

(c) Liability for the act or omission is expressly imposed 659
by a section of the Revised Code. 660

(I) Every scrap metal dealer shall take a photograph, in 661
accordance with rules adopted by the director, of each person 662
who sells or otherwise gives the dealer an article for which the 663
dealer must make record under division (C) of this section. 664

The dealer shall take the required photograph at the time 665
the dealer purchases or receives the article and shall keep the 666
photograph as part of the record in accordance with division (C) 667
of this section. 668

(J) (1) An individual listed as a known thief or receiver 669
of stolen property on a list prepared pursuant to division (F) 670
(2) of this section may request that the individual's name be 671
removed from the list by filing an application with the law 672
enforcement agency responsible for preparing the list. 673

(2) A law enforcement agency receiving an application in 674
accordance with division (J) (1) of this section shall remove the 675
applicant's name from the list of known thieves and receivers of 676
stolen property if the individual has not been convicted of or 677
pleaded guilty to either a misdemeanor that is a theft offense, 678
as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, within three 679
years immediately prior to the date of the application or a 680
felony that is a theft offense within six years immediately 681
prior to the date of the application. 682

(K) A scrap metal dealer that sells or otherwise transfers 683
a catalytic converter to any person other than an individual 684

shall provide the director with all of the following: 685

(1) A copy of the scrap metal dealer's primary owner's driver's license or state identification card; 686
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(2) The scrap metal dealer's federal employer identification number; 688
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(3) The scrap metal dealer's permanent physical address, which shall not be a post office box; 690
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(4) Any additional information required by the director. 692

Sec. 4737.041. (A) A scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise container dealer shall do all of the following with respect to each special purchase article or catalytic converter the scrap metal dealer purchases or receives or with respect to each bulk merchandise container a bulk merchandise container dealer purchases or receives that is subject to division (A) of section 4737.012 of the Revised Code: 693
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~~(A)~~ (1) Comply with the requirements of this section in addition to complying with the applicable requirements of section 4737.012 or 4737.04 of the Revised Code; 700
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~~(B)~~ (2) Take a photograph of each special purchase article, catalytic converter, or bulk merchandise container; 703
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~~(C)~~ (3) Obtain from the seller or provider of the special purchase article, catalytic converter, or bulk merchandise container proof that the seller or provider owns the special purchase article, catalytic converter, or bulk merchandise container. 705
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Subject to division (C) of this section, if the item is a catalytic converter, only the following items constitute proof of ownership: 709
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(a) If the seller or provider is the owner of the motor 712

vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed, either 713
of the following: 714

(i) Title to or registration of the vehicle from which the 715
catalytic converter was removed; 716

(ii) A bill, invoice, or receipt from a motor vehicle 717
collision repair operator as defined in section 4775.01 of the 718
Revised Code or a motor vehicle dealer as defined in section 719
4517.01 of the Revised Code that clearly indicates both of the 720
following: 721

(I) The removal and replacement of the catalytic 722
converter; 723

(II) The make, model, year, and vehicle identification 724
number of the motor vehicle that was repaired. 725

(b) If the seller or provider is the motor vehicle 726
collision repair operator that repaired the motor vehicle from 727
which the catalytic converter was removed, both of the 728
following: 729

(i) The motor vehicle collision repair operator's 730
registration certificate; 731

(ii) A bill, invoice, or receipt that clearly indicates 732
both of the following: 733

(I) The removal and replacement of the catalytic 734
converter; 735

(II) The make, model, year, and vehicle identification 736
number of the motor vehicle that was repaired. 737

~~(D)~~(4) If payment is rendered for the special purchase 738
articles, catalytic converters, or bulk merchandise containers, 739

issue a check for the purchase of the special purchase articles, 740
catalytic converters, or bulk merchandise containers; 741

~~(E)~~ (5) Withhold payment for the purchase of the special 742
purchase articles, catalytic converters, or bulk merchandise 743
containers for a period of two days after the day the special 744
purchase articles, catalytic converters, or bulk merchandise 745
containers are purchased; 746

~~(F)~~ (6) If an asserted owner of stolen special purchase 747
articles, catalytic converters, or bulk merchandise containers 748
or that owner's agent provides proof of having filed a stolen 749
property report with the appropriate law enforcement agency, 750
make records describing special purchase articles, catalytic 751
converters, or bulk merchandise containers the dealer purchased 752
or received after the alleged date of theft available for 753
inspection to the asserted owner or owner's agent for a period 754
of six months after the alleged date of theft of the articles, 755
except that the dealer shall withhold the name of the person 756
from whom the special purchase articles, catalytic converters, 757
or bulk merchandise containers were purchased or received and 758
the amount paid for the special purchase articles, catalytic 759
converters, or bulk merchandise containers. 760

(B) A person, other than a scrap metal dealer or a motor 761
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code, 762
when receiving a used catalytic converter in the ordinary course 763
of business, including a person licensed or registered under 764
Chapter 4737., 4738., or 4775. of the Revised Code, shall meet 765
the requirements of division (A) of this section with respect to 766
each used catalytic converter the person purchases or receives 767
as if the person were a scrap metal dealer, including the 768
requirements of divisions (C), (E), (F), and (K) of section 769

4737.04 of the Revised Code. No person described in this 770
division shall recklessly fail to comply with this division. 771

(C) (1) Not later than ninety days after the effective date 772
of this amendment, the director of public safety shall create an 773
affidavit form and publish the form on a publicly available web 774
site maintained by the department of public safety. 775

(2) The affidavit form shall include the name and contact 776
information of the seller or provider, a statement of the 777
reasons the seller or provider is unable to produce the items 778
described in division (A) (3) of this section, and any other 779
information and documents required by the director. 780

(3) A scrap metal dealer, bulk merchandise container 781
dealer, or person described in division (B) of this section may 782
accept an affidavit form that is completed and signed by a 783
seller or provider who is a natural person in lieu of the items 784
otherwise required to establish ownership of a catalytic 785
converter under division (A) (3) of this section. 786

(4) Whoever knowingly makes a false statement on an 787
affidavit described in division (C) of this section is guilty of 788
the offense of falsification under section 2921.13 of the 789
Revised Code. 790

Sec. 4737.043. ~~Sections~~ (A) Subject to division (B) of 791
this section, sections 4737.04 and 4737.041 of the Revised Code 792
do not apply with respect to any of the following: 793

~~(A)~~ (1) The donation of articles to nonprofit 794
organizations or to any other person, on the condition that the 795
person donating the articles receives no payment or any other 796
valuable consideration in exchange for or due to donating the 797
articles; 798

(B) <u>(2)</u> The sale or donation of common recycled matter;	799
(C) <u>(3)</u> Sales transacted between a scrap metal dealer and an organization that is exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 285, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), as amended, and that collects, for its own fundraising purposes, scrap ferrous and nonferrous metals for recycling rather than disposal;	800 801 802 803 804 805
(D) <u>(4)</u> Sales transacted between a scrap metal dealer and a government unit or another business, including a demolition company, public utility company, or another scrap metal dealer, on the condition that the government unit or business satisfies the following criteria:	806 807 808 809 810
(1) <u>(a)</u> In the course of providing the government unit's or business's services to others or maintaining the government unit's or business's property, whether onsite or offsite, the government unit or business generates scrap ferrous and nonferrous metals for recycling rather than disposal.	811 812 813 814 815
(2) <u>(b)</u> If the sales transaction involves a government unit, reference to the government unit as a bona fide unit of government can be readily found by the public.	816 817 818
(3) <u>(c)</u> If the sales transaction involves a business, the business satisfies one of the following criteria:	819 820
(a) <u>(i)</u> The business is registered with the secretary of state.	821 822
(b) <u>(ii)</u> The business has been issued a license under section 5739.17 of the Revised Code.	823 824
(c) <u>(iii)</u> The business advertises its services in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for not less than	825 826

six consecutive months or provides a receipt showing payment for 827
such advertising, a telephone book, electronic media that is 828
available to the public, or some other type of media that is 829
owned and operated by a person other than the business and, if 830
an individual operates the business, the individual advertising 831
the business has a specific place of business that is not the 832
individual's permanent home residence. 833

~~(4)~~ (d) The government unit provides proof of compliance 834
with division ~~(D) (2)~~ (A) (4) (b) of this section or the business 835
provides proof of compliance with division ~~(D) (3)~~ (A) (4) (c) of 836
this section to the scrap metal dealer with whom the government 837
unit or business transacts business. 838

~~(E)~~ (5) Sales transacted between a scrap metal dealer and 839
a person whose primary business is to create products that 840
result in bulk quantities of ferrous and nonferrous metal used 841
for recycling rather than disposal. 842

~~(F) Sales of catalytic converters transacted between a~~ 843
~~scrap metal dealer and a motor vehicle dealer as defined in~~ 844
~~section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.~~ 845

(B) The exceptions described in division (A) of this 846
section do not apply to sales or donations of catalytic 847
converters. 848

Sec. 4737.045. (A) To register as a scrap metal dealer or 849
a bulk merchandise container dealer with the director of public 850
safety as required by division (B) of section 4737.04 of the 851
Revised Code, a person shall do all of the following: 852

(1) Provide the name and street address of the dealer's 853
place of business; 854

(2) Provide the name of the primary owner of the business, 855

and of the manager of the business, if the manager is not the primary owner; 856
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(3) Provide the electronic mail address of the business; 858

(4) Provide confirmation that the dealer has the capabilities to electronically connect with the department of public safety for the purpose of sending and receiving information; 859
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(5) Provide any other information required by the director in rules the director adopts pursuant to sections 4737.01 to ~~4737.045~~ 4737.046 of the Revised Code; 863
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(6) Pay an initial registration fee of two hundred dollars. 866
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(B) A person engaging in the business of a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer in this state on or before September 28, 2012, shall register with the director not later than January 1, 2013. With respect to a person who commences engaging in the business of a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer after September 28, 2012, the person shall register with the director pursuant to this section prior to commencing business as a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer. 868
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(C) A registration issued to a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer pursuant to this section is valid for a period of one year. A dealer shall renew the registration in accordance with the rules adopted by the director and pay a renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars to cover the costs of operating and maintaining the registry created pursuant to division (E) of this section. 877
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(D) A scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container 884

dealer registered under this section shall prominently display a 885
copy of the annual registration certificate received from the 886
director pursuant to division (E) (2) of this section. 887

(E) The director shall do all of the following: 888

(1) Develop and implement, by January 1, 2014, and 889
maintain as a registry a secure database for use by law 890
enforcement agencies that is capable of all of the following: 891

(a) Receiving and securely storing all of the information 892
required by division (A) of this section and the daily 893
transaction data that scrap metal dealers and bulk merchandise 894
dealers are required to send pursuant to division (E) (1) of 895
section 4737.04 of the Revised Code; 896

(b) Providing secure search capabilities to law 897
enforcement agencies for enforcement purposes; 898

(c) Creating a link and retransmission capability for 899
receipt of routine scrap theft alerts published by the institute 900
of scrap recycling industries for transmission to dealers and 901
law enforcement agencies in the state; 902

(d) Making the electronic lists prepared pursuant to 903
division (F) (2) of section 4737.04 of the Revised Code available 904
through an electronic searchable format for individual law 905
enforcement agencies and for dealers in the state; 906

(e) Providing, without charge, interlink programming 907
enabling the transfer of information to dealers. 908

(2) Issue, reissue, or deny registration to dealers; 909

(3) Adopt rules to enforce sections 4737.01 to 4737.045 of 910
the Revised Code, rules establishing procedures to renew a 911
registration issued under this section, rules for the format and 912

maintenance for the records required under division (A) of 913
section 4737.012 of the Revised Code or division (C) of section 914
4737.04 of the Revised Code, and rules regarding the delivery of 915
the report required by division (E) (1) of section 4737.04 of the 916
Revised Code to the registry, which shall be used exclusively by 917
law enforcement agencies. 918

(F) A scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise container 919
dealer may search, modify, or update only the dealer's own 920
business data contained within the registry established in 921
division (E) of this section. 922

(G) All fees received by the director pursuant to this 923
section and division (F) of section 4737.99 of the Revised Code 924
shall be used to develop and maintain the registry required 925
under this section and for the department of public safety's 926
operating expenses. The fees shall be deposited into the 927
infrastructure protection fund which is hereby created in the 928
state treasury. 929

(H) (1) The director of public safety shall not issue a 930
registration to, or renew the registration of, a person who was 931
convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section 932
4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2923.03 of 933
the Revised Code when division (G) of section 4737.99 of the 934
Revised Code applies, a violation of section 2913.02 of the 935
Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to division 936
(B) (10) of that section, or a violation of section 2913.51 of 937
the Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to 938
division (F) of that section. 939

(2) The director of public safety shall revoke the 940
registration of a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 941
a violation of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation 942

of section 2923.03 of the Revised Code when division (G) of 943
section 4737.99 of the Revised Code applies, a violation of 944
section 2913.02 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced 945
pursuant to division (B)(10) of that section, or a violation of 946
section 2913.51 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced 947
pursuant to division (F) of that section. 948

Sec. 4737.046. (A) The director of public safety may 949
investigate a scrap metal dealer, bulk merchandise container 950
dealer, a person described in division (B) of section 4737.041 951
of the Revised Code, and any employee, officer, or agent of any 952
of the foregoing. The director shall commence an investigation 953
only after consulting with local law enforcement. As part of the 954
investigation, the director may search the person's premises 955
during the person's regular work hours or between the hours of 956
eight a.m. and five p.m., Monday through Friday. 957

(B)(1) The director may compel witnesses by subpoena to 958
appear and testify in relation to an investigation under this 959
section, and may compel by subpoena duces tecum the production 960
of any books, papers, documents, or other records pertaining to 961
such an investigation. 962

(2) If a person does not comply with a subpoena or 963
subpoena duces tecum issued under division (B)(1) of this 964
section, the director may apply to the court of common pleas of 965
Franklin county or of the county in which the person conducts 966
business for an order compelling the person to comply with the 967
subpoena or subpoena duces tecum or, for failure to do so, be 968
held in contempt of court. 969

(C) If as a result of an investigation the director finds 970
that a person violated any provision of sections 4737.04 to 971
4737.046 of the Revised Code, the director shall suspend the 972

person's registration or license and shall reinstate the 973
registration or license upon evidence that the person has 974
remedied the violation. The director shall revoke a registration 975
or license if the director finds a subsequent violation of any 976
provision of this chapter in any subsequent investigation. 977

(D) (1) No person shall undertake any activities that 978
require registration under section 4737.045 of the Revised Code 979
following a suspension or revocation. 980

(2) Following a suspension or revocation, the director 981
shall conduct a follow-up investigation to determine whether the 982
person violated division (D) (1) of this section. If the director 983
determines the person violated division (D) (1) of this section, 984
the director shall seek an injunction from the court of common 985
pleas of Franklin county or of the county in which the person 986
conducts business ordering the person to cease the violation. 987

(E) (1) The director may investigate, on the director's own 988
initiative, the actions or proposed actions of a person who is 989
not registered under section 4737.045 of the Revised Code and 990
who appears to be acting as a scrap metal dealer or bulk 991
merchandise container dealer in the same manner as described in 992
divisions (A) and (B) of this section. 993

(2) If, following an investigation, the director finds 994
that a person acted as a scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise 995
container dealer without a registration or license, the director 996
shall do both of the following: 997

(a) Seek an injunction from the court of common pleas of 998
Franklin county or of the county in which the person conducts 999
business ordering the person to cease the violation; 1000

(b) Impose a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars in 1001

accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Each day the 1002
violation occurred or continues to occur constitutes a separate 1003
violation and is subject to a separate penalty, except that the 1004
penalty for each consecutive day after the first day shall be 1005
one thousand dollars. 1006

(3) The director shall deposit all penalties collected 1007
pursuant to division (E)(2) of this section into the state 1008
treasury to the credit of the infrastructure protection fund 1009
created under section 4737.045 of the Revised Code. 1010
Notwithstanding any contrary provision of that section, all such 1011
penalties shall be expended only to conduct investigations 1012
authorized under this section. 1013

(4) If a person fails to pay a civil penalty imposed under 1014
division (E)(2) of this section within the time prescribed by 1015
the director, the director shall submit to the attorney general 1016
the person's name and the amount of the penalty. In that case, 1017
the attorney general shall collect the penalty. In addition to 1018
the penalty, the attorney general may assess, and the person 1019
shall pay, a fee covering the costs of collecting the penalty. 1020

(F)(1) A person shall not do any of the following when 1021
applying for a registration, licensure, or renewal under section 1022
4737.045 of the Revised Code: 1023

(a) Engage in fraud; 1024

(b) Knowingly provide false information; 1025

(c) Knowingly fail to disclose relevant information that 1026
would result in a denial of or nonrenewal of a registration or 1027
license. 1028

(2) The director shall impose a civil penalty of five 1029
hundred dollars on any person who violates division (F)(1) of 1030

this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 1031
Code. The director shall deposit all such penalties into the 1032
state treasury to the credit of the infrastructure protection 1033
fund created under section 4737.045 of the Revised Code. 1034

(G) Any refusal to renew and any denial, suspension, or 1035
revocation of any registration or license required under section 1036
4737.045 of the Revised Code is subject to Chapter 119. of the 1037
Revised Code. 1038

(H) The director shall record information on all 1039
noninvestigative visits made by the director to a scrap metal 1040
dealer or bulk merchandise container dealer. Such information 1041
shall be reported to the public on a quarterly basis via the 1042
department of commerce's web site. 1043

Sec. 4737.98. Notwithstanding any provision of section 1044
121.95 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory 1045
restriction contained in a rule adopted under this chapter is 1046
not subject to sections 121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code. 1047

Sec. 4737.99. (A) Except as specified in divisions (B), 1048
(C), (D), (E), and (F) of this section, whoever violates 1049
sections 4737.01 to 4737.11 of the Revised Code, shall be fined 1050
not less than twenty-five nor more than one thousand dollars and 1051
the costs of prosecution. 1052

(B) Whoever violates division (F) (2) of section 4737.10 of 1053
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth 1054
degree. 1055

~~(C) Whoever~~ (C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) 1056
of this section, whoever fails to comply with or violates 1057
section 4737.01, 4737.012, or 4737.041, division (C), (D), (E), 1058
(F), (G), or (I) of section 4737.04, or division (D) of section 1059

4737.045 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1060
first degree. If the offender one time previously has violated 1061
or failed to comply with section 4737.01, 4737.012, or 4737.041, 1062
division (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), or (I) of section 4737.04, or 1063
division (D) of section 4737.045 of the Revised Code, the 1064
violation or failure is a felony of the fifth degree. If the 1065
offender two or more times previously has violated or failed to 1066
comply with section 4737.01, 4737.012, or 4737.041, division 1067
(C), (D), (E), (F), (G), or (I) of section 4737.04, or division 1068
(D) of section 4737.045 of the Revised Code, the violation or 1069
failure is a felony of the fourth degree. For any second or 1070
subsequent violation of or failure to comply with section 1071
4737.01, 4737.012, or 4737.041, or division (C), (D), (E), (F), 1072
(G), or (I) of section 4737.04, or division (D) of section 1073
4737.045 of the Revised Code, a court may suspend the 1074
registration issued to the scrap metal dealer or bulk 1075
merchandise container dealer under section 4737.045 of the 1076
Revised Code for a period of ninety days, during which time 1077
period the person shall not engage in the business of a scrap 1078
metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer, as 1079
applicable. 1080

(2) Notwithstanding section 2929.31 of the Revised Code, a 1081
business entity that, with respect to the sale, purchase, or 1082
receipt of a catalytic converter, violates division (C), (E)(1), 1083
(F)(2), (F)(5), or (I) of section 4737.04 or division (B) of 1084
section 4737.041 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less 1085
than ten thousand dollars and not more than fifty thousand 1086
dollars per violation. 1087

(D) Whoever violates division (B)(1) of section 4737.04 of 1088
the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. The 1089
court also shall enjoin the person from engaging in the business 1090

of a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise dealer. 1091

(E) Whoever violates division (B) (2) of section 4737.04 of 1092
the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree for 1093
the first offense and a felony of the third degree for any 1094
subsequent offense. 1095

(F) Any motor vehicle used in the theft or illegal 1096
transportation of metal shall be impounded for at least thirty 1097
days and not more than sixty days. If the same motor vehicle is 1098
used in connection with a second or subsequent theft or illegal 1099
transportation of metal, the motor vehicle shall be impounded 1100
for at least sixty days and not more than one hundred eighty 1101
days. Any motor vehicle used in the theft or illegal 1102
transportation of a special purchase article or bulk merchandise 1103
container shall be impounded for at least ninety days and not 1104
more than three hundred sixty days. A motor vehicle impounded 1105
pursuant to this division shall be stored at a municipal 1106
corporation impound lot, if available, or at a lot owned by a 1107
private entity or another governmental unit that the municipal 1108
corporation utilizes for the purpose of impounding a motor 1109
vehicle. An impounded motor vehicle may be recovered from the 1110
impound lot at the end of the impound term upon payment of fees. 1111

(G) A person is complicit under section 2923.03 of the 1112
Revised Code if the person sells a catalytic converter to 1113
another person who, in the purchase or receipt of the catalytic 1114
converter, violates either of the following: 1115

(1) Division (F) (1) of section 4737.04 of the Revised 1116
Code; 1117

(2) Division (B) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code 1118
when the violation involves a failure to obtain identifying 1119

information of the seller of a catalytic converter or proof of 1120
ownership of a catalytic converter. 1121

(H) If a transaction involving the purchase or sale of a 1122
used catalytic converter formed the basis of an offense under 1123
division (C) or (E) of this section, the clerk of the court 1124
shall pay any fine imposed to the county, township, municipal 1125
corporation, park district, as created pursuant to section 1126
511.18 or 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or state law enforcement 1127
agencies in this state that primarily were responsible for, or 1128
involved in, arresting and prosecuting, the offender. 1129

Sec. 4738.03. (A) No person licensed as a motor vehicle 1130
salvage dealer under this chapter shall ~~engage~~ do either of the 1131
following: 1132

(1) Engage in the business of selling at retail salvage 1133
motor vehicle parts or salvage motor vehicles, unless the 1134
business is operated primarily for the purpose of selling at 1135
retail salvage motor vehicle parts. Any person operating such a 1136
business primarily for the purpose of selling at retail salvage 1137
motor vehicle parts may secondarily sell at retail salvage motor 1138
vehicles or manufacture a product of gradable scrap metal for 1139
sale to scrap metal processors or any other consumer. 1140

(2) Purchase or accept a catalytic converter as defined in 1141
section 4737.04 of the Revised Code. 1142

(B) No person licensed as a salvage motor vehicle auction 1143
under this chapter shall: 1144

(1) Knowingly sell a salvage motor vehicle to anyone other 1145
than an authorized purchaser; 1146

(2) Sell a salvage motor vehicle when having reasonable 1147
cause to believe it is not offered by the legal owner thereof; 1148

(3) Fail to make an Ohio salvage certificate of title 1149
available to the purchaser of a salvage motor vehicle sold by 1150
the salvage motor vehicle auction, before payment for the 1151
salvage motor vehicle is completed; 1152

(4) Operate as a motor vehicle salvage dealer at the same 1153
location where any salvage motor vehicle auction is operated. 1154

(C) No person licensed as a salvage motor vehicle pool 1155
under this chapter shall: 1156

(1) Knowingly sell a salvage motor vehicle to anyone other 1157
than an authorized purchaser; 1158

(2) Sell a salvage motor vehicle when having reasonable 1159
cause to believe it is not offered by the legal owner thereof; 1160

(3) Fail to make an Ohio salvage certificate of title 1161
available to the purchaser of a salvage motor vehicle sold by 1162
the salvage motor vehicle pool, before payment for the salvage 1163
motor vehicle is completed; 1164

(4) Operate as a motor vehicle salvage dealer at the same 1165
location where any salvage motor vehicle pool is operated. 1166

Sec. 4738.07. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 1167
(B) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles shall deny 1168
the application of any person for a license under this chapter 1169
and refuse to issue the person a license if the registrar finds 1170
that the applicant: 1171

(1) Has made false statement of a material fact in the 1172
individual's application; 1173

(2) Has not complied with sections 4738.01 to 4738.15 of 1174
the Revised Code: 1175

(3) Has habitually defaulted on financial obligations;	1176
(4) Has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a	1177
disqualifying offense, provided the registrar complies with	1178
section 9.79 of the Revised Code;	1179
(5) Has been guilty of a fraudulent act in connection with	1180
dealing in salvage motor vehicles or when operating as a motor	1181
vehicle salvage dealer, salvage motor vehicle auction, or	1182
salvage motor vehicle pool;	1183
(6) Is insolvent;	1184
(7) Is of insufficient responsibility to assure the prompt	1185
payment of any final judgments which might reasonably be entered	1186
against the individual because of the transaction of the	1187
individual's business during the period of the license applied	1188
for;	1189
(8) Has no established place of business; or	1190
(9) Has less than twelve months prior to said application,	1191
been denied a license under this chapter; <u>or</u>	1192
<u>(10) Was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of</u>	1193
<u>division (B) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code, a</u>	1194
<u>violation of section 2923.03 of the Revised Code when division</u>	1195
<u>(G) of section 4737.99 of the Revised Code applies, a violation</u>	1196
<u>of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code when the person is</u>	1197
<u>sentenced pursuant to division (B)(10) of that section, or a</u>	1198
<u>violation of section 2913.51 of the Revised Code when the person</u>	1199
<u>is sentenced pursuant to division (F) of that section.</u>	1200
(B) In <u>(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of</u>	1201
<u>this section, in considering a renewal of an individual's</u>	1202
<u>license, the registrar shall not consider any conviction or plea</u>	1203

of guilty prior to the initial licensing. However, the registrar 1204
may consider a conviction or plea of guilty if it occurred after 1205
the individual was initially licensed, or after the most recent 1206
license renewal. 1207

(2) The registrar shall not renew an individual's license 1208
if the individual was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 1209
violation of division (B) of section 4737.041 of the Revised 1210
Code, a violation of section 2923.03 of the Revised Code when 1211
division (G) of section 4737.99 of the Revised Code applies, a 1212
violation of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code when the person 1213
is sentenced pursuant to division (B)(10) of that section, or a 1214
violation of section 2913.51 of the Revised Code when the person 1215
is sentenced pursuant to division (F) of that section. 1216

(C) The registrar may grant a person a conditional license 1217
that lasts for one year. After the one-year period has expired, 1218
the license is no longer considered conditional, and the person 1219
shall be considered fully licensed. 1220

(D) If the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the 1221
registrar may refuse to issue a license if any officer, 1222
director, or partner of the applicant has been guilty of any 1223
disqualifying offense and the refusal is in accordance with 1224
section 9.79 of the Revised Code. The registrar's finding may be 1225
based upon facts contained in the application or upon any other 1226
information which the registrar may have. Immediately upon 1227
denying an application for any of the reasons in this section, 1228
the registrar shall enter a final order together with the 1229
registrar's findings and certify the same to the motor vehicle 1230
salvage dealer's licensing board. 1231

(E) If the registrar refuses an application for a license, 1232
the reasons for such refusal shall be put in writing. An 1233

applicant who has been refused a license may appeal from the 1234
action of the registrar to the motor vehicle salvage dealer's 1235
licensing board in the manner prescribed in section 4738.12 of 1236
the Revised Code. 1237

(F) The registrar of motor vehicles shall not adopt, 1238
maintain, renew, or enforce any rule, or otherwise preclude in 1239
any way, an individual from renewing a license under this 1240
chapter due to any past criminal activity or interpretation of 1241
moral character, except as pursuant to division (B) of this 1242
section. If the registrar denies an individual a license or 1243
license renewal, the reasons for such denial shall be put in 1244
writing. 1245

Sec. 4738.12. The motor vehicle salvage dealer's licensing 1246
board shall hear appeals which may be taken from an order of the 1247
registrar of motor vehicles, refusing to issue a license. All 1248
appeals from any order of the registrar refusing to issue any 1249
license upon proper application made must be taken within thirty 1250
days from the date of the order, or the order is final and 1251
conclusive. All appeals from orders of the registrar must be by 1252
petition in writing and verified under oath by the applicant 1253
whose application for license has been denied, and must set 1254
forth the reason why, in the petitioner's opinion, the order of 1255
the registrar is not correct. In appeals the board may make 1256
investigation to determine the correctness and legality of the 1257
order of the registrar. 1258

The board may make rules governing its actions relative to 1259
the suspension and revocation of licenses and may, upon its own 1260
motion, and shall, upon the verified complaint in writing of any 1261
person, investigate the conduct of any licensee under this 1262
chapter. The board shall suspend or revoke or notify the 1263

registrar to refuse to renew any license if any ground existed 1264
upon which the license would have been refused, or if a ground 1265
exists which would be cause for refusal to issue a license. 1266

The board may suspend or revoke any license if the 1267
licensee has in any manner violated the rules issued pursuant to 1268
sections 4738.01 to 4738.16 of the Revised Code, or has been 1269
convicted of committing a felony or violating any law which in 1270
any way relates to the theft of motor vehicles. 1271

The board shall revoke any license if the licensee is 1272
convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of division (B) of 1273
section 4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 1274
2923.03 of the Revised Code when division (G) of section 4737.99 1275
of the Revised Code applies, a violation of section 2913.02 of 1276
the Revised Code when the licensee is sentenced pursuant to 1277
division (B)(10) of that section, or a violation of section 1278
2913.51 of the Revised Code when the licensee is sentenced 1279
pursuant to division (F) of that section. 1280

Sec. 4745.01. (A) "Standard renewal procedure," as used in 1281
Chapters 905., 907., 909., 911., 913., 915., 918., 921., 923., 1282
927., 942., 943., 953., 1321., 3710., 3713., 3719., 3742., 1283
3748., 3769., 3783., 3921., 3951., 4104., 4105., 4169., 4561., 1284
4703., 4707., 4709., 4713., 4715., 4717., 4723., 4725., 4727., 1285
4728., 4729., 4731., 4733., 4734., 4737., 4739., 4741., 4747., 1286
4749., 4752., 4753., 4755., 4757., 4758., 4759., 4761., 4766., 1287
4773., and 4775. of the Revised Code, means the license renewal 1288
procedures specified in this chapter. 1289

(B) "Licensing agency," as used in this chapter, means any 1290
department, division, board, section of a board, or other state 1291
governmental unit subject to the standard renewal procedure, as 1292
defined in this section, and authorized by the Revised Code to 1293

issue a license to engage in a specific profession, occupation, 1294
or occupational activity, or to have charge of and operate 1295
certain specified equipment, machinery, or premises. 1296

(C) "License," as used in this chapter, means a license, 1297
certificate, permit, card, or other authority issued or 1298
conferred by a licensing agency by authority of which the 1299
licensee has or claims the privilege to engage in the 1300
profession, occupation, or occupational activity, or to have 1301
control of and operate certain specific equipment, machinery, or 1302
premises, over which the licensing agency has jurisdiction. 1303

(D) "Licensee," as used in this chapter, means either the 1304
person to whom the license is issued or renewed by a licensing 1305
agency, or the person, partnership, or corporation at whose 1306
request the license is issued or renewed. 1307

(E) "Renewal" and "renewed," as used in this chapter and 1308
in the chapters of the Revised Code specified in division (A) of 1309
this section, includes the continuing licensing procedure 1310
provided in Chapter 3748. of the Revised Code and rules adopted 1311
under it and in sections 1321.05 and 3921.33 of the Revised 1312
Code, and as applied to those continuing licenses any reference 1313
in this chapter to the date of expiration of any license shall 1314
be construed to mean the due date of the annual or other fee for 1315
the continuing license. 1316

Sec. 4775.09. (A) (1) In accordance with Chapter 119. of 1317
the Revised Code, the motor vehicle repair board may refuse to 1318
issue or renew a registration certificate or may determine 1319
whether to waive a suspension of a registration certificate as 1320
provided in division (D) of section 4775.07 of the Revised Code. 1321

(2) Within ten days after receipt of an abstract from a 1322

county court judge, mayor of a mayor's court, or clerk of a 1323
court of record indicating a violation of division (D) of 1324
section 4513.241 of the Revised Code, the board shall determine 1325
whether the person named in the abstract is registered with the 1326
board and, if the person is so registered, shall further 1327
determine whether the person previously has been convicted of or 1328
pleaded guilty to a violation of that section. If the person 1329
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 1330
violation of that section, the board, in accordance with Chapter 1331
119. of the Revised Code but without a prior hearing, shall 1332
suspend the person's registration for a period of not more than 1333
one hundred eighty days. 1334

(B) The court of common pleas of Franklin county has 1335
exclusive jurisdiction over any person who conducts, or attempts 1336
to conduct, business as a motor vehicle repair operator in 1337
violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under this 1338
chapter. The court, on application of the board, may issue an 1339
injunction, a cease and desist order, or other appropriate order 1340
restraining the person from continuing the violation. This 1341
section shall operate in addition to and shall not prohibit the 1342
enforcement of any other law. 1343

(C) Upon the request of the executive director or as a 1344
result of complaints, the board shall investigate the alleged 1345
violation. 1346

(D) No person required to be registered under this chapter 1347
shall have the benefit of any lien for labor or materials unless 1348
the person is registered under this chapter. 1349

(E) No person whose application for registration under 1350
this chapter is denied shall open or operate a facility for 1351
business as a motor vehicle collision repair facility or motor 1352

vehicle window tint installation facility under the name of the 1353
person designated in the application for a registration 1354
certificate or under any other name prior to registering as a 1355
motor vehicle repair operator in accordance with this chapter. 1356

(F) (1) The board shall not issue a registration to or 1357
renew the registration of a person who was convicted of or 1358
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) of section 1359
4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2923.03 of 1360
the Revised Code when division (G) of section 4737.99 of the 1361
Revised Code applies, a violation of section 2913.02 of the 1362
Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to division 1363
(B) (10) of that section, or a violation of section 2913.51 of 1364
the Revised Code when the person is sentenced pursuant to 1365
division (F) of that section. 1366

(2) The board shall revoke the registration of a person 1367
who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of division 1368
(B) of section 4737.041 of the Revised Code, a violation of 1369
section 2923.03 of the Revised Code when division (G) of section 1370
4737.99 of the Revised Code applies, a violation of section 1371
2913.02 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced 1372
pursuant to division (B) (10) of that section, or a violation of 1373
section 2913.51 of the Revised Code when the person is sentenced 1374
pursuant to division (F) of that section. 1375

Section 2. That existing sections 2913.02, 2913.51, 1376
4737.012, 4737.04, 4737.041, 4737.043, 4737.045, 4737.99, 1377
4738.03, 4738.07, 4738.12, 4745.01, and 4775.09 of the Revised 1378
Code are hereby repealed. 1379

Section 3. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 1380
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 1381
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 1382

made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 1383
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 1384
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 1385
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 1386

Section 4. 1387

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A		AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL		
B		General Revenue Fund		
C	GRF 055451	Catalytic Converter Theft Task Force	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
D	TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT TASK FORCE 1389

The foregoing appropriation item 055451, Catalytic 1390
Converter Theft Task Force, shall be used by the Organized Crime 1391
Investigations Commission to support the operations of any 1392
catalytic converter theft task forces established by the 1393
Commission pursuant to section 177.02 of the Revised Code. 1394

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 1395
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 1396
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 1397
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 1398
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 1399

operating appropriations contained in this act shall be	1400
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	1401
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act	1402
of the 135th General Assembly.	1403