

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB994

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 02, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB994 seeks to prohibit the sale of stolen catalytic converters. In addition to provisions already in statute regulating the sale and purchase of regulated metals, LB994 would require purchasers of used catalytic converters to:

- 1) Record the vin number, year, make, and model of the motor vehicle from which a catalytic converter was obtained;
- 2) Make payment for catalytic converters by check, sent by US mail; and
- 3) Keep all catalytic converters in the condition in which they were purchased for five business days.

The sentence for violating these provisions would be increased from a Class II to a Class I misdemeanor.

Additionally, LB994 makes a change that would not affect the sale of catalytic converters, but is intended to deter the sale of other stolen metals. Current Nebraska law prohibits a secondary metals recycler from paying a seller of regulated metals property more than \$25 cash during any four-hour period. LB994 would change that to \$25 cash per calendar day. Payments larger than that would need to be made by check. If the purchase total is over \$100, the check would need to be delivered by US mail.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Lathrop