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Senate Bill 1193 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Randy Richardville
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to make theft of a catalytic converter a felony punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Under the Code, a person who commits larceny by stealing or unlawfully removing or taking any wheel, tire, air bag, radio, stereo, clock, telephone, computer, or other electronic device in or on any motor vehicle, house trailer, trailer, or semitrailer, is guilty of a felony punishable as described above. The bill would include stealing or unlawfully removing or taking a catalytic converter in that prohibition.

MCL 750.356a

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of stealing a catalytic converter. To the extent that the bill resulted in increased incarceration time, local governments would incur increased costs of incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county. The State would incur the cost of felony probation at an annual average cost of \$2,000, as well as increased costs of incarceration in a State facility at an average annual cost of \$33,000. Additional penal fine revenue would benefit public libraries.

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