

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL No. 2470

AN ACT concerning scrap metal dealers; relating to unlawful acts; fees; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,111 and 50-6,112a and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,111 is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,111. (a) It shall be unlawful for any such scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any item or items of regulated scrap metal in a transaction for which K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto, requires information to be presented by the seller, without demanding and receiving from the seller that information. Every scrap metal dealer shall file and maintain a record of information obtained in compliance with the requirements in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto. All records kept in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be open at all times to peace or law enforcement officers and shall be kept for two years. If the required information is maintained in electronic format, the scrap metal dealer shall provide a printout of the information to peace or law enforcement officers upon request.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any item or items of regulated scrap metal in a transaction for which K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto, requires information to be presented by the seller, without obtaining from the seller a signed statement that: (1) Each item is the seller's own personal property, is free of encumbrances and is not stolen; or (2) that the seller is acting for the owner and has permission to sell each item.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any junk vehicle in a transaction for which K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto, requires information to be presented by the seller, without: (1) Inspecting the vehicle offered for sale and recording the vehicle identification number; and (2) obtaining an appropriate vehicle title or bill of sale issued by a governmentally operated vehicle impound facility if the vehicle purchased has been impounded by such facility or agency.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase or receive any regulated scrap metal from a minor unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or such minor is a licensed scrap metal dealer.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any of the following items of regulated scrap metal property without obtaining proof that the seller is an employee, agent or person who is authorized to sell the item of regulated scrap metal property on behalf of the governmental entity, utility provider, railroad, cemetery, civic organization or scrap metal dealer:

- (1) Utility access cover;
- (2) street light poles or fixtures;
- (3) road or bridge guard rails;
- (4) highway or street sign;
- (5) water meter cover;
- (6) traffic directional or traffic control signs;
- (7) traffic light signals;
- (8) any metal marked with any form of the name or initials of a governmental entity;
- (9) property owned and marked by a telephone, cable, electric, water or other utility provider ~~or any such wire or cable that has had the sheathing removed, making ownership identification impossible;~~
- (10) property owned and marked by a railroad;
- (11) funeral markers or vases;
- (12) historical markers;
- (13) bales of regulated metal;
- (14) beer kegs;
- (15) manhole covers;
- (16) fire hydrants or fire hydrant caps;
- (17) junk vehicles with missing or altered vehicle identification numbers;
- (18) real estate signs;
- (19) bleachers or risers, in whole or in part; and
- (20) twisted pair copper telecommunications wiring of 25 pair or greater existing in 19, 22, 24 or 26 gauge.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to sell, trade, melt or crush, or in any way dispose of, alter or destroy any regulated scrap metal, junk vehicle or vehicle part upon notice from any law enforcement agency, or any of their agents or employees, that they have cause to believe an item has been stolen. A scrap metal dealer shall hold any of the items that are designated by or on behalf of the law enforcement agency for 30 days, exclusive of weekends and holidays.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,112a is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,112a. (a) ~~On or after January 1, 2012,~~ No business shall purchase any regulated scrap metal without having first registered each place of business as herein provided. In case such place of business is located within the corporate limits of a city, the registration shall be made to the governing body of such city. In all other cases, the registration shall be made to the board of county commissioners in the county in which such place of business is to be located.

(b) A board of county commissioners shall provide the clerk of the township with written notice of the filing of a registration by a scrap metal dealer within 10 days of registration or renewal.

(c) The governing body of any city and the board of county commissioners shall provide the sheriff, chief of police or director of all law enforcement agencies in the county written notice of the filing of registration by a scrap metal dealer within 10 days of registration or renewal.

(d) A registration for a scrap metal dealer shall be verified and upon a form approved by the attorney general and contain:

- (1) The name and residence of the applicant;
- (2) the length of time that the applicant has resided within the state of Kansas and a list of all residences outside the state of Kansas during the previous 10 years;
- (3) the particular place of business for which a registration is desired;
- (4) the name of the owner of the premises upon which the place of business is located; and
- (5) the applicant shall disclose any prior convictions within 10 years immediately preceding the date of making the registration for theft, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3701, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5801, *and amendments thereto*, theft of property lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3703, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2011 Supp 21-5802, *and amendments thereto*, theft of services, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3704, prior to its repeal, criminal deprivation of property, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3705, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5803, *and amendments thereto*, or any other crime involving possession of stolen property.

(e) Each registration for a scrap metal dealer to purchase regulated scrap metal shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than \$100 nor more than \$400, as prescribed by the board of county commissioners or the governing body of the city, as the case may be.

(f) The board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city shall accept a registration for a scrap metal dealer as otherwise provided for herein, from any scrap metal dealer engaged in business in such county or city and qualified to file such registration, to purchase regulated scrap metals. Such registration shall be issued for a period of 10 years.

(g) If an original registration is accepted, the governing body of the city or the board of county commissioners shall grant and issue renewals thereof upon application of the registration holder, if the registration holder is qualified to receive the same and the registration has not been revoked as provided by law. The registration fee for such renewal, ~~which shall be in addition to the fee provided by subsection (e),~~ shall be not less than \$25 nor more than \$50.

(h) No registration issued under this act shall be transferable.

(i) Violation of subsection (a) is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

(j) This section shall not apply to a business licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-2404, and amendments thereto, unless such business buys or recycles regulated scrap metal that are not motor vehicle components.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 50-6,111 and 50-6,112a are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.