



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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**BILL NO. 250890
(As Amended, 11/12/25)**

Introduced October 16, 2025

Councilmember Bass

**Referred to the
Committee on Rules**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 10-503 of The Philadelphia Code to prohibit the unlawful trading, theft, and trafficking of catalytic converters and motor vehicle parts containing precious metals, and to increase penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY

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CHAPTER 10-500. PROPERTY – DAMAGING, DEFACING AND INTERFERING WITH

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§ 10-503. Unlawfully Trading in the Business of Salvaging, Dismantling, Recycling, or Repairing Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts.

(1) **Theft of Catalytic Converters.** Whoever steals or knowingly and unlawfully takes, carries away, or conceals a catalytic converter from another person's motor vehicle, or knowingly purchases such a catalytic converter, with the intent to distribute, sell, or dispose of such catalytic converter, *any piece or part of a catalytic converter*, or any precious metal removed therefrom in interstate or foreign commerce shall be fined two thousand dollars \$2,000 for each violation under this Title or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

(2) **Trafficking in Motor Vehicle Parts Containing Precious Metals.** Whoever buys, receives, possesses, or obtains control of, with intent to sell or otherwise dispose of, a catalytic converter, including a de-canned catalytic converter, *or any piece or part of a catalytic converter*, shall be fined two thousand dollars \$2,000 for each violation under this title or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter deleted