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SYNOPSIS

Requires vehicle identification number be stamped on catalytic converters of motor vehicles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and supplementing Title 39 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Every manufacturer of vehicles sold within this State,
8 individually or as part of a group, shall stamp or engrave the vehicle
9 identification number onto each catalytic converter installed in each
10 motor vehicle sold within the State.

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12 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
13 after the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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18 According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, theft of
19 catalytic converters has dramatically increased in recent years. In
20 2019, approximately 3,400 claims of catalytic converter theft were
21 filed. In 2020, the number of claims more than tripled.

22 Under this bill, car manufacturers would be required to engrave
23 or stamp the vehicle identification number onto the catalytic
24 converter of a motor vehicle sold within the State.

25 It is the sponsor's belief that this bill is necessary given the
26 increasing number of thefts, and that once scrap yards and would-be
27 thieves become aware of the new requirements, thefts will decrease.