

Introduced by Senator Calderon

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 11542 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 627, as introduced, Calderon. Vehicles: catalytic converters: junk dealers and recyclers.

(1) Existing law requires a person who is engaged in the business of buying, selling, or dealing in integral parts of, or component materials of, a vehicle, or deals in used motor vehicle parts to obtain a license from the Department of Motor Vehicles. A violation of this provision is a crime.

This bill would prohibit a recycler or a junk dealer from accepting a catalytic converter unless the recycler or junk dealer is also a licensed automobile dismantler. Because a violation of this prohibition is a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11542 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:

1 11542. A recycler, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section
2 21605 of the Business and Professions Code, or a junk dealer, as
3 defined in Section 21601 of the Business and Professions Code,
4 shall not accept a catalytic converter unless the recycler or junk
5 dealer is also an automobile dismantler licensed pursuant to this
6 chapter.

7 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
8 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
9 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
10 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
11 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
12 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
13 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
14 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
15 Constitution.