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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN CATALYTIC  
102 CONVERTERS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

When a catalytic converter mechanically fails or is stolen from a motor vehicle, current rules of the air quality control commission require the replacement to comply with the rules of the California air resources board. The bill creates a temporary exception that allows a person to use a replacement catalytic converter that complies with the standards established by rules of the federal environmental protection agency if:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- In the case of the theft of a catalytic converter, the theft has been reported to a law enforcement agency; and
  - The owner or operator of the motor vehicle has made a reasonable effort to obtain the required replacement catalytic converter and has been unable to obtain the replacement catalytic converter.
- The exception is repealed, effective July 1, 2027.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-4-318 as  
3 follows:

4 **42-4-318. Exception to enforcement in cases of theft or**  
5 **mechanical failure of a catalytic converter - unavailability of**  
6 **replacement catalytic converter - rules - repeal.**

7 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THIS PART 3, ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25, OR ANY RULE  
8 ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25, AN INDIVIDUAL  
9 MAY OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A CATALYTIC CONVERTER THAT  
10 COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY RULES OF THE FEDERAL  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR CATALYTIC CONVERTERS IF:

12 (a) A CATALYTIC CONVERTER HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM, OR  
13 MECHANICALLY FAILS IN, THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

14 (b) IN THE CASE OF A STOLEN CATALYTIC CONVERTER, THE OWNER  
15 OR OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS REPORTED THE THEFT TO A  
16 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND

17 (c) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS MADE  
18 A REASONABLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT CATALYTIC  
19 CONVERTER THAT COMPLIES WITH THIS PART 3, ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25,  
20 AND ANY RULES ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25,  
21 AND THE OWNER OR OPERATOR HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE  
22 CATALYTIC CONVERTER.

1           (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, THE AIR QUALITY CONTROL  
2 COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

3           (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

4           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
11 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.