

SENATE BILL No. 167

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-34; IC 35-43-4-2.

Synopsis: Theft of catalytic converters. Provides that the theft of a component part of a motor vehicle, including a catalytic converter, is a Level 6 felony. Expands qualifying prior convictions for Level 6 felony theft to include robbery and burglary.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-34, AS AMENDED BY P.L.262-2013,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 34. "Component part" means the engine,
4 transmission, body-chassis, doghouse (front assembly), rear-end, ~~or~~
5 frame, **or catalytic converter** of a vehicle.

6 SECTION 2. IC 35-43-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.276-2019,
7 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally
9 exerts unauthorized control over property of another person, with intent
10 to deprive the other person of any part of its value or use, commits
11 theft, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

- 12 (1) a Level 6 felony if:
13 (A) the value of the property is at least seven hundred fifty
14 dollars (\$750) and less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
15 (B) the property is a:
16 (i) firearm;
17 (ii) motor vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-105(a)); ~~or~~



- 1 (iii) component part (as defined in IC 9-13-2-34) of a motor
 2 vehicle; or
 3 **(iv) valuable metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1); or**
 4 (C) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for
 5 (i) theft under this section; ~~or~~
 6 (ii) criminal conversion under section 3 of this chapter; ~~and~~
 7 **(iii) robbery under IC 35-42-5-1; or**
 8 **(iv) burglary under IC 35-43-2-1; and**
 9 (2) a Level 5 felony if:
 10 (A) the value of the property is at least fifty thousand dollars
 11 (\$50,000);
 12 (B) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable
 13 metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:
 14 (i) relates to transportation safety;
 15 (ii) relates to public safety; or
 16 (iii) is taken from a hospital or other health care facility,
 17 telecommunications provider, public utility (as defined in
 18 IC 32-24-1-5.9(a)), or critical infrastructure facility;
 19 and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of
 20 bodily injury to a person; or
 21 (C) the property is a:
 22 (i) motor vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-105(a)); or
 23 (ii) component part (as defined in IC 9-13-2-34) of a motor
 24 vehicle; and
 25 the person has a prior unrelated conviction for theft of a motor
 26 vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-105(a)) or theft of a
 27 component part (as defined in IC 9-13-2-34).
 28 (b) For purposes of this section, "the value of property" means:
 29 (1) the fair market value of the property at the time and place the
 30 offense was committed; or
 31 (2) if the fair market value of the property cannot be satisfactorily
 32 determined, the cost to replace the property within a reasonable
 33 time after the offense was committed.
 34 A price tag or price marking on property displayed or offered for sale
 35 constitutes prima facie evidence of the value of the property.
 36 (c) If the offense described in subsection (a) is committed by a
 37 public servant who exerted unauthorized control over public funds (as
 38 defined by IC 5-22-2-23) from the public servant's employer, the
 39 employer may be reimbursed in accordance with IC 2-3.5-4-11,
 40 IC 2-3.5-5-9, IC 5-10-5.5-19, IC 5-10.3-8-9, IC 5-10.4-5-14,
 41 IC 10-12-2-10, IC 33-38-6-19.5, IC 33-39-7-10.5, IC 36-8-6-14,
 42 IC 36-8-7-22, IC 36-8-7.5-19, or IC 36-8-8-17.

