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2023 SENATE BILL 879

January 5, 2024 – Introduced by Senators KNODL, BALLWEG, CARPENTER, MARKLEIN, NASS and ROYS, cosponsored by Representatives RETTINGER, DONOVAN, ALLEN, BEHNKE, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, GOEBEN, MAXEY, MELOTIK, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEDWESKI, O'CONNOR, PALMERI, PENTERMAN, SAPIK, SORTWELL, JACOBSON and STEFFEN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AN ACT ***to create*** 943.23 (1) (b) 2m. of the statutes; **relating to:** removing a catalytic converter without consent and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes it a Class I felony to remove the catalytic converter from a vehicle without the owner's consent. A Class I felony is punishable by a fine of up to $10,000 or imprisonment for up to three years and six months, or both.

Under current law, it is a Class I felony to remove a major part of a vehicle without the consent of the owner. All of the following are considered a major part of a vehicle: the engine, transmission, doors, hood, grille, bumper, front fenders, deck lid, tailgate or hatchback, rear quarter panels, trunk floor pan, frame or supporting structure which serves as the frame, or any other part of the vehicle which has a value exceeding $500. This bill adds catalytic converters to the list of parts that are a major part of the vehicle.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 943.23 (1) (b) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

943.23 **(1)** (b) 2m. The catalytic converter.

(END)