

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB5126

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/5-401.3

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 5-401.3

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes a uniform invoice from the list of records that a scrap processor may receive as documentary proof of ownership of the vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl. Requires a scrap processor to record the name, address, and driver's license number of the person from whom a vehicle is received. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing

 Section 5-401.3 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/5-401.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 5-401.3)
- Sec. 5-401.3. Scrap processors and recyclable metal dealers required to keep records.
 - (a) Every person licensed or required to be licensed as a scrap processor pursuant to Section 5-301 of this Chapter, and every recyclable metal dealer as defined in Section 1-169.3 of this Code, shall maintain for 3 years, at his established place of business, the following records relating to the acquisition of scrap metals or the acquisition of a vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl which has been acquired for the purpose of processing into a form other than a vehicle, junk vehicle or vehicle cowl which is possessed in the State or brought into this State from another state, territory or country. No scrap metal processor or recyclable metal dealer shall sell a vehicle or essential part, as such, except for engines, transmissions, and powertrains, unless licensed to do so under another provision of this Code. A scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer who is additionally licensed as an automotive parts

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recycler shall not be subject to the record keeping requirements for a scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer when acting as an automotive parts recycler.

- (1) For a vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl acquired from a person who is licensed under this Chapter, the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer shall record the name and address of the person, and the Illinois or out-of-state dealer license number of such person on the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer's weight ticket at the time of the acquisition. The person disposing of the vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl shall furnish the recyclable metal scrap processor or dealer with documentary proof of ownership of the vehicle, vehicle, or vehicle cowl in one of the following forms: a Certificate of Title, a Salvage Certificate, a Junking Certificate, a Secretary of State Junking Manifest, a Uniform Invoice, a Certificate of Purchase, or other documentary proof of ownership. similar The scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer shall not acquire a vehicle, junk vehicle or vehicle cowl without obtaining one of the aforementioned documentary proofs of ownership.
- (2) For a vehicle, junk vehicle or vehicle cowl acquired from a person who is not licensed under this Chapter, the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer shall verify and record that person's identity by recording the identification of such person from at least 2 sources

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of identification, one of which shall be a driver's license or State Identification Card, on the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer's weight ticket at the time of the acquisition. The person disposing of the vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl shall furnish the scrap processor recyclable metal dealer with documentary proof of ownership of the vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl in one of the following forms: a Certificate of Title, a Salvage Certificate, a Junking Certificate, a Secretary of State Junking Manifest, a Certificate of Purchase, or other similar documentary proof of ownership. The processor or recyclable metal dealer shall not acquire a vehicle, junk vehicle or vehicle cowl without obtaining one of the aforementioned documentary proofs of ownership.

(3) In addition to the other information required on the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer's weight ticket, a scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer who at the time of acquisition of a vehicle, junk vehicle, or vehicle cowl is furnished a Certificate of Title, Salvage Certificate or Certificate of Purchase shall record name, address, and driver's license number of the person from whom the vehicle is received and the vehicle Identification Number on the weight ticket or affix a copy of the Certificate of Title, Salvage Certificate or Certificate of Purchase to the weight ticket and the identification of the person acquiring the information on the behalf of the

scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer.

- (4) The scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer shall maintain a copy of a Junk Vehicle Notification relating to any Certificate of Title, Salvage Certificate, Certificate of Purchase or similarly acceptable out-of-state document surrendered to the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-117.2 of this Code.
- (5) For scrap metals valued at \$100 or more, the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer shall verify and record the identity of the person from whom the scrap metals were acquired by recording the identification of that person from one source of identification, which shall be a driver's license or State Identification Card, on the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer's weight ticket at the time of the acquisition. The inspection of records pertaining only to scrap metals shall not be counted as an inspection of a premises for purposes of subparagraph (7) of Section 5-403 of this Code.

This subdivision (a) (5) does not apply to electrical contractors, to agencies or instrumentalities of the State of Illinois or of the United States, to common carriers, to purchases from persons, firms, or corporations regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing recyclable metal, in the business of selling recyclable metal at retail or wholesale, or in the business of razing, demolishing,

destroying, or removing buildings, to the purchase by one recyclable metal dealer from another, or the purchase from persons, firms, or corporations engaged in either the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy or in telephone, telegraph, and other communications if such common carriers, persons, firms, or corporations at the time of the purchase provide the recyclable metal dealer with a bill of sale or other written evidence of title to the recyclable metal. This subdivision (a) (5) also does not apply to contractual arrangements between dealers.

- (b) Any licensee or recyclable metal dealer who knowingly fails to record any of the specific information required to be recorded on the weight ticket or who knowingly fails to acquire and maintain for 3 years documentary proof of ownership in one of the prescribed forms shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000. Each violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and a separate count may be brought in the same complaint for each violation. Any licensee or recyclable metal dealer who commits a second violation of this Section within two years of a previous conviction of a violation of this Section shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.
- (c) It shall be an affirmative defense to an offense brought under paragraph (b) of this Section that the licensee or recyclable metal dealer or person required to be licensed

- 1 both reasonably and in good faith relied on information
- 2 appearing on a Certificate of Title, a Salvage Certificate, a
- 3 Junking Certificate, a Secretary of State Manifest, a Secretary
- of State's Uniform Invoice, a Certificate of Purchase, or other
- 5 documentary proof of ownership prepared under Section 3-117.1
- 6 (a) of this Code, relating to the transaction for which the
- 7 required record was not kept which was supplied to the licensee
- 8 or recyclable metal dealer by another licensee or recyclable
- 9 metal dealer or an out-of-state dealer.
- 10 (d) No later than 15 days prior to going out of business,
- 11 selling the business, or transferring the ownership of the
- business, the scrap processor or recyclable metal dealer shall
- 13 notify the Secretary of that fact. Failure to so notify the
- 14 Secretary of State shall constitute a failure to keep records
- 15 under this Section.
- 16 (e) Evidence derived directly or indirectly from the
- 17 keeping of records required to be kept under this Section shall
- 18 not be admissible in a prosecution of the licensee or
- 19 recyclable metal dealer for an alleged violation of Section
- 4-102 (a) (3) of this Code.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 95-253, eff. 1-1-08.)
- 22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 23 becoming law.