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AN ACT

To repeal section 407.300, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the registration of copper or aluminum obtained by trade or purchase, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 407.300, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 407.300, to read as follows:

407.300. 1. Every **purchaser or collector of, or dealer in junk, scrap metal**, or any secondhand property shall keep a register [which shall contain the name and address of the person from whom] **containing a written record for each purchase or trade in which each type of metal subject to the provisions of this section is obtained for value. There shall be a separate record for each transaction involving any aluminum or copper wire [or] , cable [is purchased] , bars, ingots, rods, tubes, pipes, wires, scraps, clamps, or connectors, whatever may be the condition or length of such [copper wire or cable] metal and whether or not it is mixed or conjoined with any other substances containing the following data: A legible right thumbprint and a photocopy of the operator's license or other state-issued form of identification of the person from whom the material is obtained; the motor vehicle license number of the vehicle utilized in delivering the material; [the residence or place of business and driver's license number of such person;] the date, time, and place of and a full description of each such purchase or trade including the quantity by weight thereof[; and shall**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 permit any peace officer to inspect the register at any reasonable time]. **If the person from**
15 **whom the material is obtained does not possess a valid state-issued photo identification that**
16 **matches the appearance of the person, the purchaser, collector, or dealer shall take and**
17 **maintain in a manner that cross references to the written record a photograph of the face**
18 **of the person along with a reasonably accurate record of the person's height and weight.**

19 **2. The purchaser, collector, or dealer shall not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose**
20 **of the aluminum or copper for a minimum of fifteen days after the date on which it was**
21 **obtained. If the purchaser, collector, or dealer receives any alert from a law enforcement**
22 **agency, electric utility, or rural electric cooperative of the theft of copper or aluminum, the**
23 **material shall be retained for an additional thirty days. Any transfer of the material to**
24 **another person or entity after the required time period shall be documented and**
25 **maintained in the same manner as the original transaction in which the material was**
26 **obtained.**

27 **3. The records required under this section shall be maintained for a minimum of**
28 **twenty-four months from when such material is obtained and shall be immediately**
29 **available for inspection by any law enforcement agent or an authorized agent of any rural**
30 **electric cooperative, electric utility, or railroad corporation at any reasonable time.**

31 **4. Anyone convicted of knowingly violating this section shall be guilty of a class B**
32 **misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than [twenty-five] one thousand dollars nor more than**
33 **[five hundred] ten thousand dollars[, or imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than**
34 **six months, or both].**

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