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HOUSE BILL 26-1199

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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 (exception) that allows an individual to use a replacement catalytic converter that complies with the standards established by rules of the United States environmental

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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protection agency if:

- 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The exception is repealed, effective July 1, 2028.

The bill prohibits a motor vehicle repair facility or any employee or contract laborer of the facility from repairing or replacing a catalytic converter that has failed or been stolen without first informing the customer about available state programs to replace an internal combustion vehicle with a zero-emission alternative.

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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  
8 ANY RULE ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25, AN  
9 INDIVIDUAL MAY OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A CATALYTIC  
10 CONVERTER THAT COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY  
11 RULES OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR  
12 CATALYTIC CONVERTERS IF:

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

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

18 (c) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS MADE

1 A REASONABLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT CATALYTIC  
2 CONVERTER THAT COMPLIES WITH THIS PART 3, ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25,  
3 AND ANY RULES ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 25,  
4 AND THE OWNER OR OPERATOR HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE  
5 CATALYTIC CONVERTER; AND

6 (d) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF THE  
7 CATALYTIC CONVERTER, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR  
8 VEHICLE SUBMITS THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO AN EMISSIONS INSPECTION  
9 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3 AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE PASSES THE  
10 INSPECTION.

11 (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE AIR QUALITY CONTROL  
12 COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

13 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-9-111, **amend**  
15 (1)(i); and **add** (1)(k) as follows:

16 **42-9-111. Prohibited acts - definitions.**

17 (1) A motor vehicle repair facility or any employee or contract  
18 laborer of the facility shall not:

19 (i) Fail to state the motor vehicle odometer reading, unless ~~such~~  
20 THE reading is unfeasible due to the condition of the odometer; ~~or~~

21 (k) REPAIR OR REPLACE A CATALYTIC CONVERTER THAT HAS  
22 FAILED OR BEEN STOLEN WITHOUT FIRST INFORMING THE CUSTOMER  
23 ABOUT AVAILABLE STATE PROGRAMS TO REPLACE AN INTERNAL  
24 COMBUSTION VEHICLE WITH A ZERO-EMISSION ALTERNATIVE, SUCH AS THE  
25 VEHICLE EXCHANGE COLORADO PROGRAM MANAGED BY THE COMMUNITY  
26 ACCESS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-303.

27 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.